HLPF 2021 side event
Towards an Enabling Digital Environment for Civil Society Everywhere

Date: Monday, 12 July 2021

Time: 07:30-09:00 (New York) or 11:30-13:00 GMT/UTC

Run of the show:

- **7:30-8:00: FIRST PANEL - "Identifying the main opportunities and risks for civic space linked to the current process of digitalisation"** (<u>Moderator</u>: Leah Mitaba, Director of the Zambian Council for Sustainable Development)
    - <u>Speakers</u> (8 minutes each):
        - Deirdre de Burca (Forus, Advocacy Coordinator)
        - Amy Taylor (CIVICUS, Strategy Officer)
        - Chris Worman (TechSoup, Vice President)

- **8:00-9:00: SECOND PANEL - What role can Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, SDG 16 & 17 and international action play in promoting a more enabling digital environment for all and protecting civic space?** (<u>Moderator</u>: Oli Henman, Global Coordinator at Action for Sustainable Development)
    - <u>Speakers</u> (3 minutes opening inputs and dynamic debate to follow)
        - Martin Bille Hermann - Danish Ambassador to the United Nations
        - Rauno Merisaari - Ambassador at Large on Human Rights at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
        - Maria de Fátima de Jesus Fonseca, Secretary of State for Innovation and Administrative Modernization of the Republic of Portugal
        - Jorge Moreira da Silva - Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
        - Philip Sauerbaum - Policy Officer on Digitalisation, DG International Partnerships (INTPA), European Commission
        - Anriette Esterhuysen - Chair, United Nations Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group
        - Karen Yu - Director General of the Department of Information and Technology at Taoyuan City Government, Taiwan
        - Sara Brandt - Policy advisor, Global Focus
        - Lina Paola Lara Negrette - Advocacy Coordinator at the Colombian NGO Confederation
    - <u>Q&A</u> (10 minutes)

- **9:00: Finish**