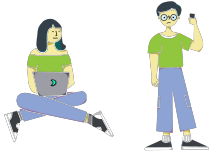


# SECOND YOUTH IGF MYANMAR SUMMARY REPORT 2023



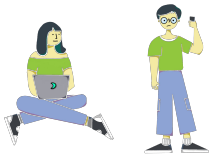


## Forum Highlight

This report outlines the results of the second, successful Youth IGF national event in Myanmar, held virtually on 10 and 11 June, 2023 focusing on the topic of AI and future challenges of Myanmar. The yIGF Myanmar Organizing Committee arranged this second forum using core funds contributed by its members, set aside for future forum-related activities, sourced from their own budget.

### **Main outcome:**

- Capacity building on AI and key Internet Governance issues like Online Harassment and Digital Safety.
- Increased awareness of Internet governance, including AI and related policies, among young people.
- Active youth engagement and empowerment.
- Strengthened networks and connections among youth within the Internet governance community.
- Amplification of youth voices on Internet Governance issues.

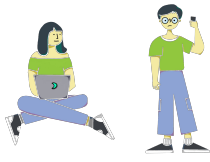


## Acknowledgement

First of all, we would like to acknowledge and give our warmest regards to all speakers, community members and participants who were significantly involved in this forum. Secondly, all committee members are delighted that we were able to implement one of the goals of our initiative: The Second Youth Internet Governance Forum in Myanmar with our own efforts despite a lot of hardships and challenges especially during the political turmoil.

Although we have contributed a lot of effort to organize this forum, it would not have been possible without the kind support and encouragement of many individuals and organizations. Therefore, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of them.

We are also pleased to express our gratitude to the United Nations IGF Secretariat for supporting the website, contact email, and mailing list address since 2022. Additionally, we would like to be thankful to DotAsia Organisation for supporting the Zoom platform to yIGF Myanmar two-days forum.



## What is yIGF Myanmar?

yIGF-Myanmar is one of the Youth Internet Governance Forums (IGFs) like IGFs from other nations which is trying to organize a specific forum that discusses the issues pertaining to the Internet arena from the youth's point of view. It has been recognized as an official Youth IGF initiative by the United Nations IGF Secretariat on 9 March 2022. yIGF Myanmar mainly focuses on Internet Governance advocacy and discussion on Internet-related issues which are needed for the local youth community in Myanmar, at the same time getting involved in regional and global Internet governance dialogues.

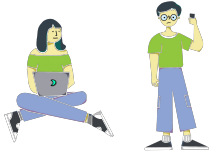
### Vision

- To advocate Internet Governance for a meaningful, inclusive, trustworthy and safer Internet through yIGF Myanmar.

### Missions

- To raise awareness of Internet Governance policies and issues among young people.
- To bridge the Internet Governance community and Myanmar youths for shaping the harmonious Internet community.
- To encourage Myanmar youths in order to participate in the Regional and Global Internet governance dialogues and raise local internet issues.
- To empower future generations to organize the annual Youth Internet Governance Forum in Myanmar in accordance with our core values; open, transparent, inclusive, bottom-up and steering the multi-stakeholders collaboration.

Motto : *"Get involved and Raise Your Voice for the growth of the Internet Community"*



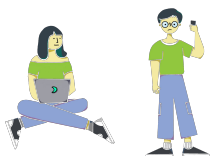
## Introduction to Organizing Committee

Our team was from different backgrounds and we gathered to initiate the yIGF Myanmar. The multistakeholder Organizing Committee comprises three stakeholder groups out of four, such as Civil Society, Private Sector, and Technical Community, as per the IGF's stakeholder groups classification.

The ten volunteer members gathered to implement the social media project independently after February 2021. Later in the year, assisted by the APriIGF Secretariat, we established a connection with the UN IGF Secretariat.

Despite challenges, by December 2021, the seven volunteers, now Organizing Committee Members of Youth IGF Myanmar, submitted a written statement to the UN IGF Secretariat, outlining essential information for registration aligned with NRI Principles. In March 2022, yIGF Myanmar achieved recognition as an official Youth IGF initiative, fully complying with UN IGF criteria. The first virtual Youth IGF Myanmar\_2022 took place on April 2nd and 3rd, 2022.

In 2023, the organizing committee grew to eight members actively involved in regional and international IGF community activities. Regardless of the ongoing challenges, these dedicated and passionate members successfully organized the Second Virtual Youth Internet Governance Forum again in their home country by leveraging their technical expertise, project management skills, and experience in youth empowerment.



