

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting I | 15 January 2024 at 14:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- IGF Secretariat will share the second updated version of the annual work plan for the NRIs coordinators to endorse.
1. The first virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle was hosted on 15 January 2024 at 14:00 UTC.
 2. The IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point hosted the meeting. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2.
 3. The Host opened the meeting by reminding the participants that its objective is to meet with the new IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group Chair, Ms Carol Roach, to discuss synergies with the MAG and finalise the annual 2024 NRIs report.
 4. The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below:

Summary of points

5. The Chair of the MAG underlined the importance of the NRIs for the entire IGF ecosystem and expressed commitment to collaborating more closely with the NRIs and learning from their practices.
6. Several NRI coordinators underlined the importance of responding to global initiatives to gain visibility and ensure a healthy bottom-up and multistakeholder impact on global processes whose outcomes may affect everyone. Specifically, the NRIs were invited to consider responding to the following initiatives:
 - [CSTD questionnaire](#) to support consultative preparations for the WSIS+20 Review process. The questionnaire is open until 29 February 2024.¹
 - The IGF Leadership Panel's consultations on forming the vision for the ['Internet We Want' \(IWW\) consultation](#) (inputs are accepted by 1 March 2024).²
 - Consider how the NRIs could contribute to the [UN Summit of the Future](#) and follow up on the already good contributions to the Global Digital Compact.³
7. Some NRI coordinators called for a more strategic approach to this year's planning to achieve better integration of the NRIs in the overall annual IGF programme throughout the year, going beyond

¹ https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccJBkWcxFirNJnYRppt_fKqNUMTdQRzg5VjdVN0lZWEJDNIVCQkNWSTY2VCQIQCN0PWcu

² <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/the-internet-we-want>

³ <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/summit-of-the-future>

NRIs-organized sessions. One of the suggested ways was the integration of the NRIs in the IGF intersessional work referencing the parliamentary track as an example of good practice.

8. There were requests for doing more on digital inclusion, especially regarding people with disabilities and those who need support in digital literacy.
9. Several coordinators called for a better exchange of good practices toward newcomers from more experienced stakeholders, including on substance and the IGF process. There was a proposal to create a knowledge-sharing platform ('knowledge hub') for NRIs and the MAG to exchange best practices and mutual learning. To support this exchange, there was a proposal to have a template created to help document NRIs' impact and possibly have these produced as part of a collective unique publication.
10. One NRI coordinator shared a positive experience regarding how MAG's engagement in a national IGF enhances its visibility. It was further said that the MAG can help the NRIs by facilitating connections with experts, actively engaging in local processes, providing in-person support for local events, and leveraging social media for outreach. Furthermore, the proposal emphasised the value of establishing a network of experts through MAG facilitation.
11. In the long term, it was concluded that the NRIs and the MAG are committed to cooperating, recognising that this cooperation can significantly strengthen the IGF.
12. The participants agreed to finalise the annual NRIs work plan over the NRIs mailing list due to lack of time.

Next steps:

13. The IGF Secretariat will send the action points to the mailing list after the meeting for a final endorsement, followed by a summary report.
14. A doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent, offering UTC hours for mid-February 2024.
15. 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 I

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Endorsing NRIs 2024 work plan and next steps
3. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order⁴):*

⁴ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Abdías A. Zambrano A., Youth Panama IGF
3. Aboul Hassane CISSE, Mali IGF
4. Ahmad Farag, Nort African IGF
5. Aishath Adnan, Maldives IGF
6. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
7. Amrita Choudhury, India IGF
8. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
9. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
10. Athanase Bahizire, Youth DR Congo IGF
11. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
12. Bhubon Ahmed, Bangaldesh IGF
13. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
14. Carlos Alberto Afonso, Brazil IGF
15. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
16. Carol Roach, MAG Chair
17. Christine Arida, Arab IGF
18. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
19. Denise Leal, Youth LACIGF
20. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
21. Ellice Mansfield, UK IGF
22. Emilia Paukus, a community member from France
23. Francisco J. Montesdeoca, Youth LACIGF
24. Georgia Evans, Canada IGF
25. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF
26. Ihita Gauranau, India Youth IGF
27. Jenna Fung, Youth APriGF
28. Jennifer Chung, APriGF
29. Jennifer Chung, APriGF
30. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
31. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
32. julian Casasbuenas G. – Colnodo, Colombia IGF, LACIGF
33. Junko KAWAUCHI, Japan IGF
34. Karen Cruz, Youth LACIGF
35. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
36. Konstantina Nathanail, Digital World Summit Greece
37. Kossi Amessinou, Bénin IGF
38. Letsatsi Lekhooa, Lesotho IGF
39. Lia Hernandez, Panama IGF
40. Lilian Chamorro, LACIGF
41. Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Ghana IGF
42. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
43. Mariam Jobe, African IGF
44. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
45. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
46. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
47. Millenium Anthony, Namibia IGF
48. Mohammad Abdul Haque, Bangaldesh IGF
49. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
50. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
51. Nigel Hickson, UK IGF

52. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
53. Patience Luyeye, DR Congo IGF
54. Pedro de Perdigão Lana, Youth LACIGF
55. Peter Koch, German IGF
56. Phyo, Youth Myanmar IGF
57. Rabie Bouyahiaoui, Youth IGF Movement community
58. Ramadhan, Iraq IGF
59. Rita Wehbe, Arab IGF
60. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
61. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF
62. Salieu Mansaray, Sierra Leone IGF
63. Salyou Fanny, Ivory Coast IGF
64. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
65. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
66. Sonali Zol, India Youth IGF
67. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
68. Susana Chaves Araya, Costa Rica IGF
69. Taiwo Peter Akinremi, West African IGF
70. Thy Try, Cambodia Youth IGF
71. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Youth Colombia IGF
72. Wiktor Skwarek, Poland IGF
73. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
74. YingChu Chen, APriGF
75. Zdravko Jukic, Croatia IGF
76. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF