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While technology and the Internet have encouraged more digital activities, concerns over fraud, cybercrime, security and privacy in cyberspace are definitely rising. The ultimate question from the Youth Participants: "How best can we grow to create a better space on the Internet?"

Young people are key stakeholders in the Internet Governance Forum ecosystem as they are the majority in Mauritius and in the world over. The IGF secretariat has since recognized the importance of meaningful youth participation at the IGF processes and promotes the strengthening of Mauritius Youth IGF Initiatives.

Mauritius Youth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was officially launched on Saturday 09 July 2022 at 10 00 hours at Hennessy Park Hotel, Ebene in Mauritius. The theme for the Youth Forum 2022 is "Re-Imagining the Future of our Internet."

The young generation decides how internet will look tomorrow as the future of the internet is in their hands.

During the Opening Launch, there were the presence of the following representatives:

- Ministry. of Financial Services and Good Governance
- United Nations Resident Coordinator
- AFRINIC
- Harel Mallac Technologies.

Eminent personalities were also present and the youth participation on this day was around 20 young people coming from diverse expert backgrounds.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening address was done by Mr Mahendranath Busgopaul, Secretary-General of Halley Movement and Founder of Mauritius IGF. Mr Mahendranath, in his speech, started with an exposure of Mauritius IGF and talked about how the young people envision the internet.

The Opening Launch was performed by the Representative of the Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance, the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Mr Navindsing Jugmohusing, in the absence of The Honourable Minister Mahen Kumar Seeruttun. In his speech, he talked about how the internet is already controlling our lives. However, discipline should be implemented then only internet will become a public service. He also emphasised on e-learning. For instance, during the pandemic, Internet was a great tool. The investment in technology by the financial sector is helping in the youth's exposure to the internet and the ability to adapt to the technological innovations. His Ministry is aware of the technological advancement in the crypto currency hence it has established a new legislation about the Virtual Asset Monitoring. For him, he learnt a new word from Mauritius Youth IGF and it is the Internet hygiene.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ms Christine Umutoni, in her speech, talked about how the communication with the youth is crucial. The actual era is now and for her, there is E-everything. She shared her personal experiences with the youth present and mentioned that Internet has its good and bad side. If we are not careful, we might become the e-junk dumping ground of the internet. Internet has improved the services' sector in many ways. Youth Voices do matter in areas of the Internet Governance.

Mr Arthur Carindal N'Guessan who is the Head of Stakeholder Development of AFRINIC talked about the strong relationship between AFRINIC the Mauritius IGF. Both entities share some common values and that's the best use of the internet. He mentioned the free online courses to plan and design the IP technology that AFRINIC is launching and to build capacity. He also added on the need to be part of the Internet Governance. He emphasised on how IPs can be both the downfall and the opportunity for young people.

Mr Shateeaum Sewpaul, the General Manager of Harel Mallac Technologies Ltd illustrated the technology breakthrough, and how he appreciates the launching of Mauritius Youth IGF. The priority is the protection of data privacy. The internet is no more a tool but it is now a part of the development of one's personality.

This message demonstrates the organization's understanding of its impact and responsibility to people and the planet. Importantly, it also builds the audience's trust and confidence in the organization.

PANEL SESSIONS

01

Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection

The internet has become more influential in daily life than anyone could have ever imagined. What was once a means of allowing US military computers to stay connected has transformed into an integral method of global communication.

But we don't just use the internet to stay in touch with friends and family across the world. It's also become key to how we operate businesses, store personal information and even manage our bank accounts.

With so much important data being transferred across public networks every day, it's no surprise that a small section of the technologically gifted chooses to exploit the more vulnerable among us.

There are ways to protect yourself. Let's assess how you might be at risk, whilst also explaining the steps you need to take to both prevent and recover from an attack.

02

Digital Skills and Human Capacity Development

During the Covid-19 pandemic, physical and social distancing increased the need to learn digital skills. Several businesses and entrepreneurs served by Haelsoft's digital skills capacity building efforts would easily be able to operate their business effectively in even the most restricted conditions.

With the prospect of a new normal, embracing a sustained adoption of digital skills, tools and remote work required a demand-driven urgency to deliver high-quality digital capacity-building.

03

Digital Infrastructure

All technology assets that create, exchange or use data or information in a digital form as a part of their operation, as well as all data collected or used by the aforementioned technology assets. The digital technologies that provide the foundation for an organization's information technology and operations. Examples of digital infrastructure include: Internet backbone, broadband. Mobile telecom and digital communication suites, including applications. Data centers and networks.

HISTORY OF PRE-ACTIVITIES AND TIMETABLE

Forming the National Youth IGF working group.

February 2022

Youth focused organisations

Meeting 1: About Mauritius Youth IGF 2022

Meeting 2 - Cyber Security and Human Capacity Development

May 2022

Mauritius IGF Secretariat and Youth Experts

Meeting 3 - Digital Skills and Human Capacity Development

May 2022

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Meeting 4 - Digital Infrastructure

May 2022

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Mauritius IGF 2022 - Youth Summit.

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