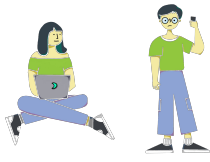
### List of Organizing Committee Member(s)' information

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Stakeholder group</i>
Antony	Male	Private Sector
CC	Male	Civil Society
Eddie	LGBTQIA+	Student
Peter	Male	Technical Community
Ri Na	Female	Civil Society
Tulip	Female	Technical Community
Moon	Female	Student
Jeremy	Male	Civil Society

### List of Community Members

Community members are dedicated to helping the 2-day online forum activities such as facilitating some sessions, and taking note for collecting the participants' inputs.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Regions/ States</i>
Theint	LGBTQIA+	Ayeyarwaddy
Yin	Female	Rakhine



## About The 2nd Youth Internet Governance Forum Myanmar

### Project Goals

- To introduce Internet Governance to local youth
- To enhance participants' knowledge of AI
- To deliver consolidated outputs to the Internet Governance community
- To sustain Youth-Led yIGF in Myanmar

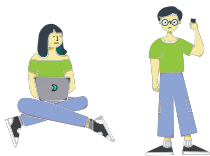
### Stage I : Forum Preparation

We opened the public consultation call in October 2022 for forum theme selection and then developed the agenda. In May 2023, the participants' registration form was opened and we invited 30 participants from different regions and states out of 47 registries due to the limited support for the communication allowance. For the prospective speakers, we invited 14 speakers in total from the local and international community from different stakeholder groups in April and May 2023 along with the infokit for a better understanding of the Second Youth Internet Governance Forum in Myanmar (yIGF Myanmar 2023).

### Stage II : Forum Implementation

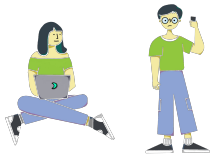
The forum was conducted virtually according to the following agenda,

Theme : "Introduction to AI and Future Challenge of Myanmar"  
Date : 10 & 11, June 2023  
Start Time : 9:30 AM (Myanmar Standard Time)/ 3:00 UTC  
End Time : 12:30 PM (Myanmar Standard Time)/ 6:00 UTC  
Venue : Zoom Platform (Virtual)  
Duration : 2 days/ 3 hours each



On 10th and 11th June, 2023 , we organized the second virtual yIGF Myanmar in which 18 participants out of 47 joined. And, 5 local and 5 international guest speakers shared and discussed Internet governance related topics referencing Myanmar's current situations. For security reasons, we could only host our forum without live streaming.





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**NetMission.Asia** is a network of passionate young Asians dedicated to engage and empower youth on Internet governance discourse with the aim to enhance youth mobility and create impact in Asia.

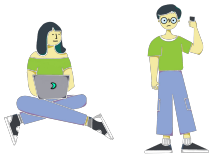
Supported by DotAsia Organisation, NetMission.Asia was established in 2009 where students from top tertiary institutes or universities are recruited every year and will be provided with a series of training workshops.

NetMission.Asia has been actively participating in various Internet conferences both regionally and globally, including ICANN meetings, IGF, APriGF, Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) and the Asia Pacific Next Generation Camp (APNG Camp), etc.

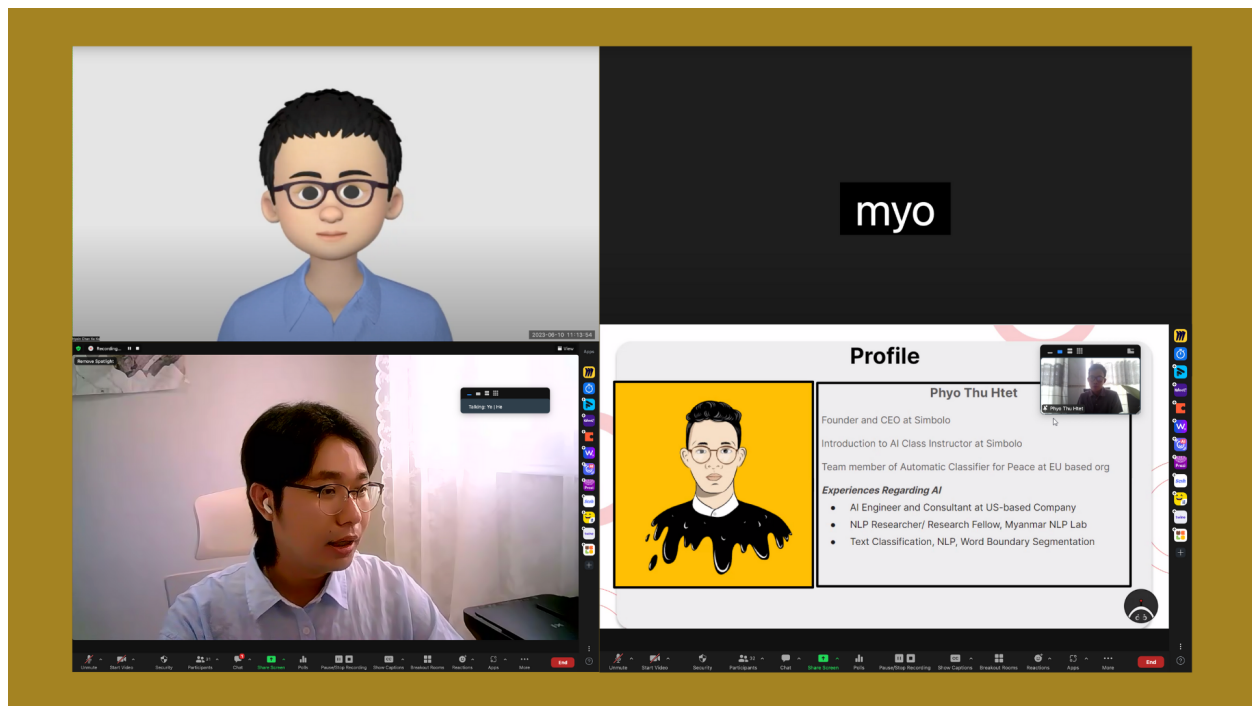
The NetMission Ambassadors organize the annual Youth Internet Governance Forum (yIGF) around Asia Pacific since 2010 to support and encourage youth participation on Internet governance, the ambassadors have been organising the yIGF in the Asia-Pacific regions, including Singapore, Tokyo, Seoul, Delhi, Macao, Taipei, Bangkok and Port Vila since 2010.

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Screenshot of Forum Day 1 Session (International Speakers)

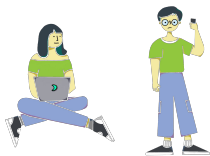


Forum Day 1 started with Opening Remarks by Anja Gengo \_ UN IGF Secretariat, where she shared about the IGF 2022 process and how we can strengthen the role of NRIs. Subsequently, under the representation of Edmon CHUNG, CEO of DotAsia Organisation, Phyo provided insights into the concepts of IGF (Internet Governance Forum) and Multi-Stakeholders. She also delved into the intricacies of Misinformation and Disinformation, elucidating on the bottom-up multi-stakeholder model and its relevance in global policy development. The Showcase session began with Jenna FUNG presenting NetMission Academy, followed by Boyoung KIM covering the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy. Sagarika Wickramasekara provided details on the Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance, and Nicolas Fiumarelli introduced the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance.



