

## Press release

### **Multistakeholder advisory group renewed to prepare for the 18<sup>th</sup> Internet Governance Forum meeting in 2023**

The membership of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the Internet Governance Forum has been renewed. A total of 40 members, 11 among them new, have been appointed. The Advisory Group is gender balanced and its members are from all stakeholder groups and all regions, representing governments, civil society, the private sector and technical community.

The main task of the Advisory Group is to provide advice on the preparations for the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Internet Governance Forum in 2023. All Advisory Group members serve in their personal capacity but are expected to have extensive linkages with their respective stakeholder groups.

Representatives of previous host countries and relevant international and regional intergovernmental organizations are also invited to attend Advisory Group meetings.

The Internet Governance Forum is an outcome of the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) that took place in 2005. In the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, governments asked the Secretary-General to convene a “new forum for policy dialogue” to discuss issues related to key elements of Internet governance. The mandate of the Forum was extended for another ten years in December 2015, during the High-Level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

Previous Forum’s took place in: Athens, Greece, in November 2006; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November 2007; Hyderabad, India, in December 2008; Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November 2009; Vilnius, Lithuania, in November 2010; Nairobi, Kenya in September 2011; Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2012; Bali, Indonesia in October 2013; Istanbul, Turkey in September 2014; João Pessoa, Brazil in November 2015; Guadalajara, Mexico in December 2016, Geneva, Switzerland in December 2017; Paris, France in November 2018; Berlin, Germany in November 2019; virtually hosted by the United Nations in 2020; and Katowice, Poland in December 2021. The 17<sup>th</sup> IGF will take place in; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in December 2022.

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