Call for Expressions of Interest for Hosting and Co-Organizing ICEGOV

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1. Purpose of the Call

The purpose of this call is to receive expressions of interest from organizations or institutions which would like to host and co-organize one of the forthcoming editions of the International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV).

ICEGOV is organised annually by the United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV) and other partner institutions, one of them being in the host country and referred to as the Local Organizer. The typical institutional structure includes a Patron, usually the government of the host country, and a number of institutions acting as partners and sponsors. The roles and responsibilities of the organisers and partner institutions is described in the ICEGOV Conference Policy Framework, which can be retrieved from here.

This call is specifically targeted at Local Organizers for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 editions of ICEGOV.

2. About ICEGOV

ICEGOV is a series of International Conferences on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance taking place annually around the world (www.icegov.org). The conference is coordinated by UNU-EGOV, based in the city of Guimarães, Portugal. It is a continuation of the work started by the Center for Electronic Governance at UNU-IIST, which was based in Macau.

The conference focuses on the use of technology to transform the working of government and its relationships with citizens, businesses, and other non-state actors in order to improve public governance and its contribution to public policy and development (EGOV). It also promotes the interaction and cooperation between universities, research centres, governments, industries, and non-governmental organizations needed to develop the EGOV community. It is supported by a rich program of keynote lectures, plenary sessions, papers presentations within the thematic sessions, invited sessions, and networking sessions.

ICEGOV brings together research and policy as no other conference, therefore establishing itself as the most relevant conference in the EGOV area and also as a:

- **Global Conference**: ICEGOV consistently attracts submissions from more than 50 countries from all over the world, with up to 60% representation from developing countries;
- **Multi-Stakeholder Conference**: ICEGOV is well attended by all major stakeholders of technology-enabled transformation in government;
- **Networking Conference**: ICEGOV brings people from the public and private sector, academic, and civil society organizations, and from across thematic, national, and development borders with common interests in the transformational use of technology in government;

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- **Research and Practice Conference**: ICEGOV includes a healthy balance of research-, practice- and solution-related work – looking at technology, at the processes surrounding its implementation and management, or at the wider context of Electronic Governance;

- **Capacity Building Conference**: ICEGOV features a rich programme moderated and organized by leading researchers, practitioners, and institutions in the area;

- **International Development Conference**: the focus on Electronic Governance helps governments consider how to invest in technology that results in expected social and economic benefits and, at the same time, contributes to the fulfilment of the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

- **UN Conference**: with the United Nations University as the founder of and a force behind its editions, and with several UN organizations being actively involved, especially UNESCO, ICEGOV exhibits a strong United Nations character.

### 2.1 Publications

ICEGOV has, so far, produced 10 conference proceedings, all published by ACM Press, which comprise a total of 903 papers written by 1418 authors. The conference acceptance rate is 49%. In 2017, a *Special Collection of e-Government Innovations in India* was published alongside the conference proceedings with 22 papers by 51 authors. In addition to this, three Special Issues of *Government Information Quarterly* were published by Elsevier with selected best papers.

### 2.2 Past Editions

The first edition of ICEGOV took place in Macau in 2007; the conference has since visited, year after year, a total of 10 different cities² spread over 9 countries and 4 continents, with the 2018 edition being scheduled for Galway, Ireland. During its 10 editions, ICEGOV addressed important and pertinent subjects for academics, practitioners, and decision-makers in the EGOV domain.

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² ICEGOV2015 (Tunis, Tunisia) was cancelled due to security concerns in the country at the time.
3. Application Procedure

To apply for hosting and co-organizing an ICEGOV conference, please download the form provided [here](http://www.icegov.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/ICEGOV-Expression-of-Interest-Form.docx) (Word document), fill it with all the required information, and send it back to icegov@icegov.org. The deadline for submissions is 15 February 2018.

Supporting material of the application, such as pictures, videos, brochures, logos, etc., may be provided as well. If you choose to do so, please make the whole package available online and send only the link to access and download the files.

All expressions of interest will be informed of the outcome of the respective applications by early March 2018.

4. Selection Criteria

Your application will be carefully analysed by taking into consideration the following criteria:

- **Attractiveness of the proposed location, its originality considering earlier locations in the series, and accessibility to international and national participants;**
- **Conference organization experience, and proven or potential capacity for the local organizer to become a national, regional or international centre of excellence on EGOV;**
- **Proven ability to attract high-level government patronage and secure minimum participation from the national civil servants and from other organizations;**
- **Commitment of the local organizer, government patron and industrial sponsors to support the conference financially, and proven ability to attract local, national or international sponsorship;**
- **Appropriateness of the proposed venue, accommodation, and hospitality facilities.**

5. Contact

In case you have any question regarding this call or the ICEGOV conference, please send an email to icegov@icegov.org.

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