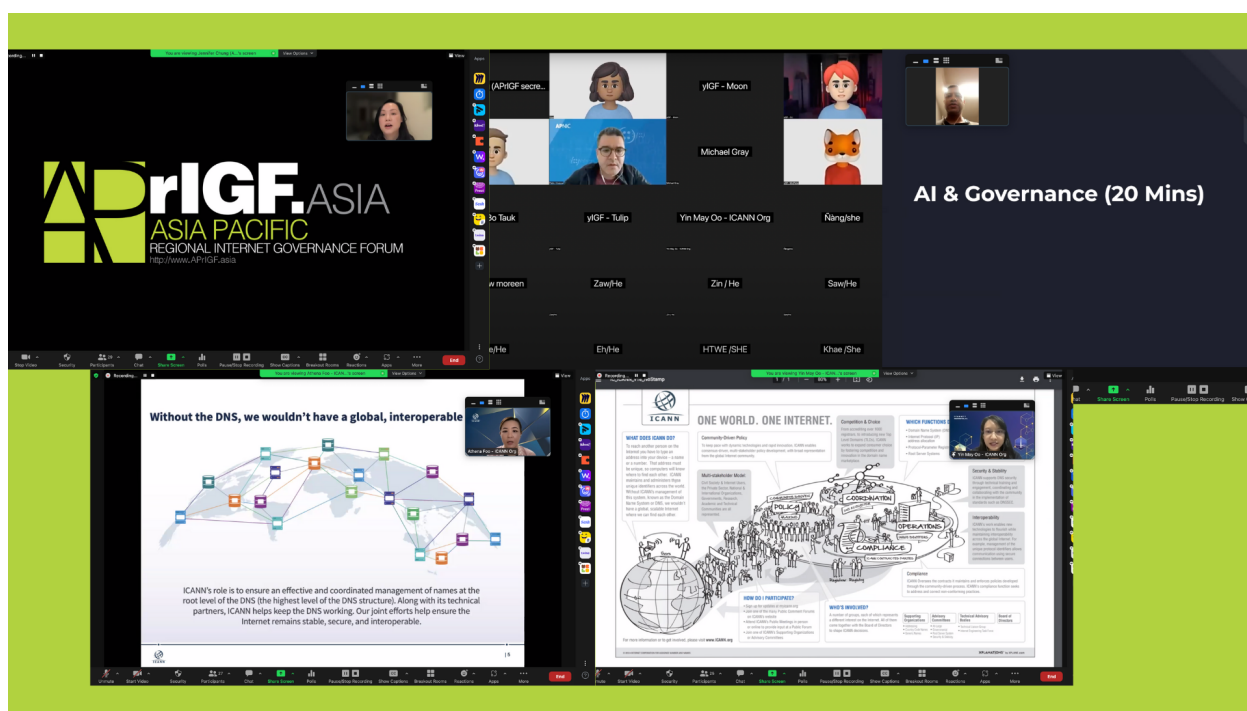
*Screenshot of Forum Day 1 Session (Local Speakers)*

Followed after is the highlight of the forum, panel discussion on Potential Benefits and Challenges of AI. Dr. Myo Thida, Ko Ye Naing and Dr. Nyein Chan Ko Ko shared about challenges to implementing AI in education, such as limited infrastructure, access to technology, and teacher training and technology knowledge gap among Myanmar's young people further exacerbates these



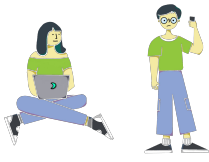
challenges, emphasizing the need for comprehensive education reforms, increased investment in digital literacy programs, and strategic policies to bridge the gap and prepare the youth for the evolving demands of the changing world during this political turmoil in Myanmar.

Following this, attendees engaged in a Town Hall session, delving into discussions on pertinent policy issues and contributing their insights for inclusion in the comprehensive summary report. Wrapping up Day 1, participants received insights into the presentations they are slated to deliver on Day 2.



Screenshot of Forum Day 2 Session

On the forum day 2, one of the yIGF organizing committee members briefly introduced about the yIGF Myanmar and followed by showcase sessions of regional organizations and forums such as Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF), Asia Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC) and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). After the showcase sessions, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, social activist and publisher of AI Governance for Nepal shared about the



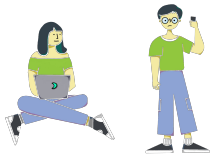
topic on AI and governance, specifically focusing on how to make sure to govern the use of Artificial Intelligence. Michael L. Gray (SecDev Foundation) also appeared as a special guest sharing some insights of the support to the endeavors of the Organizing Committee of yIGF Myanmar.

In the following session, Peter\_ a yIGF organizing committee member shared about the AI tools which are currently popular for educational and working purposes. In addition, Ri Na and Moon, also committee members, presented their conducted research on online harassment and key findings of their research. Following this, Tulip ,another committee member, shared digital safety knowledge with participants.

As a last part of day 2, the moderator explained about the town hall session such as how the inputs of the participants will be consolidated in the summary report. After that, participants were assigned to the breakout rooms and they discussed the emerging Internet-related issues based on the internet policy questions.

### **Stage III : Post forum activities**

To assess the effectiveness of the forum organizing team and gather participant insights, we solicited authentic feedback via a Google Form. Subsequently, we curated a comprehensive document for reporting purposes within the Internet governance community. This summary report will be disseminated to the community through mailing list addresses and will also be made publicly available on our website.

