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# Draft IGF 2021 Summary

*Sixteenth Meeting of Internet Governance Forum*

*6–10 December 2021*

*Katowice, Poland*

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# 1 IGF 2021 at a Glance

<b>When</b>	6-10 December 2021 Katowice, Poland and online
<b>IGF 2021 in numbers</b>	10,371 participants from 175 countries 318 sessions
<b>Overarching theme</b>	Internet United
<b>6 Issue areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic &amp; Social Inclusion and Human Rights</li><li>• Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity</li><li>• Emerging Regulation: Market Structure, Content, Data and Consumer Rights Protection</li><li>• Environmental Sustainability &amp; Climate Change</li><li>• Inclusive Internet Governance Ecosystems and Digital Rights</li><li>• Trust, Security, Stability</li></ul>
<b>IGF Tracks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue-area tracks - IGF Community Sessions</li><li>• IGF High-Level leaders track</li><li>• Global Youth Summit</li><li>• IGF Parliamentary track</li><li>• IGF Intersessional work track</li></ul>

## 2 IGF 2021 Introduction

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The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a global multistakeholder platform that brings stakeholders together to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet. The forum is convened by the United Nations Secretary-General, in line with the mandate set out in paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society. The IGF's mandate was renewed in 2006 for 10 years.

In 2021, the forum held its 16th annual meeting in a hybrid format, in Katowice, Poland and online. Under the overarching theme *Internet United*, the meeting featured discussion on some of the most pressing Internet and digital policy issues, from meaningful access, digital rights, and cybersecurity, to the challenges and opportunities offered by advanced technologies such as AI and quantum computing.

The [IGF 2021 Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#) (MAG), with members appointed by the UN Secretary-General from all stakeholder groups, supported the planning of the 16th annual IGF meeting.

## 3 IGF 2021 Highlights

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### Opening ceremony

The meeting opened with [remarks](#) from the United Nations Secretary-General and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, as well as the President and Prime Minister of Poland.

*“The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the life-changing power of the Internet. Digital technology has saved lives by enabling millions of people to work, study and socialise safely online. But the pandemic has also magnified the digital divide, and the dark side of technology: the lightning-fast spread of misinformation; the manipulation of people’s behaviour; and more. We can only address these challenges united, through strengthened cooperation: by establishing clear rules to safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms; by regaining control over our data; by countering disinformation and hate speech; and by connecting everyone to the Internet by 2030. The Internet Governance Forum has a crucial role in shaping the conversation.”*

**(United Nations Secretary-General)**

*“The numerous presence here on the site in Katowice, but also online due to the current pandemic situation only shows the significance of the digital space in present days and how important its issues are for us all. Let’s be honest, if there was no Internet, we would not be able to meet in such a big numbers these days.”*

**(President of the Republic of Poland)**

*“The pandemic has impacted how we live, how we work and how we interact with each other. And how those unconnected are left further behind. The IGF could deliver its promise for shaping a digital future for the world – turning the COVID-19 crisis into opportunities. Indeed, this is easier said than done, as global Internet governance is complex. But united, we can succeed, together.”*

**(United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs)**

*“For the first time in history, Poland is hosting the global Internet Governance Forum organized here in Katowice, International Conference Centre and we Poles, are honored to hold this important event and we consider it as an appreciation of our efforts and activities in the field of the digitization.”*

**(Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland)**

### Hybrid IGF

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 16th IGF was held as a fully hybrid meeting, with participants joining onsite, in Katowice, and online. With the overall objective of making participation in the meeting meaningful and inclusive for all attendees, the hybrid format included several features:

- **Unique participating platform** through which the meeting discussions were implemented in an equal manner for all participants, regardless if they connected to it from the venue in Katowice or any other part of the world.
- **3D Venue** was created as an equivalent to the onsite venue, for all participants to have an opportunity to enter its digital 3D equivalent. As onsite participants, the online participants will also have an opportunity to enter the meeting room and connect to the participating platform.

