

## **Digitala möten i det internationella perspektivet**

### ***Virtual meetings in an international perspective***

Frågor och kommentarer från chatten under presentation av och samtal med Isabella Marras, Facility Coordinator, Sustainable United Nations (SUN), vid REMM:s digitala workshop den 26 mars 2020.

*Questions and comments from the chat during presentation by and discussion with Isabella Marras, Facility Coordinator, Sustainable United Nations (SUN), at the REMM virtual workshop. March 26, 2020.*

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**Question: Are younger people more interested in remote meetings than older people?**

Isabella: *I have no statistics on this at UN level. I would assume young people are more familiar with social media and remote solutions to socialize but they are also young and need to discover the world. Nothing replaces that.*

**Comment: In the university we discuss the gender differences among researchers and travelling.**

**Comment: The gender aspect is really important. I will bring it up in my organization.**

**Question: What e-meeting system do you use in UN?**

Isabella: *UN as a system does not have one contract for comms/remote events. Each organization has its own. In the UN secretariat we have Cisco and Microsoft teams. But I know of others having Zoom or Gotomeeting, Bluejeans etc.*

**Question: How do you deal with privacy and information security when using video Conference services?**

Isabella: *It is an issue on the table of the UN interagency discussions for the Governing bodies especially now in “corona times”.*

**Comment: In the university we talk about letting young researchers travel more than the more senior, we don't do it yet, but talk about it ;)**

**Comment: Think you agree that if you have a face2face meeting first – it is so much easier to have remote meetings**

Isabella: *I fully agree on this, in our network we meet twice a year face to face (2 days of training and 2 of meetings) to consolidate our human connection and then we have 2 remote meetings.*

**Question:** A couple of years ago I was frequently participating in meetings in Brussels together with all other member states, negotiating on different legal matters. We discussed remote meetings but turned out that delegates do not trust each other if they do not meet in real Life. Do You face the same problem?

Isabella: *I cannot speak for that but I went to a very interesting meeting of diplomats in which remote events were considered and the issue of human exchanges/trust/friendship amongst people was touched upon as a key to build peace. They were comparing the Versailles peace treaty in 1871 where diplomats sat for 2 weeks of discussions, parties and contacts and the long peace period it brought and the second Versailles peace treaty in 1919 done quickly by a few people without all the parties involved on the table...*

**Comment:** For zoom they announced simultaneous interpretations last year:

<https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2019/03/18/zoom-announces-new-capabilities-integrations-for-zoom-phone-zoom-rooms-zoom-meetings/>

Isabella: *Yes but: who are these translators? In the UN we need our translators.*

**Comment:** DigiNord – Virtual Meetings and Climate Smart Collaboration in the Nordic Countries:

<https://www.remm.se/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DigiNord-Report-2020-02-28.pdf>

Isabella: *Got it and sent to my colleagues in NY!*