“What Digital Disruption Means for International Organizations”
A Devex LIVE discussion with UN CIOs

Event Concept

Global development today is an increasingly complex ecosystem. Technology companies, billionaire philanthropists, and social entrepreneurs are driving massive disruption in how global development work is done and governments, donor agencies, and NGOs alike have had to adapt their work to new data and technologies. From procurement for recruitment to project management, development community is looking for conversations and connections to help make sense of a new landscape.

On October 23rd during the Meeting of the CEB ICT Network, Devex will host a live interview between Raj Kumar, Devex President and Editor-in-Chief, and UN CIOs to advance learning and dialogue about digital disruption, partnerships and innovation in international development between CIOs throughout the UN system and the public and private sectors. This event will be hosted in New York for 50-75 curated guests and will be livestreamed, extending the reach of these conversations to the global Devex community, which includes over 1 million development professionals.

Program Flow

5:15 PM Networking and arrival
5:30 - 5:35 PM Opening remarks- Raj Kumar, President and Editor-in-Chief, Devex
5:35 - 5:50 PM Interview between Raj and Atefeh
  • Raj Kumar, President & Editor-in-Chief, Devex
  • Atefeh Riazi, the United Nations Chief Information Technology Officer (CIO) and Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Information and Communications Technology
5:50- 6:05 PM Progressive panel (Doug and Daniel join stage to continue conversation)
  • Doug Greene, CIO and Director, Division of Information Systems and Telecommunications, UNHCR
  • Daniel Couture, Chief Information Officer, UNICEF
6:05 - 6:30 PM Audience interventions
6:30 - 7:30 PM Reception and networking

Sample Interview Questions

What does digital disruption mean for international organizations?
What does digital disruption mean specifically for CIOs?
As a CIO, how have you felt digital disruption affect change within your agency?
What are challenges you’ve experienced in your role as CIO? What has worked best best?
How do you think the private sector can better partner with agencies to advance innovation?
How can agencies better partner with business to advance innovation?