- **IGF Village**, composed of over 23 booths organized by different organizations at the venue, had have their 3D booths equivalents.
- **Participation** in all sessions allowed for having speakers/moderators/rapporteurs participating completely online or in a mixed setting. Regardless, each session was allocated a room in Katowice with a screen projecting the Zoom room, and a support team of staff for technical and overall logistical implementation.
- **Remote hubs** were an effective alternative to organized participation for those unable to travel, hence substantively and in several cases, financially, supported.
- **Time zone** of the meeting programme corresponded to the Central European Time with slightly extended working hours aiming at accommodating as many time zones as possible. For those challenged by the time zone difference or simply other commitments, there was an opportunity to communicate interventions beforehand or after the session.
- **Hybrid feedback** also allowed to engage in sessions live onsite or online, or asynchronously (perhaps due to time zone difficulties) and watch session recordings, they will be able to register their input with session organizers using session-specific hashtags. All comments can be made on social media - with Twitter the preferred platform for ease of use - and tagged according to the guidelines here. Session organizers will be advised by the Secretariat to scan Twitter for comments and take them into account for their reports.
- **Bilateral meetings** could also be organized with online participation.
- **Networking** social opportunities also allowed for online participation through digital networking platform and online connection to physically hosted events.
- **New website and mobile app** were also made available to support easier navigation of the IGF 2021 content.

### **A strengthened Parliamentary track**

In 2019 and 2020, the IGF parliamentary track consisted of a roundtable in which over 70 members of parliaments (MPs) from around the world engaged in discussions on Internet and digital policy issues. In 2021, the track was strengthened to include (a) a series of online preparatory sessions held between September and November, and (b) three topical sessions held in the context of IGF 2021, in addition to the now traditional roundtable. (*More details below.*)

### **Involvement of UN Agencies**

The Forum saw over 45 entities from the UN system involved in the 16th IGF through organising specific sessions or participating as speakers. An open forum, specifically dedicated to how the United Nations system can support digital transformation and achieve sustainable development goals, engaged senior officials of ten UN agencies, all calling for more cooperation across the system.

### **Focus on Youth**

Throughout the year through cooperation of the Polish Youth IGF, Government of Poland, United Nations on putting in place capacity development track for youth, over five webinars were hosted aiming to engage youth from around the world to prepare the Global Youth Summit.

### **Issue-driven approach**

In response to input from the IGF community and from proposals relating to the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation calling for a more focused IGF, the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) has opted for using an issue-driven approach to design the IGF 2021 programme, to achieve a dual goal:

- Contribute to ongoing IGF evolution and strengthen through an approach to the programme that would encourage focused discussion that delves more deeply into specific issue areas, thereby potentially leading to more focused outcomes.

- Maintain the IGF's open and bottom-up character as a space for dialogue and debate on a wide range of issues considered relevant by people and institutions from all stakeholder groups around the world.

The issue-areas are associated with corresponding narratives, policy questions and issues, to help orient session organizers when submitting session proposals. In addition, several **new types of sessions** are introduced to better respond to the community's demand for the programme's diversity.

### **Capacity development**

Throughout 2021, the IGF Secretariat has been engaged in a series of capacity development activities, including running workshops, providing grants to NRIs, supporting youth engagement and schools of Internet governance and providing travel support for IGF 2021 participants. Capacity development was also an integral part of the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase, as it included:

- Workshops under the theme [Our digital future](#) – organised with the support of Microsoft and with the engagement with various IGF groups such as NRIs, MAG and DCs – and addressing matters related to safe digital transformation in the framework of sustainable development goals.
- Sessions organised in cooperation with NRIs.
- Training sessions for IGF 2021 session organisers and participants, focused broadly on explaining mechanisms of hybrid participation.
- Newcomers session for orienting the first time IGF participants.

