

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting II | 19 February 2024 at 11:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- IGF Secretariat will send reminders to the NRIs mailing list regarding participation in the CSTD and Leadership Panel 'Internet We Want' consultations.
 - IGF Secretariat to send a presentation to brief the First MAG Meeting in Riyadh for feedback and endorsement.
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- The second virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle was hosted on 19 February 2024 at 11:00 UTC.
 - 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.
 - The Host opened the meeting by reminding the participants that its objective is to discuss the best approach to implementation of the adopted NRIs annual plan.
 - The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

Summary of points

1. The Host reminded that the next IGF 2024 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting are scheduled to be hosted in Riyadh from 27 to 29 February 2024, and further guided the participants through the meeting's agenda.¹
2. It was suggested that the Leadership Panel and MAG discuss the ways of advancing the IGF by building on the strength of the NRIs. The Host suggested that the NRIs can share their ideas and suggestions directly by participating in the meeting. Some underlined that the ideas to be shared could relate to:
 - NRIs could help with the outreach in their countries/regions to engage the parliamentarians and judiciary as well as different profiles of experts in the IGF processes including the intersessional work and annual meeting. A database could be created for this purpose.
 - NRIs can help to spread important messages (e.g. GDC contribution, various IGF consultations etc.) to their local community; as well as to bring local inputs to the IGF work.
 - NRIs can help to refresh the IGF programme by for example suggesting less known experts to get engaged in the main sessions.
3. The participants agreed that there could be a defined cooperative mechanism between the NRIs and the IGF intersessional work. Some added that a learning point could be the practice of the

¹ <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-first-open-consultations-and-mag-meeting>

Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) collecting inputs from the regional IGF. It was further added that the PNMA co-chair and NRIs focal point will communicate this practice to the NRIs mailing list.

4. It was reminded that last year's parliamentary track successfully cooperated with the regional IGFs and this can be a good practice to follow this year for all intersessional workstreams.
5. In light of several Dynamic Coalitions calling for cooperation with the NRIs during the 18th IGF in Kyoto, it was suggested to explore the potential for cooperation.
6. Some noted that there is a need to measure the NRIs impact and follow up on the annual NRIs reports.
7. One participant expressed concerns regarding the IGF call for session timeline explaining it is challenging to align with it given the hosting of NRIs meetings in the second half of the year. This year's meeting being late in the year could be a good opportunity to ensure a session that will follow up on all NRIs key outputs. If possible, it was suggested that a slot of 60+ min is reserved for this proposal.
8. For the updates from the NRIs on the 3rd day of the MAG Meeting in Riyadh, the NRIs Focal Point committed to prepare a 3-5 min brief on the current record of recognized NRIs and present the annual NRIs workplan. This draft brief will be shared with the NRIs beforehand for their review.

Approach to implementing the NRIs 2024 annual work plan

9. The Host guided the participants through the agreed NRIs work plan.² The discussion focused on the work plan objectives 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.
10. The Host encouraged the NRIs to contribute to the WSIS+20 and GDC processes and committed to sending a reminder regarding completing the CSTD questionnaire by the end of February to the NRIs mailing list.
11. The NRIs were invited to join the MAG Working Group on Strategy and contribute to its efforts to prepare a written input to the CSTD consultations to contribute to this effort. A related communication on this will be sent to the NRIs mailing list.
12. The NRIs were also invited to contribute to the consultations on the IGF Leadership Panel 'The Internet We Want' paper until 8 March. It was said that a reminder will be sent to the NRIs mailing list.
13. As an example of good practice in contributing to global processes, participation in the GDC consultations by Bangladesh IGF was recognized. It was also noted that several member states recognized the value of the NRIs during the Government-only GDC consultations.
14. In light of the lack of the Government's participation in the NRIs processes, it was agreed to update the NRIs brochure to brief the parliaments and governments.
15. Some recognized as an issue that the brochure is not enough as a mechanism to help engage the Governments, as its wording is adjusted to the concept of all stakeholder groups being part of the NRIs processes. There was a suggestion to produce a cartography to help understand which

² https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/21/26977

stakeholder groups are in the role of the secretariat in the NRIs work and identify any related gaps.

16. Several NRIs shared their practices regarding the involvement of Governments in their NRIs processes, e.g. Tanzania IGF regularly communicates with the ICT Ministry and the national Parliament; the Secretariat for the North African IGF was a Government entity now to be transferred to Mauritania; the France IGF multistakeholder organizing committee has the Regulator engaged; Italian IGF is working now more closely with the Government; The Gambia IGF has a focal point in the ICT Ministry which helps the communication; The West African IGF multistakeholder organizing committee has members from the Governments.

Other

- A question arose regarding the Host Country's intention to organize a national IGF, noting its long-term significance as a commendable practice endorsing multistakeholder and other IGF principles.
- The NRIs Focal Point affirmed that the Host Country has expressed interest in hosting a national IGF. Additionally, numerous participants expressed their readiness to offer guidance and support from the expertise of NRIs if required by the Host.

The next NRIs meeting will be hosted in March. A doodle poll to choose the best time will be selected through the NRIs mailing list.

Next steps:

1. The IGF Secretariat will send the action points to the mailing list after the meeting for a final endorsement, followed by a summary report.
2. A doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent, offering UTC hours for second half of March 2024.
3. 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 II

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs at the IGF 2024 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting in Riyadh
Approach to implementing the NRIs 2024 annual work plan
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ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order³):*

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF

³ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

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. Bhupon 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, APriIGF
75. Zdravko Jukic, Croatia IGF
76. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF

ANNEX A3 INPUTS

- Agenda for the IGF 2024 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-first-open-consultations-and-mag-meeting>
- IGF 2024 NRIs Workplan https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/21/26977