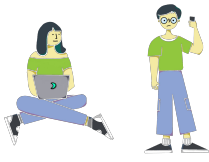


### List of Local Guest Speakers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Stakeholder group or Region</i>
Dr. Myo Thida	Female	Government
Ko Ye Naing	Male	Private Sector
Dr. Nyein Chan Ko Ko	Male	Technical Community
Ko Phyo Thu Htet	Male	Technical Community
Yin May Oo	Female	Technical Community

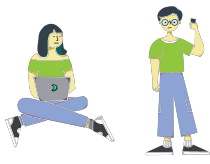
### List of International Guest Speakers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Stakeholder group or Region</i>
Anja Gengo	Female	Intergovernmental Organization
Athena FOO	Female	Technical Community
Boyoung KIM	Female	Government
Edmon Chung	Male	Technical Community
Jennifer CHUNG	Female	Technical Community
Jenna Fung	Female	Civil Society
Pablo Hinojosa	Male	Technical Community
Shreedeeep Rayamajhi	Female	Civil Society
Sagarika Wickramasekara	Female	Academia
Nicolas Fiumarelli	Male	Youth



## List of Participants

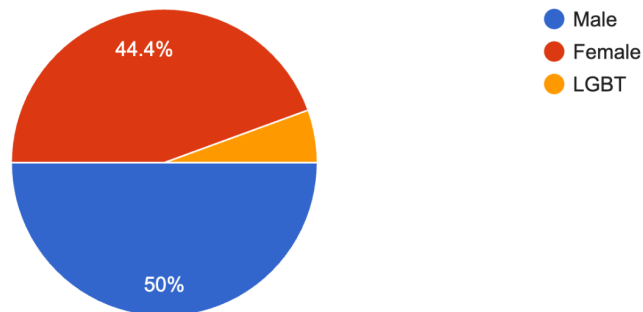
Name	Gender	Region/ State
Htun	Male	Myanmar (current in the Philippines)
Bar Lay	Male	Bago Region
Pyae Phyo	Male	Shan State
Htet Myat	Male	Kachin State
Kon	Male	Mandalay Region
Htwe	Female	Shan State
Reyas	Male	Rakhine State
Kyi Thar	Male	Yangon Region
Moreen	Female	Bago Region
Law Saw	Prefer not to say	Tanintharyi Region
Khan Khae	Female	Shan State
Phoo	Female	Shan State
Khin	Female	Yangon Region
Naing	Male	Mandalay Region
Kyaw	Female	Mandalay Region
Wai	Male	Shan State
Khay	Male	Shan State
Htwe	Female	Shan State



## Survey Results

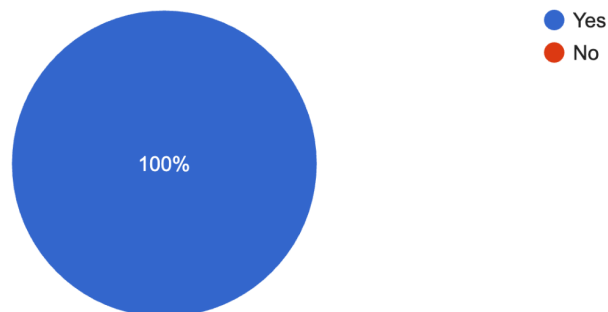
The forum, designed for participants between the ages of 18 and 35 from various regions of Myanmar. Despite receiving 47 applications, the final turnout consisted of 18 attendees.

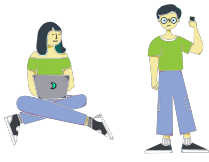
Gender  
18 responses



### Statistics of Participants' Gender

Do you think the sessions covered the forum themes?  
18 responses



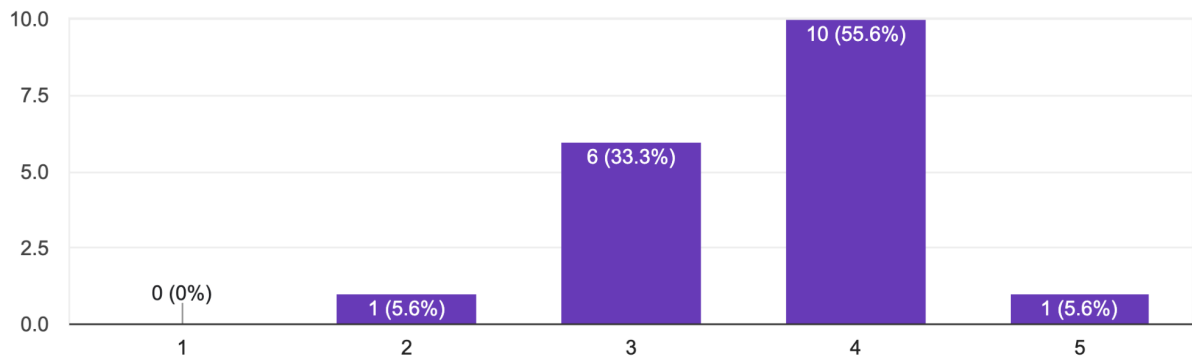


## Result of the participants' feedback

According to the participants' feedback, all of the sessions covered the forum themes and moreover, our project goal was met as we can conclude in the latter statistics.