### **Follow up to the Secretary-General's Report on "Our Common Agenda"**

Continuous efforts are invested to improve the IGF, in line with its mandate. This also includes responding to the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. To understand the community's views, several rounds of consultations were hosted in the framework of the IGF 2021 process, which contributed to the Secretary-General's decision to introduce a new structural segment of the IGF organisational system, the multistakeholder high-level body called the [Leadership Panel](#). The public call for nominations for the Panel concluded shortly before the 16th IGF and is currently under processing.

Furthermore, the Secretary-General had issued a new report called "Our Common Agenda", which among other matters, calls for IGF to adapt, innovate and reform.

The IGF endeavors to contribute to the **Global Digital Compact** – proposed by the UN Secretary-General – on norms, principles and values as it relates to Internet governance issues based on current and past IGF annual meetings as well as through its sub-groups including the extensive networks of national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) and dynamic coalitions (DCs), as well as its policy networks (PNs) and best practice forums (BPFs).

In parallel with structural changes, efforts are invested in advancing long-term sustainability of the forum. In this regard, three host countries are confirmed, with several expressions of interest for the remaining one.

### **MAG 2022**

Following the public call for nominations, the Secretary-General appointed twenty new members to its IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group, to plan the 17th annual IGF meeting in 2022.

A new Chair of the MAG was also appointed by the Secretary-General, coming from the private sector. The [list of MAG 2022 members](#) and its Chair is available at the IGF website.

### **High participation of business**

The 16th IGF meeting saw a historic record number of 38% onsite participants coming from the private sector, surpassing other stakeholder groups.

## **4 IGF 2021 Preparatory and Engagement Phase**

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The Preparatory and Engagement Phase was more than an introduction to this year's IGF. It aimed to engage people in IGF discussions and identify synergies between different activities to facilitate cooperation. The pre-programme is organised jointly by the **MAG**, working in 'issue teams' dedicated to the programme's different areas; intersessional activities, including **NRIs** who choose to participate; the Secretariat; and community members.

The shared goals were:

- Facilitate in-depth engagement with IGF 2021 issue areas towards achieving the goal of a more focused and impactful IGF
- Provide the IGF community with opportunities for developing capacity in IGF-linked areas
- Facilitate engagement with IGF intersessional activities, and,
- Broaden participation and inclusion in all aspects of the IGF process.

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-preparatory-and-engagement-phase>

## **5 Overarching theme of 16th IGF: Internet United**

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The headline of this year's Forum is *Internet United* – the Internet connecting all its users into one community, responsible for its shape and functioning. Our shared dreams, ideas, needs and actions are what shapes the Internet of the future!

During the COVID-19 crisis, the Internet proved to be helpful in organising our lives to an extent that we could have never foreseen just a few months ago. This has only confirmed how precious and valuable part of our lives it actually is. We are living in a digital world, and we need freedom, openness and security.

## **6 Katowice IGF Messages**

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The Katowice IGF Messages provide a high-level overview for decision-makers of the most current thinking on key Internet governance and digital policy issues. They are sourced directly from the more than 300 sessions held during IGF 2021. Session organisers were invited to self-identify key takeaways and calls for action at the end of their session as input for these messages. A set of draft messages, curated by the IGF Secretariat, are published for community review. The final IGF 2021 Messages will be published as part of the annual meeting's outcomes.

Katowice IGF Messages are compiled for each of the six issue areas, available at the [IGF website](#).

## 7 Issue-area Tracks - IGF Community Sessions

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Community-led sessions, including MAG-organised main sessions, as well as sessions organised by hundreds of other stakeholders, were built around the six IGF 2021 issue areas (selected on the basis of a public call for issues which ran between December 2020 and January 2021).

Stakeholders were invited to submit session proposals under one of the six issue areas.

- [Economic and Social Inclusion and Human Rights](#)
- [Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity](#)
- [Emerging Regulation: Market Structure, Content, Data and Consumer Rights and Protection](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change](#)
- [Inclusive Internet Governance Ecosystems and Digital Cooperation](#)
- [Trust, Security and Stability](#)

The MAG reviewed all 203 [workshop proposals](#) and made a final selection of [83 workshops for the IGF 2021 Programme](#).

