The purpose of the Global Knowledge Networking initiative is to address global peace and security challenges by fostering innovative partnerships in the area of training and education. The initiative promotes the development of a cooperative framework among stakeholders involved at different levels and in different capacities in the design and delivery of training and education as well as in the facilitation of knowledge and experience-sharing to address the needs of the next generation of leaders.

The launch of the Global Knowledge Networking initiative will convene an exciting group of keynote speeches, panels, and open forum discussions with experts from around the world. The purpose of the event will be to enhance the understanding of the role the initiative could play in empowering future leaders, their organizations, and institutions to address global peace and security challenges. Conference participants will have the opportunity to shape the vision, mission, core functions, and structures of a future, tangible manifestation of the Global Knowledge Networking initiative -- namely, to promote peace and security by making knowledge actionable through a next generation educational platform and complementing operational hub to enable smart decision-making and global partnerships.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2015 through Thursday, September 17, 2015

WHERE:
Centre International de Conférences Genève, Rue de Varembé 17, 1211 Genève, Switzerland

REGISTRATION:
Please register at https://www.unitar.org/event/node/332526 at no cost by September 1, 2015

ATTIRE:
Business Casual

REFRESHMENTS:
Coffee and teas will be provided in the morning and a light lunch will be served in the afternoon of both days

TRANSPORTATION:
The Centre is situated 5 kilometres away from the international airport and from the Cornavin main railway station downtown. Taxis are readily available as well as public transportation services.

Public transport from Cornavin main railway station:
- Bus n°5: Bus stop “Vermont”;
- Bus n°8: Bus stop “UIT”; Tramway n°15: Stop “Nations”

Public transport from the international airport:
- Bus n°5: Bus stop “Vermont”;
- Bus n°28: Bus stop “Nations”

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