



*The Permanent Mission of Portugal  
to the United Nations*

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The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and is pleased to convey information on the UN-Portugal Digital Fellowship, a capacity building programme on digital innovation and transformation.

The purpose of the UN - Portugal Digital Fellowship Programme is as follows:

- Provide high-level digital policy officials from UN Member States classified under UNCTAD's classification of economies as developing economies with access to a capacity-building programme tailored to the needs of decision-makers, as well as empower a new generation of leaders with the knowledge and skills to address pressing digital-related issues.
- Build capacity in developing countries with the view to assisting in the driving of innovative solutions to foster digital transformation, economic growth and equity.
- Equip participants with further expertise to be an effective digital policy decision-maker at the national and international level via a unique inter-disciplinary curriculum integrating the key domains of digital innovation and transformation.
- Facilitate international cooperation and information sharing on digital-related issues by providing a platform for national high-level officials to network and build relationships with their foreign counterparts, leveraging the expertise of both Portuguese and international experts.
- Support the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

In this regard, the Portuguese Government (through Camões I.P.), in partnership with the United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is pleased to invite nominations for the first edition of the Digital Fellowship, to take place in Guimarães, Portugal, **from 4 to 8 November 2024**. Up to a maximum of 25 (twenty-five) Digital Fellowships will be awarded for the 2024 iteration.



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The UN-Portugal Digital Fellowship is open to high-level officials, namely heads/deputy heads of national agencies overseeing and responsible for digital policy and/or their equivalents holding decision-making responsibility in the areas of digital policy, innovation and transformation. Given the myriad of challenges stemming from their geographical isolation, **priority will be given to Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)**, as well as Least Developed Countries (LDCs), in the first iterations of this programme. Further guidelines for the selection of the Fellows are provided in Annex II.

In this regard, all Member States from developing countries, in particular Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), **are invited to nominate one candidate to participate in the Fellowship. Completion of nomination requires the submission of the nomination form (see Annex III) and the accompanying Note Verbale from the respective Permanent Mission in New York.**

Please submit a completed nomination form provided in Annex III and accompanying Note Verbale by email to [digitalfellowship@mne.pt](mailto:digitalfellowship@mne.pt). Nominations must be received no later than Friday 30 August 2024. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Participants are required to attend the whole duration of the Fellowship as the sessions will build on each other. Nominations should only be submitted for candidates who are available for the entirety of the Fellowship.

Participants will be provided with a sponsorship package to cover travel to/from the location of the Fellowship, hotel accommodation, official lunches and coffee breaks planned as part of the programme, as well as other subsistence costs. Further details of the package will be communicated upon selection.

The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its utmost consideration.



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Enclosures:

Annex I: Concept Note

Annex II: Guidelines for the Selection of the UN-Portugal Digital Fellows

Annex III: Nomination Form

*To all the Permanent Mission to the United Nations*

*New York City*

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