

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting III | 25 March 2024 at 14:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- NRIs to sign up to join any of the three working groups to prepare the NRIs collaborative sessions and help draft session proposals by the end of April 2024.
- The third virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle was hosted on 25 March 2024 at 14:00 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 list of meeting inputs is attached as Annex A3.
- The Host opened the meeting by reminding the participants that its objective is to plan the thematic focus of the NRIs sessions at the 19th annual IGF meeting in Riyadh hosted on 15-19 December 2024.
- The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

Summary of points

1. The Host opened the meeting by briefing the participants about the main outcomes of the IGF 2024 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting hosted in Riyadh from 27 to 29 February 2024 by informing that the meeting themes are adopted and intersessional work approved:
 - IGF 2024 Overarching theme: Building our Multistakeholder Digital Future
 - The programme's main sub-themes are:
 - *Harnessing innovation and balancing risks in the digital space*
 - *Enhancing the digital contribution to peace, development, and sustainability*
 - *Advancing human rights and inclusion in the digital age*
 - *Improving digital governance for the Internet We Want*
 - The intersessional work follows the last year's structure:
 - *1 Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity*
 - *3 Policy Networks on Meaningful Access; Artificial Intelligence; and Internet Fragmentation*
2. Participants were then invited to share their advice and insight on what could be the topics for the NRIs sessions, prioritizing the three NRIs collaborative sessions over the coordination and main session given that the proposals need to be drafted by the end of April.
3. A rich discussion resulted in several conclusions and ideas for the way forward, as summarised further below.
4. It was agreed that the thematic focus of the three NRIs Collaborative Sessions is:

- **Responsible governance of new and emerging digital technologies**
 - **Addressing disinformation and misinformation in the context of political elections**
 - **Inclusion of underserved countries in DNS industry**
5. The Secretariat confirmed that the draft proposals need to be prepared by the end of April. To ensure this, interested NRIs were invited to join the working groups to share inputs and shape the proposals. It was further said that the IGF Secretariat will support each group as a facilitator of discussion and pen holder based on the received inputs. The NRIs coordinators and other delegated NRIs community members were invited to sign up to join the working groups through an open form <https://forms.gle/td46FNRD7dQsDTnb7> until **31 March**.
 6. The discussion further resulted in several notes participants agreed should be considered in further planning of the sessions:
 - **Responsible governance of new and emerging digital technologies**
 - Important not to focus only on AI, but also on the use of AI regulation as an example to illustrate how new and emerging tech could be regulated;
 - Consider comparative practices and how multistakeholder principle is positioned in regard to these technologies' regulation;
 - Consider addressing need/concept of cooperation; and ethical aspects.
 - **Addressing disinformation and misinformation in the context of political elections**
 - Consider addressing role of AI; and accountability of social media; as well as end-user protection.
 - **Inclusion of underserved countries in DNS industry**
 - Ensure the scope is broader and simplify the wording to make it understandable to all stakeholders.
 7. Overall, addressing cybersecurity cross-cutting aspects could be considered throughout the sessions.
 8. Regarding the NRIs Coordination Session, usually hosted on day 0 for 90 minutes, participants agreed that the session could consider the following aspects:
 - Role of NRIs in advancing the multistakeholder model in light of the Global Digital Compact and WSIS+20 Review
 - NRIs's role in the GDC follow-up mechanism
 - Increasing engagement between the IGF and Governments via or with NRIs
 9. Participants also briefly addressed a possible thematic orientation of the NRIs Main Session. There were views that the NRIs main session could consider focusing on the aspects proposed for the NRIs coordination session (see above). Particularly, it was added to explore the opportunities to address how the IGF could evolve with the support of the NRIs.
 10. There were also views to consider addressing cybersecurity international cooperation through the NRIs main session.
 11. Participants agreed that the next NRIs meeting in April will focus on discussing the topics for the NRIs coordination session and NRIs main session taking into account all the inputs summarised above, but also on the best ways NRIs can cooperate with the intersessional work. A doodle poll will be sent to the list to help choose the best time.

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. NRIs will be invited to sign up to join the working groups to prepare for the NRIs collaborative sessions.
3. A doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent, offering earlier UTC hours for the second half of April 2024.
4. 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 III

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Debrief from IGF 2024 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
3. Selecting topics for NRIs sessions at IGF 2024
4. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (*in alphabetical order*¹):

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, Bangladesh 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

¹ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

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, Bangladesh 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. Phyto, 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

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