

WORLD SUMMIT AWARD GLOBAL CONGRESS

Social Impact through digital Innovation

Exchange on a global level: International speakers and start-ups meet local stakeholders in Vienna

From 20 to 22 March 2018, the City Hall in Vienna will be a place of inspiration and intercultural exchange with a focus on digital innovation with social added value.

The World Summit Award (WSA) Global Congress offers a diverse program of inspiring keynote speeches, presentations by social entrepreneurs from all regions, workshops and the Innovation Pitches of the 45 WSA winning teams 2017.

Be it the Factory of Innovation Workshop, a Storytelling Workshop by Red Bull Amaphiko or the Circle of Innovation by Paul Hughes; the focus of the creative, interactive congress program will lie on how ICTs and digital innovations can positively influence our society and how best practice examples are applied locally.

The WSA Global Congress has already been held in Switzerland, Tunisia, Italy, Mexico, Canada, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka, Brazil and Singapore. It focuses on solutions and content, the innovators behind them and their social influence, not just new technologies and economic success. More than 500 participants, experts and start-ups from more than 80 countries are expected.

Ali Mahlodji, Co-Founder of the Austrian platform „Whatchado“ on his success at the World Summit Awards: *"My team and I won the World Summit Award with WHATCHADO in 2013. By being recognized by a truly global competition and an international jury, and through attending the Global Congress in Sri Lanka, I realized that an idea can truly change the world. And for the first time, we gained the certainty that people do it every day, worldwide. I am pleased that the WSA is now finally coming to Vienna and we welcome Change makers from all over the world to our city."*

World Summit Award (WSA) was founded in 2003 by Austria as part of the UN World Summit on Information Society as a global initiative to reward local digital content with high social value and make it known worldwide.

Through the close cooperation with the United Nations agencies and strategic alignment with the UN SDGs, WSA is a globally recognized quality seal for digital innovation.

Smart Social City Vienna as Host City for WSA Global Congress 2018

For the first time, the WSA Global Congress will take place in Austria in its country of origin on invitation of the City of Vienna.

Mag^a Renate Brauner, City Councillor for Finance, Economics and International Affairs: *"Smart and at the same time sustainable products are a particular strength of Vienna as a business location. It is therefore an important sign to hold a congress in the Vienna City Hall, which awards digital solutions with a social impact. We will offer the numerous international visitors a pleasant stay."*

Hard facts

When? 20 -22. March 2018

Where? Town Hall, Vienna, Austria

Information at https://www.worldsummitawards.org/wsa_events/wsa-global-congress-2018/

About the WSA

The World Summit Award is a global initiative within the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). WSA is the only ICT event worldwide, that reaches the mobile community in over 180 countries.

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