

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024  
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES**

**- Virtual Meeting IX -**

**16 September 2024 at 14:00 UTC**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action Items related to NRIs main session:**

- *NRIs coordinators to endorse the final list of speakers for the first segment of the NRIs main session by 30 September.*
- *IGF Secretariat to provide information on the proposed speakers' (i) past involvement in NRIs main sessions, or other NRIs activities during the current year; (ii) whether they plan to attend the IGF 2024 meeting in Riyadh onsite; and (iii) stakeholder group.*
- *IGF Secretariat to solicit suggestions for the onsite and online moderator and rapporteurs.*

1. The ninth virtual meeting of the NRIs in the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle took place on 16 September 2024 at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final adopted version of the Agenda is attached as Annex A1, the list of meeting participants as Annex A2, and the list of meeting inputs as Annex A3.
2. The meeting was convened to advance preparations for the NRIs main session at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting in Riyadh, scheduled for 15-19 December 2024.
3. The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

**Summary of points**

4. The Host emphasized that the NRIs main session will consist of two segments. In the first segment, up to seven experts from different regions, present onsite in Riyadh, will provide opening remarks to set the stage. The second segment will serve as an open discussion platform. It was also noted that several nominations for expert speakers had been submitted by the NRIs. The Host underscored the importance of ensuring a balanced composition of speakers, with consideration for gender diversity and representation across stakeholder groups.
5. All nominations for expert speakers submitted by NRIs coordinators were thoroughly reviewed, with participants supporting the proposed candidates. To ensure alignment with the panel's intended composition and diversity in expertise, the following candidates were endorsed for further consideration:
  - Africa: Mr. Kossi Amessinou (Benin IGF); and Ms. Lilian Nalowga (African IGF; \*submitted after the initial deadline)
  - Asia: Ms. Amrita Choudhury (APrIGF)

- Europe: Mr. Giacomo Mazzone (EuroDIG, Italy IGF); Ms. Sandra Hoferichter (EuroDIG)
  - GRULAC (Latin America and the Caribbean region): Mr. Max Larson Henry (Haiti IGF; noted for specific SIDS expertise from the Caribbean); and Ms. Valeria Betancourt (LACIGF; globally recognized expert with deep regional knowledge)
  - MENA Region: Mr. Chafic Chaya (Lebanon IGF, North African IGF)
  - North America: Mr. Byron Holland (Canada IGF; noted for extensive experience and global advocacy); and Ms. Dana Cramer (Canada Youth IGF; recognized for youth and academic-focused expertise)
6. To assist the NRIs network in reaching a final decision and endorsing a single candidate for regions where multiple nominations were supported, the Secretariat was tasked with providing the following information to the NRIs:
    - Past involvement of the endorsed speakers in NRIs main sessions or other NRIs activities during the current year.
    - Whether the endorsed speakers plan to attend the IGF 2024 meeting in Riyadh onsite.
    - Stakeholder group representation of the endorsed speakers to ensure a balanced panel composition.
  7. Based on the above information and considering the desired panel composition, the NRIs will finalize the list of expert speakers for the session's first segment. Other nominated candidates will have an opportunity to participate in the second segment.
  8. Participants suggested prioritizing active session roles for newly joined members to strengthen the network and ensure its long-term sustainability.
  9. The Secretariat was requested to further solicit suggestions for one onsite and one online moderator; and two rapporteurs.
  10. The aim is to finalize all the above-mentioned appointments by the end of September 2024.

### **Next Steps**

11. The IGF Secretariat will circulate the action points for final endorsement on the NRIs mailing list.
12. A doodle poll will be sent for scheduling the next NRIs call in November. The focus of this meeting will be to further plan of the NRIs coordination session.
13. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, NRIs coordinators can contact the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point at: [anja.gengo@un.org](mailto:anja.gengo@un.org).

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## **ANNEX A1**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs main session
  - a. Endorsing NRIs-designated speakers (timeline)
  - b. Moderator, online moderator, rapporteur(s)
3. AoB

## **ANNEX A2**

### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS** *(in alphabetical order<sup>1</sup>):*

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Barrack Otieno IGF, Kenya IGF
5. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
6. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
7. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
8. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
9. Kossi AMESSINO, Benin IGF
10. Fanny Salyou, Ivory Coast IGF
11. Gabrielle Johnson, Caribbean Youth IGF
12. Ibis Kingsley-George, Nigeria IGF
13. Ramdhan Sherwani, Iraq IGF
14. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
15. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
16. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
17. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF
18. Mare Vahtre, Estonia IGF
19. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
20. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
21. Michel TCHONANG CAPDA, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
22. Mohammad Abdul Haque, Bangladesh IGF
23. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
24. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
25. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
26. Pedro Lana, Youth LACIGF
27. Peter Koch, German IGF
28. Saba Tiku, Ethiopia IGF, Ethiopia Youth IGF
29. Salieu Mansaray, Sierra Leone IGF
30. Samuel Lemma, Ethiopia IGF
31. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
32. Suzete Centeio, Cabo Verde IGF
33. Tariq Mohammed, Caribbean Youth IGF
34. Tijani BEN JEMAA, North African IGF
35. Tracy HACKSHAW, Trinidad and Tobago IGF

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<sup>1</sup> Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

36. Zeina BOU HARB, Lebanon IGF

**ANNEX A3**  
**INPUTS**

- IGF 2024 NRIs Workplan [https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot\\_download/21/26977](https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/21/26977)
- NRIs main session proposal (available upon request)
- NRIs coordination session proposal (available upon request)