



YOUTH INTERNET GOVERNANCE TANZANIA FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Introduction:

Youth IGF Tanzania actively participated in various activities in 2024, including Tanzania Innovation Week, the 2024 Symposium on Protecting Children and Youth from Digital Harm, and the organization of the Youth Internet Governance Forum. The primary focus for 2024 was to enhance youth participation in discussions surrounding digital governance.

The Symposium on Protecting Children and Youth from Digital Harm

Youth IGF Tanzania collaborated with Youth IGF Czechia, Youth IGF Kenya, and Youth IGF Brazil to organize a session titled "Securing Tomorrow: Navigating Online Safety for Children and Youth Online." This event took place online on February 6th, 2024.

In today's digital age, children and youth are exposed to the internet and digital technology at an early stage. While the internet offers vast opportunities and access to information, it also presents risks to their safety and well-being. This session aimed to provide valuable insights and practical strategies for safeguarding children and youth in the digital space.

Key Focus Areas:

- Opportunities: Sharing knowledge, gaining strategies, and empowerment.
- Challenges: Navigating the dynamic digital landscape and addressing global variances.

To address these challenges, the session adopted an innovative approach by combining practical insights with a nuanced understanding of program design and evaluation. The session was conducted in a panel discussion format, allowing active engagement and interaction among participants.

Session Recording:

<https://pcydh.conference.tc/t/pcydh-2024/events/securing-tomorrow-navigating-online-safety-for-children-and-youth-b9vEpqMiHdTc6jUntpLEHd>



Figure 1: Moments from the Symposium on Protecting Children and Youth from Digital Harm

The 3rd Tanzania Youth Internet Governance Forum

The 3rd Youth Internet Governance Forum (Youth IGF) Tanzania was successfully held on 25th October 2024 at Buni Hub. The event brought together youth, industry experts, and stakeholders to discuss key internet governance issues under the theme: "Empowering a Safer, Inclusive, and Innovative Digital Future." The forum served as a platform for young people to exchange ideas, address digital challenges, and propose solutions for a more inclusive and safer digital environment. With 117 registrations and 62 attendees, this year's forum marked a significant step in youth engagement in Internet governance.



Figure 2: Youth IGF Tanzania 2024

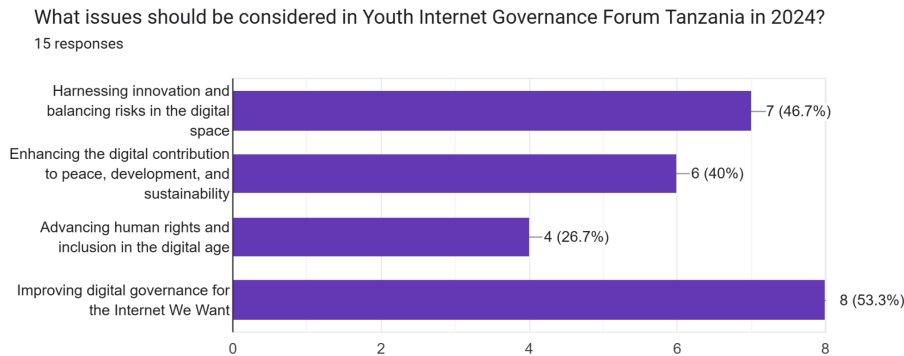


Figure 3: Issues voted for Tanzania Youth IGF 2024

Agenda and Key Takeaways:

The forum featured engaging panel discussions, keynote speeches, and interactive sessions. Below is the event's agenda:

Time	Agenda	Responsible
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration	Registration team
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Remarks	Millenium Anthony, Chairperson Youth IGF Tanzania
09:10 – 09:20	Introduction to Internet Governance and Youth IGF Tanzania, How to get involved in Internet Governance	Alembe Joseph, General Secretary Youth IGF Tanzania
09:20 - 09:40	Keynote speech	Mr. Nazar Nicholas Kirama, President ISOC Tanzania
09:40 – 10:20	1st Panel: Harnessing Innovation & Balancing risks in the digital space	Moderator: Janet Kahindi-Tech&Media Convergency Panelists: Edson Stanley - Digital Opportunity Trust Necta Richard - GenEvolve
10:20 – 10:50	Health break	Everyone
10:50 – 11:30	2nd Panel: Improving Digital Governance for the Internet we want	Moderator: Farida Nchimbi Panelists: Matilda Mashauri, Digital Inclusion Advocate Victoria Malemi, Gender Activist & Digital Rights Expert
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation: How young people can sustainably utilize online tools, addressing issues such as Online Gender-based violence and other digital challenges	Presenter: The LaunchPad Tanzania
12:00 – 12:40	3rd Panel: Enhancing Digital Contribution to Development	Moderator: Alembe Joseph Panelists: Tukupala Mwalyolo - CEO TukuTech Catherine Kimambo - African Child Projects
12:40 – 13:20	Round Table Discussion: Youth Engagement in Internet Governance (Challenges and Opportunities)	All Participants
13:20 - 13:30	Word from the Host	Buni Hub
13:30 – 13:40	Closing Remarks and Photos	Everyone

Opening Remarks by Nazar Nicholas Kirama, President ISOC Tanzania

- **Key Points:**

- He emphasized the importance of young people participating in Internet governance and urged them to take an active role in IG activities.
- He encouraged youth to engage in discussions on Internet governance and contribute meaningfully to policy-making processes.
- He also highlighted some of the programs that young people can take part within the IG ecosystem
- Emphasizing the need for digital literacy and responsible use of online platforms.

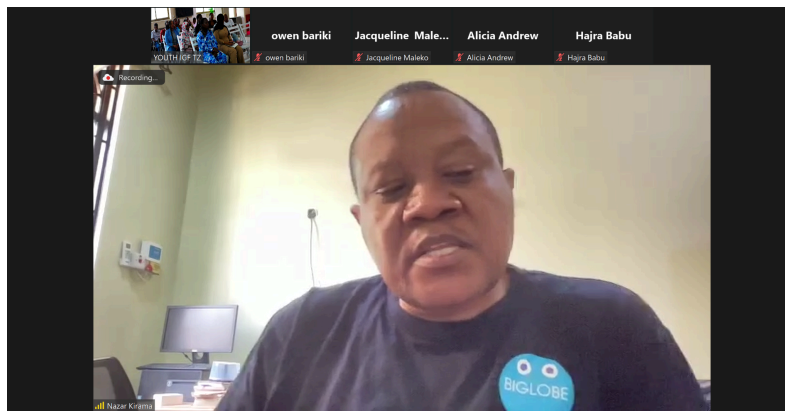


Figure 4: Keynote speech from Mr. Nazar Nicholas Kirama

1st Panel: Harnessing Innovation & Balancing Risks in the Digital Space

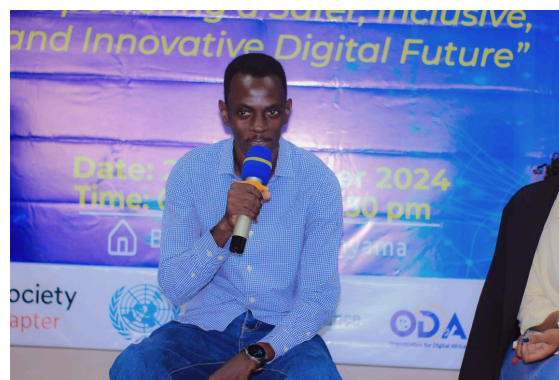


Figure 5: Session on Harnessing Innovation and Balancing risks in digital space

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Innovation is essential for digital transformation, but it must be balanced with cybersecurity measures.
- Youth engagement in digital innovation should be supported by policy frameworks that promote responsible tech development.

- The importance of ethical considerations in AI and emerging technologies was emphasized.

