

7th YOUTH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

YouthLACIGF2022



*7th Youth IGF of Latin America and the Caribbean
Final Summary Meeting Report of the Event*

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About

The YouthLACIGF was created in 2016 as an initiative born from the growing community of Latin American youth interested in issues related to the Internet. Given the active role that the youth have started taking, this new space is created with multi-sectoral characteristics, as a forum for debate of new ideas and perspectives to encourage the creation of lines of discussion that will be taken to other forums. It is one of the international events the Youth Observatory (also known as the Youth Special Interest Group of Internet Society), conducts for young people a non-profit organization, made up of young people from Latin America and other countries of the world who work voluntarily on projects connected to the Internet Governance challenges from a local, regional and global perspective.

In 2016 the proposal emerged within the framework of the 9th LACIGF, held in San Jose (Costa Rica). In 2017 and 2018, second and third editions were held in Ciudad de Panama (Panama) and Buenos Aires (Argentina), and strengthened our efforts to create a community around the events. In 2019, the YouthLACIGF took place on August 5th in La Paz, Bolivia. In 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event that was supposed to be held in Santiago, Chile was converted to an online format and presented during two full days of

sessions and keynote speeches. The 6th YouthLACIGF was held virtually due to the ongoing travel restrictions imposed in Latin America and the Caribbean countries, and this 7th YouthLACIGF will be held online as part of the efforts to integrate again the agendas of Latin American youth working in Internet Governance with the main forum in the region, the LACIGF. The whole organizational process has been conducted in communication with the IGF Secretariat and by the main IGF criteria and established procedures, as explained below.

From this 7-year process, we have achieved the following goals:

- Enable the exchange of experiences, ideas, and networking of young people who are going to participate in LACIGF and the young people that may be interested in the Internet Governance issues in our region;
- Enable networking and create opportunities for young people among the entire GRULAC community;
- Be an in-depth discussion event, but also introductory and welcoming for newcomers to the community;
- Be an event with a bottom-up perspective, that is, to have on the agenda mainly open discussion spaces, break-out groups, dynamics and workshops;
- Be a safe and violence-free event, so a Code of Conduct has been implemented and updated in April 2020 as a collective effort of the Youth community, to ensure that people who attend can participate without being discriminated against in any way;
- Have a fellowship program, with an open, transparent call, committed to regional, gender, and career diversity, allowing young people from Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the event and LACIGF with the proper preparation.
- For the third time, substituting the fellowship, this year we have conducted an Open Course, which has been a capacity-building preparatory course for the 7th YouthLACIGF and the LACIGF. The Open Course for Newcomers focused heavily on e-learning objectives and putting people in contact with known names from the Internet Governance ecosystem of the GRULAC region and preparation for the ones that know nothing or a little about Internet Governance know what to expect and how they can engage with the YouthLACIGF and LACIGF.

- In addition, we have also implemented 3 languages within the event, to foster more participation of participants. The languages chosen were Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

I. Organising Committee

Composition refers as follows: Full names, genders, affiliations, and stakeholder groups of the members of the initiative:

Organising Committee				
Name	Gender	Stakeholder G.	Organization	Country
Umut Pajaro Velasquez	They/Their	Civil Society	Internet Society Gender Standing Group / Youth IGF Colombia	Colombia
Nicolás Fiumarelli	He/His	Technical Community	Youth IGF Uruguay	Uruguay
Pedro de Perdigão Lana	He/his	Academia	Internet Society Brazil	Brazil
João Moreno Rodrigues Falcão	He/His	Private Sector	Intelliway	Brazil
Laura Ramos	She/Her	Civil Society	Internet Society Colombia Chapter	Colombia
Benjamin Chong Castillo	He/Him	Civil Society	Crónicas D&T	Mexico

II. Description of the organizing process

1) Organising Committee & Technical Support

The preparatory work began in February, as the Organizing Committee was established in 2022 (before the seventh edition of YouthLACIGF took place). It started as an Open Call to all young people between 18 and 35 years old, from Latin America and the Caribbean interested in volunteering to organize the YouthLACIGF 2022. After this, we started to organize the open course for newcomers, and also we began to analyze how we could make our event more attractive, taking into consideration that we had already been holding the event remotely and on a small scale for two consecutive editions.

