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## Year 2023 Activities

#### **New SIGS**

During 2023 the number of Schools of Internet Governance (SIGs) continued to grow. Some of the new schools joining the DC SIG throughout the year 2023; include:

- Botswana School on Internet Governance
- International Policymakers Academy on Digital and Internet Governance
- Mano River Union School on Internet Governance (MRUSIG)
- School on Internet Governance Japan

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A file, with a slide of each SIG that participates in the activity is <u>available</u>. These slides are updated by the schools on an open and running basis.

### **Projects**

It was a slow year in the SIG in terms of developing new materials, a primary focus of previous years. There is evidence of curriculum evolution among the SIGs themselves that needs to be documented and absorbed into the Toolkit. Additionally, The DC SIG did not take up any new projects during the year.

Much of the focus of the year went into discussions of how to create a sufficient yearly event. In 2022, the DC SIG had been very frustrated by the amount of time we had for schools to discuss their issues at the yearly IGF meeting. For various reasons, including language, issues do not get discussed on the email list a lot, wanting more of a face to face approach. But the only face to face opportunity that most school organizers attend is the IGF.

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#### **IGF 2023**

The DC SIG met online four times during the course of the year. This was fewer meetings than in previous years, and contributed to an absence of new output from the group.

The DC SIG was involved in two events at IGF 2023. Discussing these events consumed most of the agenda of the meetings. This was especially the case for the pre event that was based on a kind opportunity offered by Professor Toshiaki Tateish of Kyoto College of Graduate Studies for Informatics (KCG) for the DC SIG to hold an event. This offer was in response to a frustration that had been discussed at the 2022 DC SIG IGF session about there being insufficient time for all the SIGs to discuss their issues. Unfortunately the DC SIG was not able to construct a full day program as was originally envisioned, but was able to organize a solid event with the guidance and partnership of KCG. Many of the reasons for this inability had to do with providing financial support for people to be able attend and participate in a meeting a day before Day 0 of the IGF. While some of the people interested in attending might have been able to attend if arranged a half year ahead or even at the same time the date was announced for the IGF, by the time the plans were made, it was difficult for people to change their tickets and reservations for an earlier arrival. Additionally, it might have been necessary to support the extra nights in hotels for many of those wishing to attend - especially those receiving travel support from a sponsor.

This first event was a pre event hosted with the Kyoto College of Graduate Studies for Informatics and Kyoto Computer Gakuin and co-organized with the DC SIG. The event was opened by Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head of Office, United Nations Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum. There was a showing of a film Terms and Conditions may Apply followed by a discussion. There was also a panel that included several representatives from the DC SIG on Teaching practices in Internet Governance.





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The DC SIG also held its customary review and planning meeting and submitted the required meeting report into the IGF repository. In addition to welcoming new schools and finding something out about them, there was a discussion on SIGS and the SDGs which is meant to continue this year.

## Possible Plans for 2024 and Beyond

While there have been no decisions in the DC SIG on activity for the next few years, a set of issues has been put together that needs further discussion as the year starts up.

- Continue discussion on how the DC SIG and the schools themselves can make further input to the SDGs.
- Discuss how to bring the DC SIG into line with the <u>charter</u> that has been approved for all DCs. While for the most part, the DC SIG meets those conditions there are elements that are worth reviewing on an annual basis, especially as the charter is a living document.
- How do we see schools and training in IG evolving
- Value of schools in reinforcing relevance of multistakeholder model
- Update of DC SIG documents
- Production of new documents, especially for new topic in IG like Security or Al.
- Leadership Succession

The DC SIG has had the same chair and coordinator since the beginning. The current roles were reconfirmed at the Berlin IGF meeting. Merits discussion going forward. Has been on the yearly list of issues for several years, but has not been a priority because there appeared to be satisfaction with the continuing leadership. Would be beneficial to discuss and define a process for renewal/replacement that can be put in place.

