Speakers

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**Mr. Bobby Duffy**

Bobby is Managing Director of Public Affairs in the UK and Global Director of the Ipsos Social Research Institute. More recently, he has been focusing on developing our thought leadership and trends work across Ipsos, through the UK-based “Ipsos MORI Thinks” think-tank initiative and major global profile-raising pieces like Perils of Perception.

He has worked across most public policy and public affairs areas, and has seconded to the Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit, and to the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) at the London School of Economics.

Bobby is also a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Policy Institute, King’s College London.

**Ms. Nanjira Sambuli**

Nanjira is currently the Digital Equality Advocacy Manager at the Web Foundation, where she leads advocacy efforts to promote digital equality in access to and use of the Web, with a particular focus on the Foundation’s Women’s Rights Online work.

She is a member of DFID’s Digital Advisory Panel and served as a deputy on the United Nations High Level Panel for Women’s Economic Empowerment (2016-17).

**Mr. Jean-Paul Philippot**

Jean-Paul Philippot is the General Administrator of the Radio Télévision Belge de la Communauté Française (RTBF) since February 2002.

He is a graduate of Solvay Business School (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and served as a consultant within the health care sector until joining the office of Charles Picqué, Minister-President of the Brussels-Capital Region in 1989.

In 1996, he became Managing Director of Brussels’ public hospitals (IRIS). He held this position for six years until then entering the audiovisual world and taking up his post at RTBF in 2002. During his tenure at RTBF, he has
overseen three successive reviews of the organisation and its strategy in 2002, 2007 and 2012, and is now implementing a multiannual strategic plan (called Vision 2022) aimed at adapting the company to digitalization and new consumption patterns.

**Ms. Jayaram Malavika**

Malavika is the inaugural Executive Director of Digital Asia Hub, a Hong Kong-based independent research think-tank incubated by the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, where she is also a Fellow. She taught India’s first course on Information Technology & Law in 1997, and is adjunct faculty at Northwestern University School of Law. She is on the Advisory Board of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), and Mozilla’s Tech Policy Fellowship Advisory Board. She is on the Executive Committee of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems.

**Mr. Sébastien Soriano**

Sébastien Soriano is Chairman of Arcep, the French national regulatory authority for telecoms and posts (Autorité de régulation des communications électroniques et des postes).

He is also Chairman of BEREC 2017. BEREC is the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications, bringing together 39 regulatory authorities from EU Member States, candidate countries as well as EFTA members. He was Vice-Chairman of BEREC in 2016.

Born in 1975, Sébastien Soriano holds Master’s degrees in Science from the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, and in Telecom Engineering from Telecom ParisTech, as well as a Bachelor of Public Administration from Sorbonne University in Paris.

He has spent most of his career in digital policies, competition and telecoms regulation areas. He started his career at the French Competition Authority, between 2001 and 2004, as a case handler and then as Deputy General Rapporteur, between 2009 and 2012. Between 2004 and 2009, he held various positions at Arcep, including Head of the Mobile market Unit and Director of Broadband market. From 2012 through 2014, he was Chief of Staff of Mrs. Fleur
| Ms. Nighat Dad | Nighat Dad is the Executive Director of Digital Rights Foundation. She is an accomplished lawyer and a human rights activist. Nighat is one of the pioneers who have been campaigning around access to open internet in Pakistan and globally. She is a TED Global Fellow for 2017, has been listed as TIME's Next Generation Leader, and is the recipient of Atlantic Council Freedom Award. |
| Mr. Gonzalo Navarro | Gonzalo Navarro is the CEO of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Internet ALAI. Previously, he was partner at Figueroa, Valenzuela & Cia (Santiago, Chile), Chief of Staff, National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile, and Senior Adviser, Undersecretariat of Telecommunications of Chile. Additionally, on 2009 Gonzalo was appointed to the ICANN Board, serving on two consecutive terms (2009-2012 and 2012-2015). From 2001 to 2007, Gonzalo served as Senior Adviser on International Affairs, Undersecretary of Telecommunications of Chile. In this role, Gonzalo took part on the implementation of public policies derived from international negotiation processes including the US-Chile FTA (Telecommunications and IP Chapters) and acted as permanent representative of Chile at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the World Summit on the Information Society. |
Gonzalo’s education includes: a law degree from Universidad de Chile (Cum Laude 2000); and a Masters in Law (LL.M) from Columbia University, New York (2008).