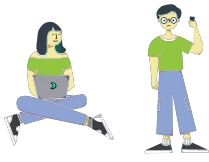
Please score your knowledge gained on Internet Governance from this forum?

18 responses



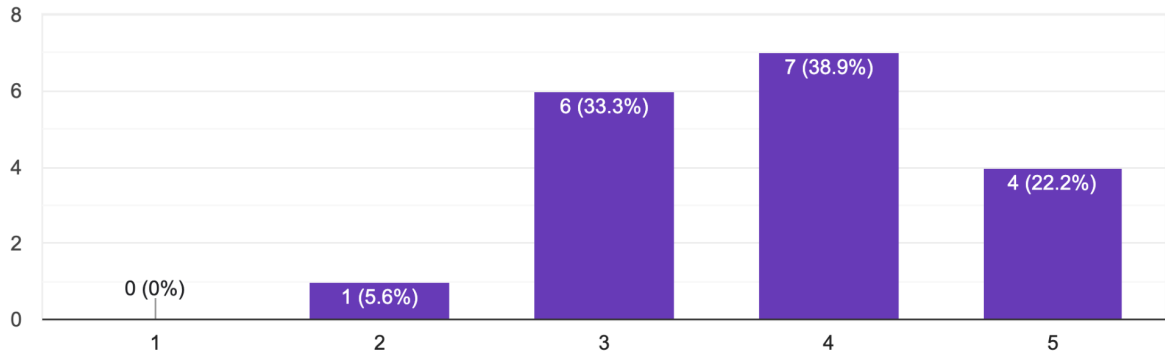
Statistics of the participants: level of knowledge that gained on Internet Governance from the 2nd youth Internet governance forum Myanmar



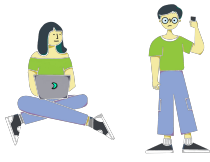


Please rate the knowledge gained about AI from this forum.

18 responses

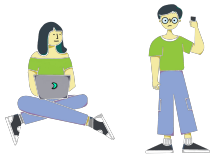


Participant statistics regarding the extent of AI knowledge acquired during the second Youth Internet Governance Forum in Myanmar.



## Key Takeaways

- The Youth Myanmar Internet Governance Forum emphasized the urgency of cultivating digital expertise and leadership among the youth to address challenges in the digital era. Netmission.asia and APSIG emerged as crucial players, providing platforms for youth engagement, capacity building, and advocacy in Internet governance.
- Internet governance involves diverse stakeholders and regional forums, such as APriGF, play a crucial role. ICANN and APNIC is a central player in coordinating domain names and IP addresses on a global scale.
- Responsible and ethical AI governance is essential for protecting individual rights, fostering innovation, and collaboration. AI, and digital security are integral parts of navigating the digital landscape effectively. Password management and online security are critical aspects of digital safety.
- AI Technical difficulties hinder the presentation's visual elements. Topics include AI generating user-friendly PDFs, freelance slide creation, photo and video editing, animation generation, and research on online harassment.
- Emphasis on digital safety and training for effective navigation in the digital world. While having discussion on online security, password management, and changing passwords.
- Collaboration, inclusivity, and support at all levels were emphasized as essential elements to create a safe, secure, and accessible online environment that upholds human rights.



## Town Hall Insights Exchange

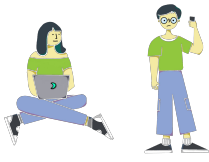
### Internet Policy Questions (Day 1)

- What do you think of AI?
- What do you think of the role of AI and the future of Myanmar?
- How do you get access to AI tools? Who can be fostered to get access to them or more ?
- What if AI technology is widely used among different stakeholders in Myanmar, what would be the impacts to the community?
- How can partnerships and collaborations be fostered to facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity building in AI in the local community?
- Have you ever heard any abuse cases of using AI ? How can we address them?
- Can AI be a failure in Myanmar? How?