We identified that to have the greatest participation of young people, the event should be held in the company of the LACIGF again. After this, a call for speakers for the diverse panels and registration for the open course was made, which will be detailed later on.

After the Open Course for newcomers was held, the YouthLACIGF was held online during the morning of Day 0 of the LACIGF 15 (2022).

2) Selection of Thematic Areas

The YouthLACIGF and LACIGF15 agenda was built around the issues identified by the Secretary General of the United Nations in the Global Digital Compact. To this end, a public consultation was held, which aimed to identify four priorities of the Internet Governance community in Latin America and the Caribbean addressed during the event. These four topics were:

- Meaningful Access
- Human Rights Online
- Data protection
- Online Misinformation & Disinformation

3) Sessions and Speakers Selection

In September, we officially published the sessions that were part of the YouthLACIGF and we explained the decision to have these alongside the LACIGF and instead of calling for sessions, because these were already decided by the Program Committee, we decided to

make an open call for speakers in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. The form was available for a month, and it was translated by the Organising Committee.

We set the call of speakers by strongly suggesting to apply according to their expertise and experience so the contribution to the discussion will be more valuable.

For the selection process, we chose the following criteria:

- Content (Desired Goals, outcomes, and main topics of the session); Relevance to Internet Governance; Relevance to the LAC region.
- Expertise and experience on the topic.
- Diversity Criteria (gender, stakeholder, regional perspective, youth approach, and country).

All the sessions had only three options: 15 minutes, 45 minutes, or 60 minutes. We considered these options to avoid too much Zoom time exposition from both speakers and participants.

In addition, for session organizers, we offered a **connectivity grant** alongside the LACIGF based on certain characteristics (limited access to Internet Connectivity, cost of Internet Connection for that period; and the average cost of the connection for the session's team).

4) Code of Conduct

As part of our commitment to make sure the members and participants of the YouthLACIGF would be safe, we reminded them of our Code of Conduct, which has been translated into [Spanish](#), [English](#), [French](#), and [Portuguese](#), thanks to the assistance of the Translations Commission of the Youth SG website.

5) Pictures

The slide features the IGF Internet Governance Forum logo at the top left. The main content is a white box with a blue border containing the IS3C logo (a globe with a fingerprint) and the text: "INTERNET STANDARDS, SECURITY AND SAFETY COALITION (IS3C)" and "MAKING THE INTERNET MORE SECURE AND SAFER". To the right is a large portrait of Wout de Natris, with a smaller inset video feed of him. Below the portrait, his name "Wout de Natris" and title "Vice-chair" are written. The slide number "13 / 19" is in the bottom right corner.

The slide has a light blue background. The title "Cryptography importance" is in bold black text. Below it are two sections: "Confidentiality" and "Integrity", each with a list of bullet points. To the right is a video feed of João Moreno Falcao and a graphic of a yellow folder with a lock icon. The slide number "8 / 19" is in the bottom right corner.

