**IGF 2021 NRIs Main Session (draft: 19 Oct 2021)**

1. **Title**The good, the bad and the ugly of the Internet in times of crises
2. **Date**
10 December 2021; 13:50 – 15:20 CET
3. **Duration**
90 minutes
4. **Associated Programme Themes/Issue Areas**Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation
5. **Brief Description/Objective**The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted almost all spheres of life. It is just one in addition to many crisis humanity has faced. Certainly, the impact differs from country to country. This session will bring perspectives of communities gathered around the national, regional and youth IGF processes (NIRs) on roles the Internet has in times of crisis. Delegated representatives of the NRIs will provide concrete cases of existing practices, challenges and already implemented or under implementation action plans and activities in the areas agreed by the NRIs. It is expected that the session will illustrate existing challenges across developed and developing countries, as well as vulnerable groups through concrete cases of practices.
6. **Policy Questions**The session will focus on addressing local specificities related to the following digital policy areas:
* The Internet in times of crisis: lessons learned and policy imperatives for enhancing access, resiliency and inclusion
* Ways forward: from what should the Internet recover and how? (possible aspects to bring in: security online; connectivity and access, digital rights and freedoms etc.).
1. **Session Agenda**To be added.
2. **Co-Moderators**To be confirmed.
3. **Speakers**Speakers will be designated by the NRIs multistakeholder organizing committees.
4. **Rapporteurs**To be confirmed.
5. **Plan for participant engagement/interaction**This will be an interactive exchange of concrete inputs from local levels on the subject focus. It will reflect regional balance amongst speakers and allow enough time for exchanges with all participants. To foster interactivity, participants will be communicating via chat and by speaking. Enough time will be reserved for open exchange between everyone, after each policy discussion block. There may be polls used to sense the pulse of the community at the beginning of the session.
6. **Facilitators**IGF 2021 NRIs
7. **Desired results/output. Possible next steps for the work**The session will result in concrete outline of issues and possible action steps which could be taken to make progress on the identified issues.
8. **Annex Documents and Sources**Input documents emerged through NRIs processes will be added.
9. **Links to SDGs**

[GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal8.html)

[GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal9.html)

[GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal10.html)
[GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions](http://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030-goal16.html)