

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting V | 22 May 2023 at 13:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- NRIs to comment on the main session proposed policy questions until 20 June.

1. The fifth virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2023 preparatory cycle, took place on 22 May 2023 at 13:00 UTC.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2. The list of shared documents is annexed as A3.
3. The Host opened the meeting by reminding that its objective is to discuss the thematic orientation of the NRIs main session.
4. The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below:

NRIs Main Session

5. The host reminded that the NRIs main session is 90 min long and interpreted into six UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).
6. It was further noted that the NRIs main session should be issue-focused, facilitating exchanges of local, specific practices and experiences. It should showcase diversity in perspectives, issues, and potentials, but also languages given the interpretation into six UN languages.
7. Participants agreed that the session's thematic focus will relate to the concepts of data governance and trust in a framework of the IGF 2023 overarching theme - The Internet We Want – Empowering All People.
8. It was further agreed that the specific policy areas the session will unpack could be:
 - What is trusted Internet and what are the main challenges? Compare different experiences and existing strategies or underline the lack of any.
 - How do we see data governance and what could be the data protection mechanisms? Are there regional instruments in place? (e.g. Europe has EU data frameworks; AU has its Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030); what about other regions?
 - Do we have policy instruments we want? Are they relevant for the Internet which is predominantly based on content in the English language?
 - What role data plays in societal development and sustainability?
 - How do we empower people for trusted data governance?
9. Participants further agreed that the session's format will be planned during a dedicated meeting in July. However, several inputs were shared for further consideration:

- The session could start with keywords that emerged from a survey to which all NRIs responded before the IGF asking “What is the Trusted Internet We Want?” The moderator could use the keywords to define questions for speakers.
- NRIs could speak within four regional blocks.
- NRIs could speak within six segments defined by each UN language (to achieve having NRIs speaking in six UN different languages).

Next steps regarding the planning of the NRIs main session:

10. The Host will share the meeting conclusions on the NRIs mailing list for final endorsement.
11. The IGF Secretariat will inform the MAG about the thematic focus of the NRIs main session.
12. The IGF Secretariat will invite the NRIs coordinators to add inputs on the policy questions in the next 3 weeks through a shared document. The applicable timeline for further planning of the session is:
 - Next NRIs meeting in June to help conclude the policy questions.
 - NRIs meeting in July: agree on the format.
 - NRIs meetings in August and September: confirm moderators, rapporteurs, speakers and finalize the session preparations.

Other

13. Some participants shared views also regarding the 90-min long NRIs coordination session, that will be hosted on day 0 of the IGF 2023, on 8 October. These are:
 - What strategies could help increase collaboration with and among NRIs?
 - What are the main outcomes of the NRIs and how to strengthen them?
 - How could NRIs help leverage the SDGs?
 - How do we respond in our countries to the Global Digital Compact? How relevant it is for the IGF?
14. The coordinator of the North African IGF shared his experience regarding the meeting that concluded two days ago. It was said that the meeting was overall successful with the major outcomes being the launch of the Libya national IGF and the North African Youth IGF.
15. The Host shared the final compositions of the organizing teams for the NRIs coordination sessions available at the IGF website:
 - [AI and emerging tech](#)
 - [Cybersecurity](#)
 - [Digital inclusion](#)

Other and next steps:

5. Doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent in a week’s time, offering later UTC hours.
6. IGF Secretariat to send the action points after the meeting to the mailing list followed by a full summary report.
7. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting V

1. Welcome and introductions – 5 min
2. NRIs main session: policy questions to address and timeline – 40 min
3. Overview of who signed for the NRIs collaborative sessions – 10 min
4. AoB – 5 min

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Aamado Espinosa, LACIGF community
2. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
3. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
4. Amancio Ubisse, did not identify
5. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
6. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
7. Anne Bxl, did not identify
8. Athanase Bahizire, DR Congo IGF
9. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
10. Beatriz Rodriguez, Uruguay IGF
11. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
12. Bibek Silwal, Nepal Youth IGF
13. Bicael Francisco, did not identify
14. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
15. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
16. Elaine Ford, Peru IGF
17. Ellice Mansfield, UK IGF
18. Eugénio A. Macumbe, did not identify
19. Francisco J. Montesdeoca, Spanish IGF community
20. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF, EuroDIG
21. Ihita Gangavarapu, India Youth IGF
22. Jennifer Chung, APriIGF
23. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
24. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA community
25. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
26. June Parris, Barbados IGF
27. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
28. Laura Margolis, Uruguay IGF
29. Levy Syanseke, Zambia IGF
30. Lia Hernandez, IGF Centroamérica, Panama IGF
31. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
32. Lucien Castex, French IGF
33. Mary Garcia, did not identify
34. Mauricia Abdol Tshilunda, South Africa IGF community
35. Mutegeki Cliff, Uganda IGF community
36. Nazar Nicolas, Tanzania IGF
37. Nia Nanan, Caribbean IGF
38. Nicolas Fiumarelli, YouthLACIGF
39. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF

¹ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

40. Nigel Hickson, UK IGF
41. Obed Sindy, Haiti IGF
42. Oksana Prykhodko, Ukraine IGF
43. Olivier KOUAMI, Togo IGF
44. Pedro Lana, YouthLACIGF community
45. Phyo, Myanmar Youth IGF
46. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
47. Rita Wehbe, Arab IGF
48. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
49. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF
50. Salyou Fanny, Ivory Coast IGF
51. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG Secretariat
52. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
53. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
54. Suzete Centeio, Cabo Verde IGF
55. Tijani Jemaa, North African IGF
56. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Colombia Youth IGF
57. Wiktor Skwarek, Polish IGF
58. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
59. YingChu Chen, APriIGF community

ANNEX A3

INPUTS

- NRIs 2023 work plan
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS1zuwLbymbglLBlQUHW2FGll6RsF_Rn8WE000skJg4/edit?usp_dm=true