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PRESERVING AND FOSTERING DIGITAL TRUST: THE WAY FORWARD

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In the era of digital transformation, digital technologies now underpin core societal functions. Our ability to unlock the true potential of digital technologies and leverage their transformative benefits for society, economy and the environment is dependent on preservation of trust and the stability of the digital ecosystem. And as international security and stability are increasingly dependent on digital security and stability, the international community urgently needs to prioritize issues of digital trust and security and take concrete steps to protect and promote shared standards of truth to harness the transformative benefits of the digital domain. Through an open discussion, this panel will reflect on what digital trust entails. What are the challenges to preserving and fostering digital trust? What initiatives can be taken by the international community to build digital trust and mitigate the potential destabilizing effects of advances in digital technologies?

CLOSING REMARKS

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Kaja leads Microsoft's work on digital peace, focusing on encouraging international peace and stability online. Previously, she worked on the company's international cybersecurity policy work. Before joining Microsoft, Kaja led the APCO Worldwide's technology practice in Seattle, and worked as a director in APCO Worldwide's Brussels office. She holds a BSC in international relations and history, and a MSC in European politics, both from the London School of Economics.



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Ambassador Amandeep Gill is the Project Director/CEO of the International Digital Health & AI Research Collaborative (I-DAIR), a Geneva-based global platform for enabling inclusive, impactful, and responsible research into digital health and AI for health. He is the former Executive Director and co-Lead of the Secretariat of the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation. He previously served as India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and chaired the Group of Governmental Experts of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) on emerging technologies in the area of lethal autonomous weapon systems from 2017-2018. Ambassador Gill has a BTech in Electronics and Electrical Communications from Punjab University, Chandigarh, and an Advanced Diploma in French History and Language from Geneva University. His Ph.D. degree from King's College London focused on Nuclear Learning in Multilateral Forums.



IZUMI NAKAMITSU

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Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu assumed her position as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 1 May 2017. Prior to taking on this post, Ms. Nakamitsu served as Assistant Administrator of the Crisis Response Unit at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2014.

She has many years of experience within and outside the United Nations system, most recently as Special Adviser Ad Interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants between 2016 and 2017. She was previously Director of the Asia and the Middle East Division of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations between 2012 and 2014, and Director of the Department's Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training, from 2008 to 2012.

Born in 1963, Ms. Nakamitsu holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Law degree from Waseda University in Tokyo.