2nd Panel: Improving Digital Governance for the Internet We Want

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Digital governance should be inclusive and youth-centered to ensure their voices are heard in policy discussions.
- The need for regulatory frameworks that promote accessibility, security, and transparency in internet governance.
- The role of digital rights advocacy in shaping equitable online environments.
- To improve digital governance as a country we need to prioritize local context and innovate on things about our context.
- Young people were also encouraged to participate in programs like The Pan-African Youth Ambassadors on Internet Governance (PAYAIG).



Figure 6: Session on Improving digital governance for the Internet we want

Presentation: How Young People Can Sustainably Utilize Online Tools

The LaunchPad Tanzania delivered an insightful presentation on Online Safety, focusing on strategies young people can adopt to protect themselves in the digital space. The session covered essential topics such as creating strong passwords, identifying and reporting online gender-based violence (OGBV), and understanding the importance of digital security. LaunchPad Tanzania also introduced their platform, designed to provide a safe reporting mechanism for OGBV victims.



Figure 7: Presentation from the LaunchPad Tanzania

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Youths should be mindful of the information they share online to safeguard their privacy.
- Never share intimate images or videos, even with someone you trust.
- Regularly update passwords and avoid using the same password across multiple platforms.
- Report any form of online violence when encountered.
- Addressing online gender-based violence requires continuous awareness campaigns and strong enforcement of digital safety policies.
- Social media, when used wisely, can serve as a powerful tool for both personal and professional growth.

3rd Panel: Enhancing Digital Contribution to Development

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Digital tools play a crucial role in driving economic and social development, particularly in marginalized communities.
- Youth-led initiatives in tech and entrepreneurship are essential in fostering digital inclusivity.
- Governments and stakeholders should invest in capacity-building programs to equip young people with digital skills.

Round Table Discussion: Youth Engagement in Internet Governance

We conducted a roundtable discussion on the challenges that young people face in internet governance and the recommendation to ensure they are

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Challenges such as limited awareness, lack of mentorship, and policy barriers hinder youth participation in Internet governance.
- Opportunities for youth to influence digital policies exist through active engagement in multi-stakeholder dialogues.

- The importance of collaboration between different youth IGF chapters to enhance collective impact.

Recommendations:

- 1. Media Information Literacy Training**
 - Promote media literacy education to help young people critically evaluate information sources and recognize misinformation, fake news, and biased content.
- 2. Research on Accessing Reliable Information and Affordable Internet**
 - Conduct research to identify sources for accurate and trustworthy information, as well as strategies for making internet access more affordable and accessible for all, particularly youth.
- 3. Digital Skills Integration in Educational Curricula**
 - Advocate for the integration of digital skills and online safety education into the national education curriculum, starting from younger ages, to equip youth with the necessary skills for the digital age.
- 4. Upskilling Policymakers on Technology and Digital Matters**
 - Encourage policymakers to prioritize digital upskilling for their employees to ensure that they are knowledgeable about technological advancements and digital transformation, facilitating informed decision-making in governance.

Closing Remarks:

Buni Hub concluded the event with remarks emphasizing the importance of youth participation in Internet governance and the need for continued engagement. They also highlighted some of the programs that young people can benefit with through the Hub.



Figure 8: Buni Hub giving closing remarks

Conclusion & Next Steps:

The 2024 Youth IGF Tanzania was made possible by the support of the Internet Society Tanzania Chapter (**ISOC Tanzania**), the **Organization for Digital Africa (ODA)**, and **Buni Hub**. Their contributions were vital to the forum's success.

The forum successfully **empowered young voices in internet governance** and set the stage for more youth-led initiatives in shaping digital policies. Moving forward, Youth IGF Tanzania aims to:

1. Expand outreach and engage more young people in internet governance discussions.
2. Strengthen collaborations with key stakeholders for better policy influence.
3. Organize mentorship programs to equip young leaders with digital governance skills.
4. Continue advocacy for digital inclusion and online safety in Tanzania.

The **Youth IGF Tanzania** remains committed to shaping a **safer, more inclusive, and innovative digital future** for all.