**Mr. Martin Chungong**

Martin Chungong made history in 2014 by becoming the first African and non-European to be elected IPU Secretary General. For more than three decades he has dedicated his professional life to promoting democracy worldwide. He has become a leader in the field of developing programmes to help parliaments become more transparent, accountable, representative and effective democratic institutions. He also has an impressive portfolio in the promotion of dialogue and conflict-resolution, especially in countries emerging from conflict or in transition. Mr. Chungong is an International Gender Champion, part of a network of decision makers who have committed to breaking down gender barriers.

**Mr. Robert L. Strayer**

Before joining the State Department, Mr. Strayer was the general counsel for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee under the leadership of Senator Bob Corker (R-TN). He oversaw the drafting and passage of the committee’s legislation and advised the Chairman on cyber security and digital economy matters. From 2011-2012, Mr. Strayer was the director of the homeland security project at the Bipartisan Policy Center where he directed a task force on eliminating cyber security information sharing impediments. From 2005-2011, Mr. Strayer served as a counsel and Republican deputy staff director on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. In that role, he developed cyber security policy and cyber security legislation. From 2002-2005, Mr. Strayer practiced telecommunications law at WilmerHale. Mr. Strayer received a law degree from Vanderbilt University and he earned his B.A. in Economics from Denison University.

**Ms. Dunja Mijatovic**
Dunja Mijatović of Bosnia and Herzegovina was the Representative on Freedom of the Media for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe from 2010 to 2017 and the highest-ranking woman free-expression advocate in the world. Mijatović was appointed in 2010 to protect and promote free media and free expression in the 57 countries of North America, Europe and Central Asia that comprise the OSCE. The core of her mandate was to assist the participating States in fulfilling commitments to media freedom. She has been an outspoken critic of censorship and media repression since Day One.

**Mr. Frank La Rue**

Frank La Rue is Assistant Director-General Communication and Information at UNESCO. Before, he was the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression at the UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights. Mr. La Rue is also co-founder of the Center for Legal Action for Human Rights (CALDH) and has been involved in the promotion of human rights for over 25 years. He is widely respected as one of the world’s foremost human rights advocates, with particular expertise in political analysis; democratic development; and conflict management, negotiation, and resolution. A lawyer by training, Mr. LaRue has worked as a journalist, served in the government in his native Guatemala, and has frequently taught and written about human rights.

**Ms. Mariya Gabriel**

Bulgarian nationality. Married with one child.

- 2017-Present: European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society
- 2014-2017: Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- 2009-2017: Member of the European Parliament, EPP/GERB (Citizens for European development of Bulgaria)
- 2012: Vice-President of the EPP Women
- 2008-2009: Parliamentary secretary to MEPs from GERB political party within the EPP Group
- 2004-2008: Research Assistant, Institute of Political Sciences, Bordeaux, France
- 2004-2007: ATER (Attaché Temporaire d'enseignement et de Recherche), Institute of Political Science, Bordeaux, France
| **2002-2003:** Master in Comparative Politics and International Relations PhD Academy for Political Science, Bordeaux, France |
| **2001-2002:** Certificate in Political Science, IEP Institute for Political Studies, Bordeaux, France |
| **1997-2001:** BA in Bulgarian and French Languages in Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria |

| **Ms. Claudia Luchiani** |
| Claudia Luciani worked in the Directorate General of Political Affairs for a number of years as Director of Political Advice and Co-operation and is now Director of Democratic Governance and Anti-Discrimination. Her current work focuses on the one hand on reforms in the area of democratic governance-decentralisation, civil society participation, elections – and on the other on anti-discrimination policies in the Council of Europe member States with a view to more inclusive societies. |

| **Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu** |
| Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu is also the Chairperson of Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum and President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, the leading Socialist Party in Bangladesh. He is the prime mover of the motto ‘Internet is a basic human right’. |

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| The Chemical Engineer turned Politician, Hasanul Haq Inu is also Member of Parliament and Chaired the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Post and Telecommunication from 2008 to 2012 before his ministership. |

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| Hasanul Haq Inu is also the Chairman of All Party Parliamentary Group on Food, Agriculture and Rural Development and Co-Chairperson of All Party Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous People. |