

# Summit on Digital Diplomacy and Governance

The Future of Diplomacy:  
From Geopolitics to Emerging Technologies

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## The Summit on Digital Diplomacy and Governance: When, where, why, and who

Technology is having a profound impact on the core functions of diplomacy. The role of diplomacy in the digital era is changing: from geopolitical and societal changes in the environment where diplomacy operates, to new issues on diplomatic agendas, to new digital tools aiding the work of diplomats.

The Summit on Digital Diplomacy and Governance, **organised by DiploFoundation** in cooperation with **Malta's Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade** and the **Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs**, will look ahead at the future of diplomacy by reflecting on the past decades, marked by the use of technology in and for diplomacy.

Diplomats, academics, technologists, and NGO representatives will discuss digital diplomacy and governance, AI, e-commerce, cybersecurity, and other issues that shape our digital future, as well as policy processes including ongoing negotiations on the proposed Global Digital Compact. Strategic foresight will be combined with practical insights on how to navigate the fast-changing digital geopolitics, how to negotiate new digital topics on the diplomatic agenda, and how to use new tools in diplomacy from social media, data, to AI and the metaverse.

The Summit, which will also mark 20 years of DiploFoundation and 30 years of internet and diplomacy research and training in Malta, will take place in Malta on Friday 18th November and Saturday 19th November 2022, and will be preceded by a pre-event on Thursday, 17th November 2022.

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