Cryptography importance

Confidentiality

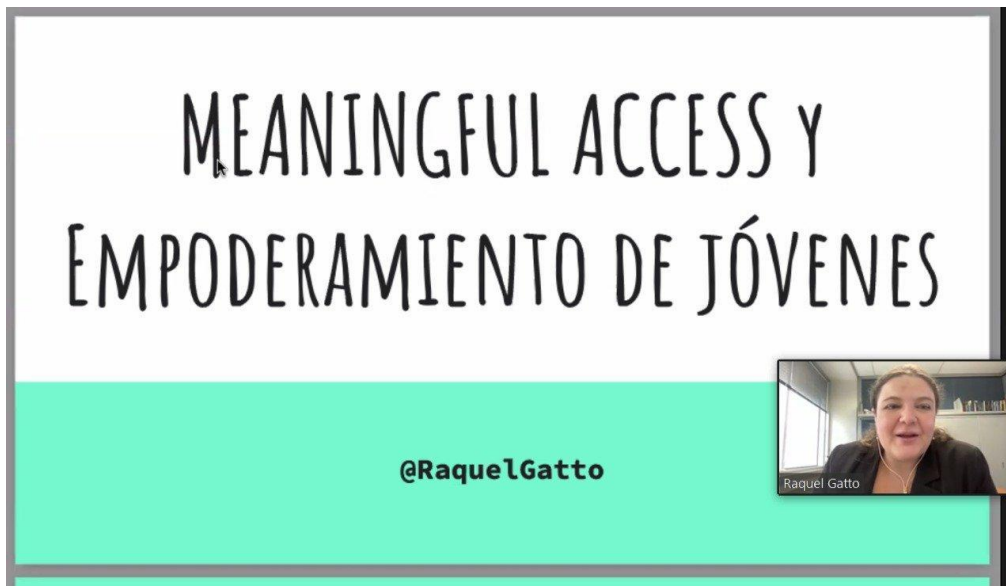
- Private information can not be accessible by non authorized people;
- AES, RSA, ECC;

Integrity

- The information can't be modified without detection;
- SHA2-256, SHA3-256, SHA3-512.

The screenshot shows a video conference. On the left, a slide about the Internet Society (ISOC) is displayed. It includes the ISOC logo and text: "INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC)", "Creada en 1992.", "Organización No Gubernamental sin fines de lucro.", "Organización enfocada en el desarrollo mundial de Internet.", and "Con presencia en más de 135 países en el mundo." Below the slide are three video feeds of participants. One participant's name "Youth LACIGF" is visible.

The screenshot shows a 2x3 grid of video conference participants. Each tile shows a person's video feed with their name at the bottom. The names are: Augusto Mathurin, Laura Victoria Ramos, Umut Pajaro Velasquez (They/Them), Marcelo de Oliveira, Pedro de Perdigão Lana, and Rodrigo Alexandre. Some tiles also show "Youth LACIGF" branding.



I. Open Course for Newcomers

The YouthLACIGF Open Course (also named just “Open Course”) was an online course by the youth in LAC to empower young individuals and newcomers in Latin America and the Caribbean region to be well-equipped to participate in the YouthLACIGF and LACIGF. This year the course was completely in Spanish and it was divided into 3 webinars, which had complimentary reading materials especially made by the Organising Committee members Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Pedro de Perdigão Lana, Nicolás Fiumarelli Laura Ramos, João Moreno Rodrigues Falcão. The material of the Open Course covered the essential topics for newcomers in the region related to our event.

As speakers of the Webinars, we invited male and female experts with experience in relevant organizations of Latin America and the Caribbean region. The content was distributed among weekly webinars (of 1-hour duration each) using the Zoom video conference app, and the recordings of the webinars are available on the YouTube channel of [YCIG \(Youth Coalition of Internet Governance\)](#).

List of webinars

1. **Module 1: Introduction to Internet Governance.** Speakers: Laura Ramos, Nicolás Fiumarelli and Umut Pajaro Velasquez
2. **Module 2: Digital human rights, data protection and privacy.** Speakers: Benjamin Chong Castillo and Umut Pajaro Velasquez

3. **Module 3: Advanced Technologies and Digital Transformation.** Speakers: Pedro de Perdigo Lana, Nicolás Fiumarelli, Roberto Zambana, Umut Pajaro Velasquez

Purpose and Objectives of the Open Course

Purpose: Substituting the YouthLACIGF Fellowship Program in the unconventional context of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on the learning and formation phase.

Objectives: Capacity building of the Youth and newcomers interested in Internet Governance in the GRULAC region, especially the ones that are new to this ecosystem, and engaging young people in the YouthLACIGF and the LACIGF processes and events.

