E-PARTICIPATION MONTH
21st May – 19th June 2013

Can e-tools make multilateral diplomacy more inclusive and effective? How to move from e-broadcasting to e-engagement in multilateral events? Can multilateralists negotiate effectively online? These are, among many others, the questions addressed by practising diplomats, specialists in international relations, and Internet experts during the E-participation month...

Starting with E-Participation webinar (May 21st, 2013) organized as Oxford style debate on three statements:

- The way that most International organisations are using social media suggests that this is not true engagement, but simply broadcast (yes/no).
- Remote Participation programmes and initiatives make International agencies more transparent and inclusive (yes/no).
- Open Gov & Open Data initiatives are more relevant in a national context than at an international level (yes/no).

Following with an online debate engaging, among others, the following global communities: Internet governance, diplomatic training, and open government.

Concluding with E-Participation Day (Geneva, June 19th, 2013)

- Discussing issues of 2.0 E-Participation in Geneva International including social media and increasing openness and inclusiveness of IOs in Geneva International, Open gov, open data, citizen engagement = more transparency? Impact on the work of IOs and remote participation in international organisations.
- The event will be broadcasted and remote participation will be enabled.

AUDIENCE
Participants will mainly include: Diplomats from permanent missions, representatives of international organisations, NGOs, Journalists, Academics.

CONTEXT
E-participation month is part of E-diplomacy platform aimed to provide diplomatic communities with the latest information on Internet use in diplomacy. So far e-diplomacy platform organized e-diplomacy days in Rome and Geneva on topics of social media and online learning. For more information, please visit http://www.diplomacy.edu/e-diplomacy

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