AfterTech: Expert’s Guide

What is an “AfterTech”? 

AfterTechs are events organised at after work hours, in an informal setting. Our AfterTechs act as a collaborative platform where policy makers and young people dare to formulate refreshing, out of the box insights to move forward. These new insights will be aggregated and featured in the AZUNI “Youth Opinions on the Future of Democracy”, offering you an exclusive opportunity to directly consult and challenge young people passionate about issues related to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), the role of youth, and policy making.

For the coming AfterTech on the Future of Democracy, there will be four thematic roundtables:

1. **Citizens & data protection**: does the right to privacy outrule the innovative potential of harnessing big data?

2. **Trust & Digital**: How can citizens maintain trust in democratic systems in the age of Deepfakes?

3. **Human rights in the digital age**: Should governments adopt a Digital Bill of Rights?

4. **E-governance & Citizens’ participation**: How can democratic institutions operate in the digital age?
What is expected from you?

With these events, Azuni aims to bring two very different and disconnected worlds—youth and high level actors—together to generate a mutually beneficial interaction. In fact, the attending experts are invited to speak about the potential issues and/or interrogations they are facing in their work, and challenge promising and 4IR-aware youth, across industries and field of studies. Students and young professionals on the other hand, can share their perspective on the said issues and/or problematics leading to profound and insightful discussions and debates.

Practically, each expert will be assigned a specific table based on their area of expertise, with the initial thematic question as the starting point. Experts are invited to open the debate with a short statement on their perspective on the issue at hand, and what he/she considers as the main challenge based on his/her work in the field, to then give the young participants an open question to spark the discussions. The goal is to have an interactive experience, where the participants are “learning by doing”, and can have informed discussions, guided by an expert.

The discussions will take place in **French and/or English depending of the languages spoken in the groups.**

About the Organisers:

AZUNI is a Geneva-based non-profit association founded in 2018 by digital natives. Our mission is to strengthen the role and resilience of the youth in our constantly changing world to create a generation ready to undertake the challenges ahead. The association pays particular attention to the 4th Industrial Revolution. It is composed of students, young professionals and entrepreneurs who all share the firm desire to see technology work to make our world a fairer and more sustainable place for all. These ideas were rewarded with the prize “Les Galets du Rhône”, issued in October 2018 at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). The organization is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Geneva (CCIG).