

# IGF Chile 2023

## Narrative report, June 2023

### Date and venue

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9, 2023, in Temuco and Santiago, respectively, in a hybrid format with live transmission. In Temuco, the event was held at the Frontera Hotel, Manuel Bulnes 726 street, and in Santiago at the Enrique D'Etengy Auditorium of the Beauchef Campus of the University of Chile. There was no general theme, but the generic motto of the "first Internet governance forum" of IGF Chile was used.

### Host Information

The event was sponsored by the Araucanía Regional Government (GORE), the Araucanía Regional Council (CORE), the Desarrolla Araucanía Corporation, and the Chilean Production Development Corporation (CORFO). The event was organized by the EPAS Foundation, NIC Chile, the Faculty of Physical Sciences and Mathematics of the University of Chile, the University of Bío-Bío, and the GesPublica Foundation. Supporting sponsors were El Austral and JAC.

### Multi-stakeholder Organizing Team

The organizing team was made up of the following members: Stefan Berres (EPAS Foundation) from civil society, Marcelo Valenzuela (NIC Chile) from the technical community, Luis Pinaud (Digital Government) from the government sector, and Rodrigo Vallette (Buses Jac) from the private sector.

### Reflection to the records and information regarding preparatory meetings

The organizing team together with the secretariat began with weekly meetings starting in April 2022. We evaluated various coordination strategies. To generate visibility background and benchmarks, we held 3 webinars, started as a "test launch" on Wednesday, April 27 2022, with an initial talk on "Review of the state of the art of public policies in Chile related to digital governance"; a second webinar on Wednesday May 25 was on "Connection by community networks in unconnected locations and possible solutions" and a third webinar on "Artificial Intelligence and Governance" was held on August 11. All webinars are available on the corresponding channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@igfchile>

In a comparison of registers in similar or referential countries, we identified the following categories to guide the panels: Infrastructure & Gaps, Education and Transformation, Innovation & Future, Neutrality & Governance, Security & Surveillance, Economy & Markets. We have identified bottom line themes as related to connection such as "Infrastructure & Gaps" and "Resilient Internet Infrastructure". We have also identified well emerging themes such as "Future of the Internet" and "artificial intelligence". Regarding alternative topics, we have identified some such as "Digital Health" and "Sustainability and Environment in the digital age" as relevant, but due to capacity limitations we finally did not organize corresponding panels in the annual meeting.

## Description of how the preparatory process was conducted in accordance with the main IGF principles

The main method of the multistakeholder organizing team and the secretary was a direct reach on key topics and available key stakeholders who finally participated in the annual event. In the context of the webinars, the organizing team made several calls for public meetings, which did not result in greater input due to lack of visibility and community. To make visible the spectrum of interests of the IGF Chile community, some suggestions made in a consultation during the registration process are shared:

- Internet and home security
- Humboldt cable project, what opportunities does it generate for the country?
- Net neutrality and ensuring connectivity in rural sectors of the region: What strategies will be developed at the regional level at the digital level to increase public value? How will it be put into practice? How will its impact be measured?
- Incorporation of AI in decision-making within the public system.
- Advances in the field of Artificial Intelligence constitute an opportunity that the country could take advantage of to solve the various social, economic and -perhaps- political problems that challenge us. Specifically, AI could be one of the guiding principles of a State policy for the development of Chile. Would it be pertinent and possible to promote its elaboration in the current conditions, where the political class seems to know only the word competition and not collaboration?
- Ideas: problems about connectivity and Internet access in urban and peripheral sectors of the greater Temuco. In mobile and home networks.
- Protection of personal data in relation to digital government and digital citizen education.
- investigation, persecution and punishment of illicit
- I am used to the private sector and many times when I want to contribute to the public sector I find myself faced with many processes and institutions that I do not understand and I find it difficult to navigate. Is there a special skill set required to be able to deal with the PUBLIC part of this? I find it extremely difficult to coordinate public institutions than concrete human groups
- How we make cities really "smart" from public policies.
- What is the current state of net neutrality? Is it being audited, especially on the issue of zero rating? Why do operators continue to offer offers with zero rating?
- WISP in Chile with satellite internet, how to legalize, projects to apply
- What does Tpp11 affect the net neutrality that we currently have
- Digital justice and information gap: what are the problems that the state faces in these issues?
- What will be the focuses of work in Entrepreneurship and Innovation?
- How can we integrate business Participation with an action plan where a strategic plan and a model are carried out to combat security, drug trafficking, kidnappings in the towns and sectors of Temuco, with this the work of identity PDI in the corners of every traffic light.
- What are the biggest cases in which our nation was able to alter the internet?
- Access Mapuche communities
- Application of the State Digital Transformation Law
- The digital risk and inequality generated by OpenData and AI for the "Internet middle class"

(technicians and professionals in the knowledge economy)

With the data of around 100 registered people and the same order of magnitude of participants, it is expected to have formed a visibility and community to be able to prepare the next annual event with a greater breadth of participatory calls.