Pictures of the Open Course:



Uso de datos personales

- Acceso
- Manejo
- Aprovechamiento
- Transferencia
- Disposición

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NRIs

- Las iniciativas nacionales y regionales son formaciones orgánicas e independientes en las cuales se debaten problemas que pertenecen a la Gobernanza de Internet desde la perspectiva de sus respectivas comunidades, mientras actúan en concordancia con los principios principales del IGF global.
- NRI Toolkit define cómo deben estar compuestos estas iniciativas: abiertos, transparentes, inclusivos y no comerciales, además de trabajar en concordancia con el consenso de abajo hacia arriba del IGF y tener una participación multistakeholder.
- Estructuras que se visualizan en torno a los NRI "no joven" y NRI joven:
 - a. como iniciativas parte del IGF "no-joven";
 - b. como iniciativas relacionadas al IGF "no-joven" pero con agenda de temas propia, como en el caso de Argentina y Youth LACIGF;
 - c. iniciativa bajo el paraguas del IGF "no-joven" y organizada por el mismo, como en el caso de Brasil.
- Desafíos en Latinoamérica y el Caribe:
 - ausencia de actores claves como gobiernos y academia
 - falta mayor integración de jóvenes en los NRI "no joven"
 - falta de producción de resultados tangibles
 - inexistencia de vínculos con otros NRI regionales, etc.

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3. Económica

- Internet aplicado a la defensa del comercio electrónico.
- importancia de la OMC.
- Protección al Consumidor (confianza).
- Cargas Fiscales
- Aduanas
- Pagos Electrónicos, Banca electrónica y dinero electrónico

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ESTRUCTURA DEL IGF GLOBAL

También se agregan los IGF Messages, dentro de los cuales están aquellos "generales" (de los tracks temáticos) y los "youth messages".

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II. Description of how the multistakeholder model is maintained

Taking into consideration the NRI's Toolkit and its principles, the Organising Committee followed closely all the stages to achieve the aim of a successful event through using open publicity of our activities at our channels of communication (Call for thematic areas; Call for Speakers) while making sure to have the representation of at least 3 stakeholder groups¹ at both our Organising Committee and the technical team which assisted us from the beginning of the 2022 process; as well as maintaining the inclusion of 3 of the most spoken languages in our region to foster the participation of more young individuals.

Like last year, we kept formats encouraging online participation; and accepted session proposals with teams composed of youth and non-youth participants.

The event was open to the public, free to attend, and was widely disseminated in the social networks of the YouthLACIGF and the LACIGF. Streaming was available on our YouTube channel, and we received questions and comments from the participants through the Zoom platform² and LACIGF's YouTube channel. Moderators also encouraged attendees to share their opinions on social media.

¹ Note: we are also including the hired technical team for this matter.

² Zoom accounts provided by the LACIGF to cover all the sessions for the YouthLACIGF and in all case we have a translation into Portuguese, Spanish and English.

III. Official Agenda

The link to the full agenda of the morning of Day 0 of the LACIGF is available at

<https://lacigf.org/en/lacigf-15/>

Día 0 | **24/10 Lunes**
10 a 13.30 (-3 UTC)

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● LACIGF
● 2022

Segmento 1
GLOBAL Youth Track: Workshop IV
A robust digital transformation: looking into
cybersecurity and digital rights

Segmento 2 Keynote
Acceso Significativo

Segmento 3 Iniciativas YouthLACIGF en América Latina

Reports of the sessions

Segment 1: Youth Track Global: A robust digital transformation: looking into cybersecurity and digital rights.

