



# Global Conference on Cyberspace in The Hague

On 16 and 17 April, the Dutch city of The Hague hosted the Global Conference on Cyberspace (GCCS) 2015. After the Afghanistan Summit and the Nuclear Security Summit 2014, this was the next world summit meeting in the city of peace, justice and security. During the two-day convention some 1,700 participants from 90 different countries convened in the World Forum to discuss the challenges in the field of cyberspace.

Government ministers, corporate organizations, academics and social organizations from all over the world convened in The Hague to come to agreements on a free, open and safe internet. By investing in the international collaboration between public and private parties, the Netherlands not only enhances its own digital security, but also creates opportunities for economic growth and innovation. With the establishment of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise, an international agency for cyber security that will reside in The Hague, a concrete step forward is taken in fortifying international public and private partnerships.

Earlier editions were held in Seoul (2013), Budapest (2012) and London (2011). The Hague managed to secure the

organization of the GCCS 2015 thanks to the strong representation of cyber security organizations, united in the largest security cluster in Europe: The Hague Security Delta (HSD). For several years in a row The Hague, in close collaboration with the World Forum, has managed to facilitate leading international congresses at a high (security) level, and proves to be an ideal congress destination in the fields of peace, justice and security.

Marco Esser, director Den Haag Marketing, is very enthusiastic about the fact that again, a world summit has taken place in The Hague. “Partly thanks to the presence of the security cluster The Hague Security Delta, the city of The Hague is internationally recognized as the place par excellence in the field of security matters. This attracts industries and congresses, which in its turn is essential for the local economy. With its more than 1,700 visitors, this conference generated additional turnover for hotels, restaurants and shops, and reinforced the image of The Hague as a destination for international congresses.”

Michiel Middendorf, general manager World Forum, is also proud to have hosted the conference. “This summit matches perfectly the new strategy and positioning World Forum has chosen to enhance the profile of the city with The Hague Security Delta. Instead of only renting locations, we place ourselves in the position of our clients; we know the policy-makers and work closely together with various ministries and institutions.” ■

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