

Amendment to www.globaldigitalcollaboration.org

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Amendments to homepage:

- One additional tab: "Council"
- One additional CTA-button: "Call for Co-Organizers"

BoP (PDF)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Global Digital Collaboration Conference 2026. At the top, there is a decorative bar composed of many small, colored horizontal bars. Below this is a navigation bar with the text "GC 26" on the left and links for "Council", "Slides & Videos 2025", "Speakers 2025", "Book of Proceedings", and "FAQ" on the right. A "Subscribe for Updates" button is also in this bar. The main content area has a dark background. At the top of this area, there is a small button with the text "1-3 September 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland". Below this is a large, bold title: "Global Digital Collaboration Conference 2026". Underneath the title, a subtitle reads: "Join us for the next edition as we continue advancing digital trust infrastructure worldwide". At the bottom of the main content area are three buttons: "Get Notified", "View Venue", and "Call for Co-Organizers". Below these buttons is a section containing five bullet points, each with an icon and text: "Organized by Intergovernmental, Standard Development, and Open Source Organizations", "2,000 In-person participants from the public and private sector", "3 Days of collaboration, innovation and trust building", and "Hosted by the Swiss Confederation".

Content for Council-page

Council

The GDC Council advances dialogue to support trusted and interoperable digital infrastructure—including wallets, credentials, payment systems, and the use of cybersecurity and AI in these contexts—by bringing together UN Member States, companies, Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs), and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Council members are expected to provide independent, non-binding advice to the GDC on the following matters:

- Overall strategy, priorities, and guidance
- Nominating co-organizers for the GDC Conference
- Proposing agenda items for the GDC Conference and the High-Level Meeting
- Discussing the annual budget and fundraising opportunities
- Facilitating special projects

Meetings follow the [Chatham House Rule](#), unless the Council agrees otherwise in advance, in accordance with its Terms of Reference (Link to PDF). Summaries of the Council Meetings are published here (Link to a subpage). The Members of the Council are as follows:

Group of UN-Member States

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Group of International Organizations

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Group of Companies

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Group of Nongovernmental Organizations

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Secretariat

- Daniel Goldscheider, Secretary
- Ruth Puente, Senior Advisor
- Rolf Rauschenbach, Liaison Swiss Confederation

Content for Council subpage, entries in chronological order, most recent at the top

Summaries of Council Meetings

December 2, 2025

The inaugural Global Digital Collaboration Council meeting successfully established the Council, comprising four distinct groups: Member States, Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Companies. The meeting addressed several strategic themes, laying the groundwork for future initiatives.

Key Outcomes

1. Adoption of Terms of Reference: The draft Terms of Reference, dated November 17, 2025, outlining the Council's operational framework, was reviewed and agreed upon.

2. Recognition of Chairs: The procedure for electing Group Chairs was outlined and endorsed. Voluntary expressions of interest for Group Chair positions were noted and accepted, with chairs confirmed by acclamation.

- Member States: x
- IGOs: x
- Companies: x
- NGOs: x

3. High-Level Meeting in Davos: Plans for a high-level meeting in Davos were confirmed for January 20, 2026, from 14:00 - 18:00 CET, to be held at the House of Switzerland. The primary purpose of this gathering, which includes ministers and senior representatives, is to focus on public-private partnerships for digital wallets and credentials across borders and use cases. All Council Members are encouraged to participate.

4. Conference in Geneva: Preparations for the GDC Conference in Geneva are underway, scheduled for September 1st-3rd, 2026, at Palexpo, Geneva. This conference aims to bring together over 2,000 representatives from the public and private sectors. A call for co-organizers will be published. Efforts are also being made to secure travel funding to ensure representation from Least Developed Countries.

Content for Call for Co-Organizers

Call for Co-Organizers

For GDC26, the Council invites potential Co-Organizes to express their interest to co-organize. The Council will assess eligibility and propose co-organizers to GDC, represented by the Swiss Confederation.

GDC Co-Organizer Eligibility Criteria

1. Organizational Type
 - Intergovernmental, Non-Governmental, Standardization or Open Source Organization
2. Alignment with GDC
 - Meaningful contributor to the GDC agenda or
 - Meaningful convener of a community/industry relevant to the GDC
3. Strategic Contribution
 - Capacity for substantial contributions (technical expertise, research, policy insights) aligning with GDC objectives
 - Ability to offer support (including in-kind resources) for conference success
 - Proven track record in developing or adopting global, inclusive and open standards
4. Commitment to co-create the Agenda
 - Best effort to attend Co-Organizer meetings
5. Community Mobilization and Representativeness
 - Global reach or strong sectoral representativeness, ensuring diverse perspectives and attracting the target audience

(Button): Apply as Co-Organizer (link to Findmind or similar form-tool, to be provided)

For questions, please contact secretariat@globaldigitalcollaboration.org