## 8 IGF 2021 High-Level Leaders Track

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Co-organised by the Host Country and UN DESA/IGF Secretariat, the IGF 2021 high-level leaders' track focused on the overarching theme *Internet United*. Experts and leaders from all stakeholder groups discussed a series of key questions such as: In which areas of people's lives do we see the biggest impact of digital transformation for sustainable development? How can we ensure that revitalised digital economies are inclusive? How can technologies work for people?

The sessions of the high-level track were:

- *Global economic recovery – where are we at?*
- *Cities United: connected, green and inclusive*
- *Creating sustainable value and inclusive society – the role of digital platforms*
- *How to promote inclusive and diverse innovation, investment opportunities and corporate social responsibility in digital technologies?*
- *Building equitable employment conditions and competences for the future of work.*  
*Governance models to promote inclusive and diverse business development – what stands in the way?*

[Summaries of high-level sessions](#)

## 9 Global Youth Summit

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The [Global Youth Summit](#), as a traditional IGF session which facilitates dialogue between young people and senior stakeholders, took place on 6 December. The summit gathered hundreds of young people from around the world to discuss the most pressing issues related to the IGF 2021 issue areas. It resulted in several concrete action points added to the youth voices to resonate more clearly in the Internet governance ecosystem.

The summit was co-organized by the Polish Youth IGF, IGF 2021 Host Country, NASK and IGF Secretariat. Its format included addresses from several high-level senior stakeholders, among which, the UN Secretary-General and Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland.

More details about the summit and its outputs are available on the [dedicated page](#).

## 10 IGF 2021 Parliamentary Track

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Building on the [2019](#) and [2020](#) parliamentary roundtables, the [IGF 2021 parliamentary track](#) was organised jointly by UN DESA, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the lower chamber of the Polish parliament, the Sejm. Support was also provided by the Department of Digital Policy in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, acting as co-facilitator and overall coordinator of the IGF 2021 from the Host Country's side.

Under the theme *Legislative approaches for a user-centric digital space*, parliamentarians exchanged views and shared good practises on tackling three key digital policy challenges: privacy rights and legitimate uses of personal data; balancing freedom of speech and the fight against harmful online content; and the governance of artificial intelligence. The main points emerging from these discussions – as well as from a series of preparator sessions held between September and November – formed the basis for the [output document from the parliamentary track at IGF 2021](#).

## 11 IGF 2021 Intersessional work Tracks

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### 11.1 Policy Networks

The Policy Network (PNs) are dedicated to identifying status quo and current issues including the policy gaps, existing capacity and conditions, local specificities, good and bad practises and possible ways forward through actionable activities led by identified implementation parties.

**Policy Network on Meaningful Access**, looking at why achieving meaningful and universal Internet access remains so challenging, [PNMA webpage](#)

**Policy Network on Environment**, *exploring intersections between environmental sustainability and digitalisation*, [PNE webpage](#)

### 11.2 Best Practice Forums



The Best Practice Forums (BPFs) provide a platform to exchange experiences in addressing Internet policy issues. The objective is to collect existing and emerging good practises from community experience, not to develop new policies or practices.

BPFs are open, bottom-up and collective processes to produce community-driven outputs. BPF outputs intend to contribute to an understanding of global good practice, and to serve as a resource to inform policy discussions, standards development, business decisions, as well as public understanding, awareness, and discourse.

**Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity**, *The Use of Norms to Foster Trust and Security*, [BPF webpage](#) .

**Best Practice Forum on Gender and Digital Rights**, *Exploring Gendered Disinformation* [BPF webpage](#) .

## 11.3 Dynamic Coalitions

Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) are open, multistakeholder and community-driven groups dedicated to an internet governance issue or set of issues. They emerged at the first IGF meeting in 2006.