On Day 0 of LACIGF, the YouthLACIGF was held in the morning, which included a global segment called Youth Track Workshop IV which was part of a series of 4 workshops held at each regional IGF (EuroDIG, African IGF, Asia-Pacific IGF, and finally LACIGF), In this particular segment the session was in English and joined youth from all over the world in a capacity building exercise on the themes of cybersecurity and digital transformation, which aimed to foster collaboration and the exchange of concerns of young people as well as to feed into the Global Youth Summit that took place at IGF global in Addis Ababa later in the

year. A high-level overview of the topic was provided by cybersecurity experts with panelists from ISOC's Board of Youth Standing Group as well as the Dynamic Coalition for Standards, Safety, and Security (DC-IS3C) and then moved to a real-time open discussion with a collaborative paper. Some key points addressed in this session were:

- The existence and ongoing current use of cryptography as a fundamental mechanism for the digital world and secure systems. The internet today is not like it was 30 years ago and the development of standards has been driven primarily by a multi-stakeholder model.
- Among the uses of cryptography we can protect individual or collective privacy from an attacker, protect intellectual property, increase system resilience to an attack, and degrade mass surveillance mechanisms.
- The rapid evolution of computational power and the advent of quantum computers in a way that is more accessible to people affects everything we have built, it is a geometric decrease in the problem of cryptography, every day we have more devices and we have this new paradigm.
- When quantum supremacy becomes accessible, we will have a big problem with all the technology we produced so far, so we should think that 10 years from now it will be complex,
- How do we address that the systems created now can be upgraded, and also about the compliance of systems, like a smartphone, how can we ensure that when we release a security patch we maintain compliance? We need to understand and make wise decisions. that's why we need to discuss this with a multi-stakeholder approach.
- We need to create secure software and web applications. The need to accelerate the adoption of standards. Governments and organizations must pursue supply-chain management. Little pressure in the industry for more secure products. Multiple security challenges around the security of the Internet of Things.
- Education and regulatory actions. Security by design, current research on 23 jurisdictions to analyze and compare best practices taken into account in these legislations, as there is a gap between security theory and daily application. That is why from multiple stakeholders we must identify and demand best practices.
- How will the security students and workers of the future be able to address all these challenges if there is a lack of the necessary skills demanded in the tertiary education programs? In more rural and remote forms there is not even a choice, or they are more expensive. There are also satellite initiatives that if not supported by the government can be very expensive.

Segment 2: Keynote Meaningful Access

The Keynote addressed aspects of Meaningful Access and digital cooperation, where the theme that not only the possibility of access ensures the use, but it also has to do with digital skills and gaps, it has to do with multilingualism (not everyone speaks with western characters), the quality of services. Raquel Gatto, the panelist, commented that governments have not taken the necessary actions to accelerate Internet access worldwide in a way that is compatible with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and that allows the economy to grow. According to the ITU, in Latin America, the gap is in training and education in this area, or they do not allocate resources to technology, or many times the solutions and resources are there but the talents leave. It is necessary to value and bring solutions in this regard.

We must think about all skills, digital literacy, and local content and focus on the most vulnerable and affected communities. How can they benefit from their access?

Also discussed was the Policy Network on Meaningful Access which is working on informing communities, taking local actions and further developing the issues from a multi-stakeholder point of view with case studies and a report to be presented at IGF 2022.

Segment 3: Youth NRIs Initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean

This panel was attended by different coordinators of youth initiatives in Internet governance in our region. Some key aspects mentioned were: The opportunity to meet other young people working on similar initiatives, the grantees in the different programs have sought innovative ways in the events, with more dynamics, to discuss the different topics, and this has led us to participate in other events with open session calls such as Rightsxcon, Mozilla festival, also the approach to regional groups has helped to have slots to be able to build on the issues, especially in a bottom-up structure.

It was also highlighted that anyone can start these initiatives with engagement sessions, without effort or too many resources, there are also calls to contribute, with research, and documents. This is how young people have been empowered in recent years.

Some programs were also highlighted, such as Youth Brasil, which since IGF 2015 has been carrying out a program of directed studies that occupies 4 weeks, and every year takes young people with scholarships to participate in both the Brazilian National event, the regional LACIGF, and the Global.

The topic of mutual support of these youth initiatives was also addressed, and the willingness to continue climbing to grow both personally and professionally, since they cannot afford the ticket to the events.