- Financial Support for schools
   Currently each school needs to find its own financing. Often they end up approaching
   the same funders and end up in competition. This is unfortunate. There have been
   several discussions in the past of what can be done. Those need to continue and
   perhaps a plan can be found. Discussions are needed on how to do fundraising
   appropriately and whether it is possible to work with the IGF Support Association or
   other funding associations on a funding plan.
- Financial support for the Dynamic Coalition Administration Since the beginning of the DC SIG the costs for running the DC SIG have been carried almost exclusively by Medienstadt Leipzig. This has included; basic secretariat services, including support of the DC website and wiki, providing zoom meetings, support for the coordinator, and other expenses. It is not possible for a single SIG to continue to support the DC SIG on their own. The issue needs to be discussed and provision needs to be made for future funding and the continuation of any existing fundraising efforts.
- The work that needs to be done on documents in order to achieve other DC SIG goals cannot be done by volunteer efforts alone, but needs the efforts of writers and editors; this needs to be discussed. What is the work that needs to be done and how can it be funded?
- Need to establish timelines for the work of the DC SIG. Establish KPIs for the DC SIG projects. Planning for IGF 2024 session, including interactions, as necessary, with the IGF secretariat.
- Discuss data collection on SIG affiliated with the DC and the publication of charts and the like on global schools.

## Extra material

# Addendum 1: List of Schools that submitted information to the DC SIG

as of January 2024

Name of School	Year of foundation
African School on Internet Governance (AfriSIG)	2013
ARGENSIG – Argentina School on Internet Governance	2017
Armenian School of Internet Governance	2017
Asia-Pacific School on Internet Governance	2015
Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (bdSIG)	2017
Benin Internet Governance School	2018
Botswana School on Internet Governance	2023
Brazilian School on Internet Governance	2014
Central Africa School of Internet Governance	2019
Chadian School on Internet Governance (TdSIG)	2020
Cote d'Ivoire Internet Governance School	2018
EGI WBF POUR JEUNES FILLES	2021
European Summer School on Internet Governance (EuroSSIG)	2007
Ghana School on Internet Governance	2019
India School on Internet Governance	2016
International Policymakers Academy on Digital and Internet Governance	2023
Internet Governance Institute	2018
Kenya School of Internet Governance	2016

Liberia School of Internet Governance	2020
Malian School on Internet Governance (MaliSIG)	2020
Mano River Union School on Internet Governance (MRUSIG)	2023
Mauritius School on Internet Governance	2018
Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG)	2014
Nigerian School on Internet Governance	2019
North African School on Internet Governance (NASIG)	2019
North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG)	2018
Pakistan School on Internet Governance	2015
Russian Summer School on Internet Governance (RSSIG)	2020
School on Internet Governance Japan	2023
SIG Sri Lanka	2016
South School on Internet Governance	2009
Southern Africa Regional Youth School on Internet Governance (SARYSIG)	2022
Taiwan School on Internet Governance	2020
Togo School of Internet Governance Forum (TogoSIG)	2021
Virtual School of Internet Governance (VSIG)	2020
West Africa School of Internet Governance	2018
Winter School in Internet Governance, Digital Policies and Innovation	2019
World Journalists School of Internet Governance	2022
Zambia School of Internet Governance	2022
Zimbabwe School of Internet Governance	2019

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## Addendum 2 - Map

#### **Schools on Internet Governance**

Please register your school to be displayed at the map. Thank you!



https://www.igschools.net/sig/sig/

#### Addendum 3 - Video interviews

#### by Glenn McKnight

- African School on Internet Governance, interview with Koliwe Majama
- Benin School on Internet Governance, interview with Muriel Alapini
- Brazilian School on Internet Governance, interview with Juliano Cappi
- European School on Internet Governance (EuroSSIG), interview with Wolfgang Kleinwächter and Sandra Hoferichter
- Ghana School on Internet Governance, interview with Sarata Omane
- India School on Internet Governance (inSIG), interview with Amrita Choudhury and Satish Babu
- Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG), interview with Fahd Batayneh
- NGO IMPETUS Center for Internet, Development and Good Governance, interview with Liljana Pecova
- Nigerian School on Internet Governance, interview with Caleb Olumuyiwa
- North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG), interview with Eduardo Diaz
- Russian School on Internet Governance (SSIG), interview with Ilona Stadnik
- South School on Internet Governance (SSIG), interview with Prof. Olga Cavalli
- Virtual School of Internet Governance, interview with Alfredo Calderon and Glenn McKnight