### **Complete agenda of the meeting, with listing the speakers/presenters**

#### **Thursday June 18, 2023, Temuco**

08:30 am: Welcome remarks by the Regional Governor of Araucanía, Luciano Alejandro Rivas Stepke

08:45 am: Welcome words from the IGF Chile coordinator, Stefan Berres

09:00 – 10:30 am: Panel “Digital Chile, Innovation and Future”

1. Guido Girardi, Encounters of the Future Foundation
2. Andrés Bustamante, former director of Digital Government

- 20 minutes Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00: Panel “Connectivity and skills for a digital Chile”

1. Juan Pablo Longueira, Chile Levantemos Challenge Foundation
2. Rodrigo Garrido, director of the Pucón UFRO campus

- 20 minutes Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:30: Panel 3 “Digital Divide”

1. Mitchel Lagley, executive director of Ges Pública
2. Gabriel Epuyao Barrientos, Smart Araucanía
3. Raul Dominguez Bastidas, SUBTEL

#### **Friday June 19, 2023, Santiago**

08:55 am: Welcome words from our Regional Governor of Araucanía, Mr. Luciano Alejandro Rivas Stepke.

09:00 – 10:30 am: “Resilient Infrastructure”

1. Ximena Rojas Prosser, Legal Manager and Regulatory Affairs Netline
2. Claudio Araya, Undersecretary of Telecommunications
3. José Piquer, University of Chile
4. Daniel Halpern, Chilean Telecommunications Cooperative

- 10 minute coffee break

10:45 – 12:00: “Artificial Intelligence”

1. Guido Girardi, Encounters of the Future Foundation
2. Giovanni País, Dual Vision
3. Ignacio Bugueño, University of Chile

- 10 minute coffee break

12:15 – 13:30: "Cybersecurity"

1. Alejandro Hevia, Department of Computer Science, University of Chile
2. Lorena Donoso, University of Chile Law School
3. Cristián Rojas, Cybersecurity Consultant

The recordings of the annual event of IGF Chile 2023 are available through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@igfchile/streams>

## **Summary of the main key points raised in the sessions**

Some main points are summarized below:

### **Connectivity and gaps**

In Chile there is a net neutrality law of 2010, but the status of an effective implementation by executive regulation of the law that sets it into operation remains inconclusive, among other things due to the scarcity of inspection charges to reinforce the implementation of the law. To solve the challenge, best practices in other countries should be reviewed towards a reissue of the net neutrality topic in the next forum.

### **Internet of the future**

Regarding best practices relevant to other countries, there is "neurorights" law approved in 2021 by the Chilean Senate to protect the rights of the brain.

### **Artificial intelligence**

An advancement of governance concepts is the Chilean "National Artificial Intelligence Policy" of the year 2021, with a dozen specialists and several thousand participants in self-convened meeting.

### **Meeting attendance statistics**

We have 92 formally registered participants through the online pre-registration form. The first day there were around 50 onsite and 10 online participants by streaming, the second day there were around 15 on-site participants and 50 online, mixed by streaming and zoom transmission. The online recordings of the two days have a total of 113 and 171 visits, respectively. The participation by stakeholder group can be broken down in the following table:

<b>Stakeholder group</b>	<b>#</b>
Civil Society	38
Private sector	31
Government	15

Technical community	7
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Some news links:

- <https://www.soychile.cl/temuco/sociedad/2023/06/06/814921/foro-de-internet-la-araucania.html>
- [https://desarrollaraucania.cl/uncategorized/la-araucania-sera-sede-del-primer-foro-de-gobernanza-de-internet-de-chile/?fbclid=IwAR3F9NnU4oilmEuz8Ib8bGlpIDZmCFMQvd79EffH6SYYrPRfoyPQqFf\\_Hks](https://desarrollaraucania.cl/uncategorized/la-araucania-sera-sede-del-primer-foro-de-gobernanza-de-internet-de-chile/?fbclid=IwAR3F9NnU4oilmEuz8Ib8bGlpIDZmCFMQvd79EffH6SYYrPRfoyPQqFf_Hks)
- <https://ingenieria.uchile.cl/agenda/205813/encuentro-foro-de-gobernanza-de-internet-igf-chile>
- <https://temucotelevision.cl/web/2023/06/06/la-araucania-sera-sede-del-primer-foro-de-gobernanza-de-internet-de-chile/>

### **Meeting budget information**

The budget of USD 5,000 contributed by an IGF grant includes personnel and contractual services, specifically support personnel for the preparation and general coordination of the annual event, equipment for staff and for remote assistance in multiple locations and professional event production service.

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