At IGF 2021, 17 DCs held individual sessions to discuss Internet policy issues within their focus and present their work. A DC main session on the theme *Digital cooperation in practice: IGF Dynamic Coalitions* (a) showcased how coalitions contribute to advancing the debates on the IGF 2021 issue areas and (b) featured a strategic discussion on how coalitions could contribute to broader digital cooperation efforts and a strengthened IGF.

Throughout 2021, Dynamic Coalitions, supported by the IGF Secretariat, worked on a report documenting their history, providing insight into their work and processes, and analysing their further potential. The report – titled [IGF Dynamic Coalitions: Digital cooperation in practice](#) – is intended to facilitate a better understanding of the worth of coalitions and their contribution to current IGF processes, as well as to shaping the future of the IGF. It includes a series of suggestions and recommendations that could contribute to strengthening DCs and enhancing their contribution to the IGF and to broader digital cooperation efforts. [Full report](#) | [Abridged version](#) .

## 11.4 National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives

National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are organic and independent multistakeholder networks that are discussing issues pertaining to Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF. To date, 141 NRIs are recognized by the IGF Secretariat.

At the 16th IGF in Poland, over 100 NRIs co-organized seven sessions, including five thematic collaborative sessions, main session and coordination session. Specifically, the main session focused on discussing local specificities of the role of the Internet in times of crisis, while the coordination session emphasised the need for sustainable funding for NRIs in order to build a more stable IG(F) ecosystem. More information about the NRIs collaborative sessions is available at the [IGF website](#).

## 11.5 Other sessions accommodated in the IGF 2021 Programme

The IGF 2021 Programme, in addition to the above mentioned tracks, accommodated several other types of sessions, including,

- [Open Forums](#), sessions organized by governments, treaty-based international organizations, and global organizations with international scope and presence, with operations across regions, dealing with Internet governance issues;
- [Town Halls](#), sessions organized by entities dealing with Internet governance issues of international scope;
- [Launches and Awards](#), sessions to present and discuss Internet governance-related academic and/or research initiatives or outputs such as research or think tank work, book launches and similar;
- [Lightning Talks](#), brief, to-the-point, prepared presentation on a specific Internet governance issue;
- [Networking Sessions](#), gatherings of stakeholders interested in a same or similar issue; icebreaker sessions; social gatherings; gatherings of people and organizations from a particular region, stakeholder group, or area of activity;
- [Pre-events](#), sessions hosted on the day before the IGF official programme begins (6 December)

## 12 Annex A: IGF 2020 Statistics

### 12.1 Breakdown of Registrations

Data accurate as of 9 December. Final statistics will be included in the final version of the Summary of IGF 2021.

By stakeholder (percentage)		By region (percentage)	
Government	19%	African Group	19%
Legislator	2%	Asia-Pacific Group	13%
Intergovernmental Organisation	8%	Eastern European Group	32%
Civil Society	35%	Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	6%
Private Sector	25%	Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	23%
Technical Community	12%	Intergovernmental Organisation	7%
Press/Media	1%		

  

By gender (percentage)		Newcomers (percentage)	
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Female	47%	Newcomers	67%
Male	52%		
Other	1%		

## 12.2 Remote Hubs

39 remote hubs at IGF 2021

- Represented 4 regions
- 59% from Africa
- 13% from Latin America and Caribbean
- 8% from Asia Pacific
- 13% from WEOG
- 8% from Eastern Europe

## 12.3 Sessions

318 sessions at IGF 2021

- 1 Opening session
- 8 Main Sessions
- 83 Workshops
- 35 Open Forums
- 28 Town Halls
- 10 Launches and Awards
- 30 Lightning Talks
- 6 Networking Sessions
- 18 DC Sessions
- 7 NRI Collaborative Sessions
- 72 Pre-Events (Day 0 Sessions)
- 9 High-level Leaders Track
- 4 Parliamentary Track
- 1 Global Youth Summit
- 2 BPF sessions
- 2 PNs sessions
- 1 Closing session
- 1 Open Mic

## 12.4 Media

YouTube:

Live stream - **9,481 views**

Videos uploaded - **13,818 views**

Close to **2,300 media articles** produced in **85 countries**, major coverage in the Host Country of Poland.