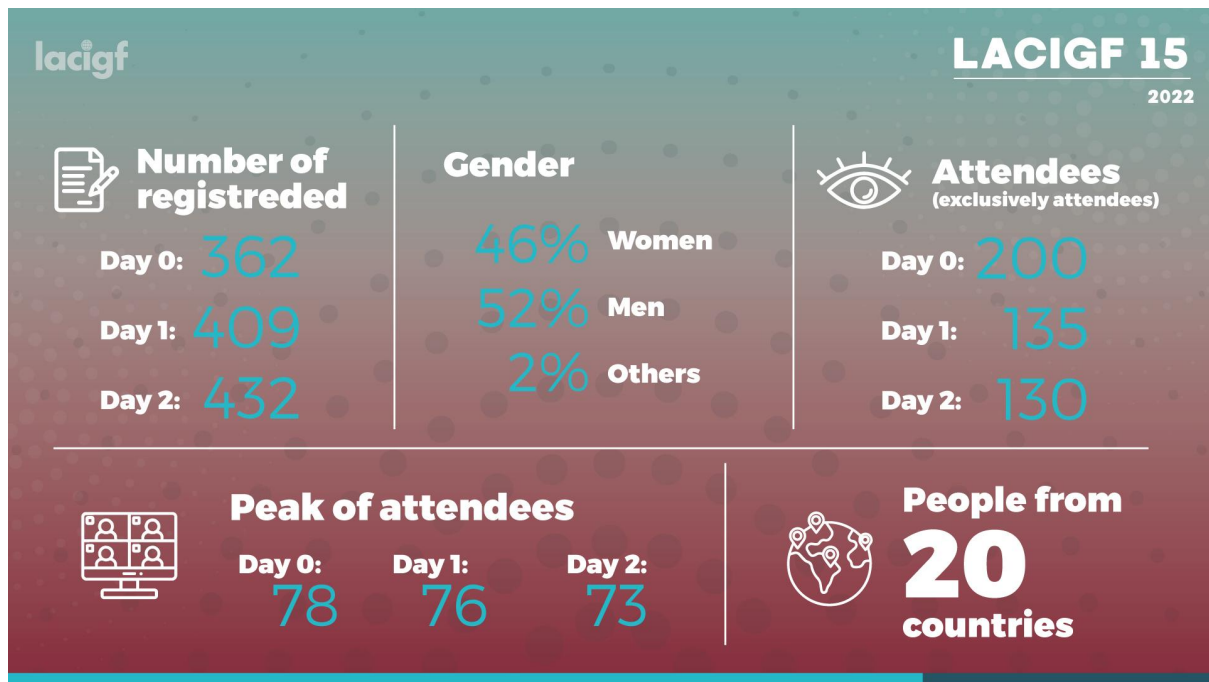
The theme of how the pandemic affected youth participation and how spaces had to be reinvented was also addressed, it was also an opportunity to participate and exhibit for the first time since the events became hybrids. While there are barriers, because of connectivity, it also brought some opportunities.

The need for young people to participate in open government and decision-making processes was also addressed, as in Latin America there are no clear participatory mechanisms where the opinion of young people is taken into account. Governments are also not in the spaces where young people make their voices and votes known. But now there is a crucial opportunity with mechanisms such as the Global Digital Compact that will bring some obligations to more multilateral processes.

There is an opportunity where young people are being given a space never seen before, so an invitation was made to continue developing new youth initiatives in the region, but also to continue joining together in these spaces.

IV. Attendees

In total, we had 200 attendees this year. In this opportunity, we had several participants from 20 countries most of whom were men and we had a peak of 78 attendees at the YouthTrack session with people coming also from countries outside Latin America and the Caribbean Region. More detailed information is in the following graphic:



V. Supporting Organizations

The event was possible thanks to the support of the YCIG (Youth Coalition of Internet Governance), the LACIGF, the Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition (IS3C), the Internet Governance Forum, the Internet Society Youth Standing Group, and the Internet Society Gender Standing Group.



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