

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting VI | 26 June 2023 at 13:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- The North African IGF and the Secretariat to suggest a way for regrouping the questions for the NRIs main session until 3 July.
- NRIs to suggest a working version title for the NRIs main session until 3 July.
- NRIs to share ideas for the moderator of the session until 10 July.

1. The sixth virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2023 preparatory cycle, took place on 26 June 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 finalize the policy questions for 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. It was reiterated 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. Participants approved the content of the policy questions currently available in the joint document and agreed that they should be grouped under identified issues, avoiding redundancy, and polishing the language. Several additional aspects were suggested to be taken into consideration:
 - Reflect the differences between developed and developing countries;
 - Address the issue of data concentration ("data colonization"), as well as the aspect of data centres and storage;
 - Expand the existing policy question on regional mechanisms for data governance with the implications for/on global processes related to Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and Global Digital Compact;
 - Reflect on the AI implications on data governance including the ChatGPT; and ways AI impacts data governance in developing countries.

9. The Host reminded that the session is 90-min long and that it should be issue-focused providing space for a dialogue on concrete issues and ways forward. Regarding the suggestions for addressing the AI aspects, it was reminded that there is the NRIs collaborative session on AI governance which could accommodate addressing this important aspect. It was also added that it is highly likely that the IGF 2023 programme will feature another main session addressing AI, calling for avoiding redundancy.
10. The coordinator of the North African IGF offered to take the lead on regrouping the policy questions for the NRIs' consideration. It was agreed that the final deadline for regrouping the policy questions will be 3 July (one week after the call concluded).
11. Participants shared ideas for the format of the NRIs main session. It was agreed that they would follow the format from the last year's hosted NRIs main session, which includes having a limited number of subject experts endorsed by the NRIs to set the stage, followed by an open floor during which delegated NRI speakers can sign up to intervene. The discussion about the time limitation for the interventions will continue on the next NRIs meeting.
12. Regarding the moderation of the session, it was agreed that the session will feature one onsite moderator and one online/Zoom moderator with a clear distinction of roles and underlying that the two do not act as co-moderators. There was a suggestion to ensure a backup moderator in case of any last minute changes. As for the criteria, it was said that the moderator should hold expertise on the topic. Finally, it was agreed that the NRIs should send short bios for their proposals for a moderator until 10 July.
13. Given a call from the Gambia IGF coordinator that the moderators are gender balanced, the Host reminded on who has moderated the NRIs main session in past:
 - 2016 Mexico: Ms. Lynn St. Amour, MAG Chair, supported by the NRIs Focal Point;
 - 2017 Switzerland: Mr. Janis Karklins, former MAG Chair, supported by the NRIs Focal Point;
 - 2018 France: Mr. Benedicto Fonseca, Ambassador from Brazil, supported by the NRIs Focal Point;
 - 2019 Germany: Ms. Marilyn Cade, former IGF MAG member (Anja Gengo replaced her last minute due to Marilyn being hospitalized) supported by Ms. Lianna Galstyan, Armenia IGF coordinator;
 - 2020 online: Mr. Flavio Wagner, former IGF MAG member;
 - 2021 Poland: Ms. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG and Ms. Olga Cavalli, South School on IG, former MAG member;
 - 2022 Ethiopia: Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, former MAG Chair supported by online moderator Ms. Olga Cavalli.
14. The meeting concluded with an agreement that all NRIs are welcome to suggest a working title for the NRIs main session until 3 July.

Next steps:

15. IGF Secretariat to send the action points after the meeting to the mailing list for a final endorsement, followed by a summary report.
16. The IGF Secretariat will inform the MAG about the thematic focus of the NRIs main session.
17. The IGF Secretariat will invite the NRIs coordinators to add inputs on the policy questions and a title 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, and speakers; and finalize the session preparations.
18. Doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent in a week's time, offering earlier UTC hours.
19. IGF Secretariat to send the action points after the meeting to the mailing list followed by a full summary report.
20. 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 VI

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs main session
 - finalizing policy questions
 - discussing session format
 - next steps
3. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Alexandra Maldonado, Ecuador IGF
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Athanase Bahizire, DR Congo IGF
5. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
6. Beatriz Rodriguez, Uruguay IGF
7. Brahim Ousmane, Chad IGF

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

8. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
9. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
10. Elaine Ford, Peru IGF
11. Emmanuel Vitus, Togo IGF
12. Eun Chang Choi, South Korea IGF
13. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF, EuroDIG
14. Iyedi Goma, DR Congo IGF
15. Jenna Fung, Youth APriGF
16. Jennifer Chung, APriGF
17. Jesse Nathan Kalange, Uganda IGF
18. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
19. Joshua Josh, West African IGF, African IGF
20. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA community
21. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
22. June Parris, Barbados IGF
23. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
24. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
25. Kim K., South Korea IGF
26. Kossi Amessinou, Benin IGF
27. Laura Margolis, Uruguay IGF
28. Lia Hernandez, IGF Centroamérica, Panama IGF
29. Liliane Nalwoga, East African IGF, Uganda IGF
30. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
31. Mahee Kirindigoda, Sri Lanka IGF
32. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
33. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
34. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
35. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
36. Moustapha Abakar Abdramane
37. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
38. Nazar Nicolas, Tanzania IGF
39. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
40. Pedro Lana, YouthLACIGF community
41. Peter Koch, German IGF
42. Phyo, Myanmar Youth IGF
43. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
44. Prince Andrew Livingstone Zutah
45. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
46. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF
47. Salyou Fanny, Ivory Coast IGF
48. Sam Igonor, Nigeria IGF
49. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG Secretariat
50. Sandy Palma, Honduras IGF
51. Shadrach Ankrah, Benin IGF
52. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
53. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
54. Suzete Centeio, Cabo Verde IGF
55. Thy Try, Cambodia IGF
56. Tijani Jemaa, North African IGF
57. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
58. YingChu Chen, APriGF community

59. Zanyiwe Asare, South African IGF

ANNEX A3

INPUTS

- NRIs Main Session draft proposal
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ri7xNINTpglZF4RALQuFjJHZdKWeu1JZLO7H2rN2eos/edit?usp=sharing>
- NRIs 2023 work plan
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS1zuwLbymbglBLIQUHW2FGIl6RsF_Rn8WE00skJg4/edit?usp_dm=true