### Internet Policy Questions (Day 2)

- What do you think about AI and Regulation in Myanmar?
- Do you have any experiences or have you heard about AI & Online Harassment in the Myanmar community? If yes, please elaborate it briefly.
- How could we address the online harassment linked with potential misuse of AI in Myanmar?
- What are we currently needing in our community urgently related to AI in the education sector?
- Would AI be the threats and benefits for getting the jobs in the future if it is widely used among the Myanmar community? How?
- How do you see AI for the artists? How would AI impact creativity in all fields in Myanmar in the future?

In Myanmar, the future role of AI is seen as dependent on factors like education and effective governance, with current challenges including limited awareness of AI, language barriers, and the

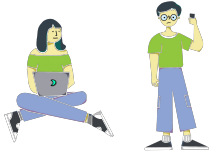


evolving landscape of online learning. The successful integration of AI is contingent on addressing governance issues, accountability, and legal frameworks. The participants anticipate increased AI usage in various industries, particularly in the education technology sector. They emphasize the need for a collaborative community effort, focusing on empowering young people through Internet access and educational content. The positive impact of AI, such as increased efficiency and economic growth, is acknowledged, but concerns about job displacement, ethical issues, and inequality are raised.

Responsible deployment and inclusive policies are deemed necessary to mitigate these challenges. Financial support from international organizations is sought, and the forum participants expect advocacy works to collaborate among local organizations to address inequality and seek external assistance. The misuse of AI is highlighted, with a call for knowledge to address these issues. Despite challenges, participants express optimism about the future of AI in Myanmar, especially if young people maintain faith in its positive potential and persevere in overcoming obstacles.

In a forum discussion focused on AI regulations in Myanmar, participants express their concerns over the limited understanding of existing regulations and their potential inadequacy to address future challenges. They stress the importance of involvement from elected officials accountable to the public, particularly in matters of privacy. The underdevelopment of AI regulations is attributed to the current political and developmental situation in Myanmar. A notable concern is the misuse of AI technology, specifically the creation of explicit content for sexual harassment.

The participants propose a multi-faceted approach to AI governance, including raising awareness, advocating for fair regulations, strengthening laws, collaborating with tech companies, establishing ethical guidelines, ensuring data protection, and promoting international cooperation. Their discussion also highlights the importance of educating the youth about AI, cautioning against overreliance on AI models for academic purposes. Despite recognizing the challenges posed by AI, participants see opportunities for innovation and job creation, emphasizing the need for skill development, supportive policies, and intellectual property protection, especially in the artistic domain.



In conclusion, the discourse on the future of AI in Myanmar underscores the pivotal role of education, effective governance, and responsible deployment to harness the technology's potential. Participants also acknowledge the current challenges, including limited awareness, governance issues, and concerns about job displacement and ethical considerations.

The forum emphasizes the importance of inclusive policies, collaboration, and international support to address these challenges. While optimism prevails regarding AI's positive impact on efficiency and economic growth, participants stress the need for vigilance against misuse. The call for multi-faceted AI governance, encompassing awareness campaigns, fair regulations, ethical guidelines, and international cooperation, reflects a collective commitment to shaping a responsible and beneficial AI landscape in Myanmar, where innovation and job creation can thrive alongside prudent safeguards.

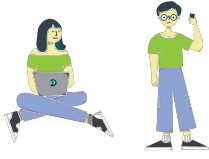
### Feedbacks

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*English Translation: "I like the sharing of knowledge and technical aspects. I think it would be better if it could host a few more days, maybe four or five days."*

*"I have some suggestions about time management. Some session speakers had not got enough time to explain all about the points they wanted to share in this forum. So that, if yIGF is going to have another forum in the coming year, make sure about time management and prepare to give more time for speakers to share all they want. Thank you !!"*

*"Your organization is very admirable as you all are taking the new technological opportunities to MYANMAR Youth. I appreciate it a lot."*



## Overview of Project Budget

For our second forum, we maximized volunteer efforts to minimize expenses, relying on core funding to cover essential costs like communication fees for committee members, honorarium for local speakers, participant communication bills, working space rental, and transportation charges. The total financial expenditure for the second virtual forum was 370,370 MMK.

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## "Closing Thoughts"

*While the forum faced challenges due to the ongoing political situation, the organizing committee anticipates a growing interest from participants, with hopes that the voices of youth in Internet governance will continue to gain involvement and amplification.*