

IGF 2021 Call for session proposals

SESSION TYPE	CRITERIA
Workshops	Who can apply? Any person, or group of persons, from any stakeholder group - civil society, the technical community, the private sector or government - may submit a workshop proposal. Scope? Address concrete issues and policy questions. Evaluation based on 6 criteria: Content and description, Response to policy question(s), Relevance to IG and to focus area, Format, Diversity, Approach to encouraging participation. Min. 3 confirmed speakers from different stakeholder groups.
Open Forums	Who can apply? Governments, treaty-based international organizations, and global organizations with international scope and presence, with operations across regions, dealing with Internet governance issues. Scope? Focus on a government or organization's Internet governance-pertinent activities during the past year and allow sufficient time for questions and discussions. Suggested but not required to link to the issue areas
Town Halls	Who can apply? Organizations dealing with Internet governance issues of international scope. Scope? Stakeholders exchange views on topical and controversial Internet governance issues. This session type is particularly suitable for current and emerging issues. Suggested but not required to link to the issue areas
NRI Collaborative Session	Who can apply? NRIs recognized by the IGF Secretariat Scope? Issue-focused exchange with regional balance withing shared inputs.
Lightning Talks	Who can apply? Stakeholder with demonstrated interest in Internet governance Scope? Brief, to-the-point, prepared presentation on a specific Internet governance issue.
Launches and Awards	Who can apply? Stakeholder with demonstrated interest in Internet governance, operational work status in the global IG ecosystem. Scope? IG-related academic/research initiatives or outputs such as research or think tank work, book launches and similar. This sessions type can also be suitable for award ceremonies.
Networking Sessions	Who can apply? Any organization which demonstrates its existing operational work status in IG ecosystem. Scope? Interactive gatherings of stakeholders interested in a same or similar issue on Internet governance. Spontaneous formats can serve as icebreaker, prompting quicker ways for people to get to know each other. Suitable session type for social gatherings, or for gatherings of people and organizations from a particular region, stakeholder group, or area of activity.
DC Sessions	Who can apply? DCs recognized by the IGF Scope? Discuss matters related to their DC topic, and any work done by their coalition which they wish to highlight.
Pre-events (Day 0 sessions)	Who can apply? Stakeholder with demonstrated interest in Internet governance with existing operational work status in the global Internet governance ecosystem. Scope? These sessions take place on the day before the IGF official programme begins. Requesters are granted the space to hold the events if their content is IG-relevant and appropriate.