Top media coverage in the Host Country: Polish public broadcaster TVP, the two largest private broadcasters (TVN and Polsat), all five largest daily newspapers in Poland, the two largest radios (RMF FM and Radio Zet), the largest online portal [ONET](#) and many more, topping 1,800 articles in total.

Top media coverage globally: the Russian press agencies [Lenta](#) and [Tass](#), [Milenio](#) (Mexico), [Prensa Latina](#) (Cuba), [Devdiscourse](#), [EurActiv](#), the [Syrian News Agency SANA](#), [Saudi Gazette](#), [TeleSur](#) (Venezuela), [Sputnik](#), [Noticias RTV](#) (Nicaragua), [Malaysia News](#), [AnnaBaa](#) (Iraq) and many more.

**9,600 mentions** of the IGF on social media, **potentially reaching 728 million accounts** and evoking **23,300 engagements** (clicks, likes, shares, comments etc.)

The headline video was **viewed around 7,800 times** and the Facebook Live streams on the UN DESA account were seen **over 3,900 times** so far.

Major influencers for the IGF on social media included:

- Official UN accounts: UN Secretary-General António Guterres, the flagship accounts of UN, UNESCO, UN DESA, IGF
- Host-Country-run accounts of IGF2021, the Chancellery of Poland's Prime Minister
- IT community and civil society: GitHub, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Jan Zygmuntowski
- Official accounts of global policymakers: The ITC Ministry of Colombia, Member of the Pakistan National Assembly Naz Baloch, Tanzanian MP Neema Lugangira

The #IGF2021 hashtag has been used in over **9,000** and #InternetUnited in over **1,600** social media posts

## 12.5 Preparation

IGF 2021 preparation

- 40 Members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
- 3 Open Consultation and MAG Meetings
- 20 Virtual MAG meetings
- 4 MAG Working Groups

## 13 Annex B: Documentation and Process

IGF 2021 host country website  
<https://www.gov.pl/web/igf2021-en>  
IGF Website  
<https://www.intgovforum.org>

## 13.1 IGF 2021 Outputs

IGF 2021 outputs, including IGF 2021 messages, session reports, press releases, and IGF participant statements, can be found at:

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-outputs>

## 13.2 IGF 2021 Session Reports, Recordings and Transcripts

Reports <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/igf-2021-reports>

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Transcripts <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/igf-2021-transcripts>

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Recordings <https://www.youtube.com/user/igf/videos>

## 13.3 IGF 2021 Intersessional Work

The community-led intersessional activities that occur throughout the year offer the IGF community the opportunity to work on substantive and concrete longer-term projects in the field of Internet governance:

### Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

Cybersecurity <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/bpf-cybersecurity>

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Gender and Digital Rights <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/bpf-gender-and-digital-rights>

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### Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

Accessibility and Disability <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-accessibility-and-disability-1>

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Blockchain Technologies <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-blockchain-technologies-0>

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Children's Rights in the Digital Environment <https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-childrens-rights-in-the-digital-environment>

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Community Connectivity <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity-0>

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Core Internet Values <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity>

