

INVITATION FOR TRANSMITTAL OF NOMINATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP

To attend the first substantive plenary meeting of the Global Mechanism on developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs

First substantive plenary meeting, 20-24 July 2025, UNHQ, New York, USA

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: **Wednesday, 10 June 2026¹**

I. Background information

In December 2025, the General Assembly adopted resolution 80/16 operationalizing the Global Mechanism on developments in the field of ICTs in the context of international security and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs (hereinafter “Global Mechanism”).

States decided that the Global Mechanism would be a single-track, State-led permanent mechanism under the auspices of the United Nations with the aim to continue to promote an open, secure, stable, accessible, peaceful and interoperable ICT environment.

It was further decided that the Global Mechanism will be structured in a five-year cycle consisting of two biennial cycles followed by a one-year review cycle constituting substantive plenary sessions and Dedicated Thematic Groups.

Further information on the Global Mechanism, including documents, Chair’s correspondence, statements, working papers and further reference materials are available at the dedicated [webpage](#).

II. Objectives of the Sponsorship Programme

States have affirmed the importance of broad engagement of all States in intergovernmental processes to exchange views, provide diverse perspectives and identify areas of convergence and common understanding in support of ensuring an open, secure, stable, accessible and peaceful ICT environment. States have further recommended to continue supporting programs to facilitate the participation of delegates in the work of the future permanent mechanism.

To this end, a sponsorship programme for delegates is being organized for the first substantive plenary session of the Global Mechanism in New York, 20-24 July 2026. A compulsory set of capacity-building activities will be organized alongside the formal meetings of the plenary.

Sponsored delegates will receive roundtrip air tickets (place of residence-New York), accommodation in New York, and a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with United

¹ Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

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III. Criteria

The selection of sponsored delegates will take into consideration both gender balance and geographic diversity. Applications from women candidates are highly encouraged with a view to achieving the equal, full and effective participation of women in multilateral discussions on ICT security.

Applications from Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States will be given priority.

Selection of sponsored delegates will be based on the following general criteria:

- Applicants must be capitals-based government officials currently working in the area of cyber/ICT security diplomacy, policy and/or related technical area;
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate direct experience in cyber/ICT security-related matters in their current positions and direct contribution to their State's engagement with UN intergovernmental processes in this area;
- Applicants must attend all formal Global Mechanism meetings and group activities/briefings, and be prepared to participate actively in sessions;
- Applicants must be available to travel to and stay in New York for the duration of the meeting (20-24 July 2025 inclusive);
- If selected, applicants will be asked to provide feedback on their experiences with UNODA.

IV. Procedure for Submission of Applications

Each State is invited to nominate ONE DELEGATE for sponsorship.

1. The nomination form is available online [here](https://forms.office.com/e/h91zvAYsVU) (<https://forms.office.com/e/h91zvAYsVU>).
2. **Also required is a Note Verbale from the respective Permanent Mission in New York confirming the nomination.** The Note Verbale should be sent to Ms. Virginia Browning (virginia.browning@un.org). Failure to provide the Note Verbale will result in disqualification.

All applications must be received by **Wednesday, 10 June 2026**. No extensions will be granted. Due to the expected high volume of applications, only selected sponsored delegates will be contacted.

Questions related to the Sponsorship Programme may be directed to Ms. Virginia Browning, Programme Management Officer, virginia.browning@un.org.