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Data and Trust	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-trust-dc-dt">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-trust-dc-dt</a>
Data Driven Health Technologies	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-driven-health-technologies-dc-ddht">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-driven-health-technologies-dc-ddht</a>
DNS Issues	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-dns-issues-dc-dnsi">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-dns-issues-dc-dnsi</a>
Gender and Internet Governance	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-gender-and-internet-governance">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-gender-and-internet-governance</a>
Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-innovative-approaches-to-connecting-the-unconnected-0">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-innovative-approaches-to-connecting-the-unconnected-0</a>
Internet and Jobs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-jobs-dc-jobs">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-jobs-dc-jobs</a>
Internet of Things	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-internet-of-things-0">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-internet-of-things-0</a>
Internet Rights & Principles	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-rights-and-principles-1">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-rights-and-principles-1</a>
Internet Standards, Security and Safety	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-standards-security-and-safety-dc-issss">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-standards-security-and-safety-dc-issss</a>
Internet Universality Indicators	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dc-on-internet-universality-indicators-dc-iui">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dc-on-internet-universality-indicators-dc-iui</a>
Network Neutrality	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-network-neutrality-1">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-network-neutrality-1</a>
Platform Responsibility	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility</a>
Public Access in Libraries	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-public-access-in-libraries-1">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-public-access-in-libraries-1</a>
Schools of Internet Governance	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-schools-of-internet-governance">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-schools-of-internet-governance</a>
Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-small-island-developing-states-in-the-internet-economy-dc-sids">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-small-island-developing-states-in-the-internet-economy-dc-sids</a>
Sustainability of Journalism and News Media	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-sustainability-of-journalism-and-news-media-dc-sustainability">https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-sustainability-of-journalism-and-news-media-dc-sustainability</a>
Youth Coalition on Internet Governance	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-coalition-on-internet-governance-1">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-coalition-on-internet-governance-1</a>

## National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are organic and independent formations that are discussing issues pertaining to the Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF.

The status of NRIs in 2020:

- 141 NRIs recognised in total
- 105 NRIs represented at IGF 2020
- 9 more countries/regions have established IGF processes since IGF 2020

Below are the sources where to find more information about the NRIs and their work.

About the NRIs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-regional-and-national-initiatives">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-regional-and-national-initiatives</a>
National IGFs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-igf-initiatives">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-igf-initiatives</a>
Regional IGFs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/regional-igf-initiatives">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/regional-igf-initiatives</a>
Youth IGFs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-initiatives">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-initiatives</a>
Preparatory work of the NRIs	<a href="https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process">https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process</a>

## 13.4 IGF 2021 Preparatory and Engagement Phase

An overview of sessions held during the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase is available at <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-preparatory-and-engagement-phase>

## 13.5 IGF 2020 Preparatory Process

The IGF meeting programme is prepared by the MAG and the IGF Secretariat over the course of the year. Key decisions on the programme are taken in the face-to-face meetings as well as regular virtual meetings of the MAG leading into the IGF.

Following an approach that was introduced in 2019, the preparatory processes started with the identification of the issue areas. These were developed by the MAG based on input and contributions submitted by the community. The programme for IGF 2021 was then built around these tracks, while additional elements were added throughout the process (such as high-level sessions).

Key elements of the preparatory processes included:

- A call to [Take Stock of IGF 2020 and Suggest Improvements for IGF 2021](#) was open until 20 January. The contributions were summarised in a [synthesis output document](#).
- A [call for thematic inputs](#) was open until 31 January. The [list of received inputs](#) and an [analysis](#) are available.
- The MAG identified [main focus areas](#), which were later detailed in the [IGF 2021 Guide to Issues and Policy Questions](#).
- A call for session proposals was open until 26 May, inviting all stakeholders to consider applying for the type(s) of session that best fit their interests. Stakeholders were also able to apply to host a networking session at the IGF 2021.
- A [Pre-meeting guide](#) was developed to help participants navigate through the IGF 2021



programme.

In addition to the overall collective work, the MAG worked on particular segments of the Forum's preparations to advance the overall process through four working groups:

Working Group on Outreach, Engagement and Communications Strategy (WG-OEC) <https://www.intgovforum.org/content/working-group-on-outreach-and-engagement-wg-oe-0>

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Working Group on Hybrid Meetings(WG-Hybrid) <https://www.intgovforum.org/content/working-group-on-hybrid-meetings-wg-hybrid>

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Working Group on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy) <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/working-group-on-igf-strengthening-and-strategy-wg-ss>