

IGF 2021 Structure

- A **preparatory phase** led to the **16th IGF** hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice under the overarching theme *Internet United*
- **Hybrid format** welcomed over 10,000 participants
- The issue-driven programme focused on **six issue-areas** (2 main + 4 cross-cutting)
- 10 parallel sessions organized per issue-areas + high-level, parliamentary tracks, youth summit
- **318 sessions, IGF Village, remote hubs, bilateral meetings, networking and social events**
- **New website (250,000+ visits) and mobile app**
- **Outputs** (*Katowice IGF Messages, BPF/PN/DC/BNRIs outputs; Parliamentary and High-Level track outputs, session reports and transcripts etc.*)

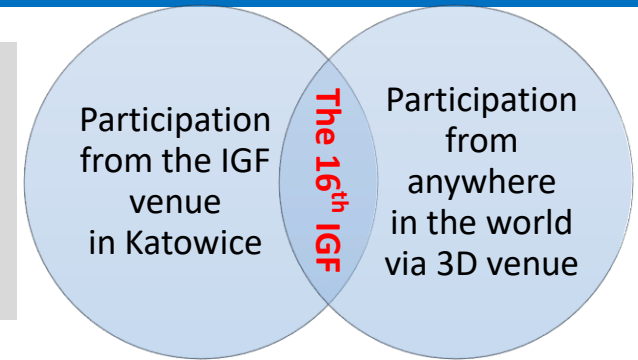
6-10 DECEMBER 2021 KATOWICE, POLAND +ONLINE	10371 PARTICIPANTS	175 COUNTRIES	318 SESSIONS
PROGRAMME STRUCTURE	ISSUE AREAS		
ISSUE-AREA TRACKS - IGF COMMUNITY SESSIONS	ECONOMIC & SOCIAL INCLUSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS		
IGF HIGH-LEVEL LEADERS TRACK	UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY		
GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT	EMERGING REGULATION: MARKET STRUCTURE, CONTENT, DATA AND CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION		
IGF PARLIAMENTARY TRACK	ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE		
IGF INTERSESSIONAL WORK TRACK	INCLUSIVE INTERNET GOVERNANCE ECOSYSTEMS AND DIGITAL RIGHTS		
	TRUST, SECURITY, STABILITY		



IGF 2021 VENUE (Katowice + 3D)

IGF 2021 HYBRID FORMAT

- **"Hybrid"** = blended participation in the IGF so that participants in all sessions are able to contribute equally as peers regardless if participating from the IGF venue or any other place in the world.
- **Objective:** make participation in the IGF 2021 meaningful and inclusive for all participants regardless of their physical location



Overview of key features of hybrid format

Unique participation platform	<i>through which the meeting discussions were implemented in an equal manner for all participants, whether they were connecting from the venue in Katowice or any other part of the world.</i>
3D Venue	<i>Onsite venue had its 3D equivalent for all participants to experience the space visually. As onsite participants, online participants had the opportunity to enter meeting rooms and connect to the participation platform.</i>
IGF Village	<i>Onsite booths had 3D equivalents.</i>
Flexible session setup	<i>allowed for participation of speakers/moderators/rapporteurs 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.</i>
Remote hubs	<i>as an effective participation alternative for those unable to travel. These were substantively and in several cases, financially, supported.</i>
Time zone	<i>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.</i>
Hybrid feedback	<i>facilitated engagement in sessions live onsite or online, and even asynchronously (to redress time zone difficulties), with participants able to watch session recordings and register their input using session-specific hashtags. Commenting via social media was possible.</i>
Bilateral meeting room	<i>Included online participation facilities.</i>
Networking	<i>opportunities were accessible to online participation through a dedicated digital platform and virtual connections to onsite events.</i>
New website and mobile app	<i>supported easier navigation of the IGF 2021 content.</i>

Overview of IGF 2021 Intersessional Work

Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

multistakeholder networks focusing on existing and emerging good practices

Policy Networks (PNs)

multistakeholder efforts that provide in-depth expert view on broad Internet governance topics of global population's interest

Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

open, multistakeholder and community-driven initiatives dedicated to exploring a certain Internet governance issue or group of issues

BPF Cybersecurity

Use of norms to foster trust and security

BPF Gender and Digital Rights

Gendered disinformation

PN Environment (PNE)

*Environmental Data
Food & Water Systems
Supply Chain
Transparency and
Circularity
Overarching Issues*

PN Meaningful Access (PNMA)

Why achieving meaningful and universal Internet access remains so challenging?

22 DCs focused on particular IG issues

Focus on accessibility; blockchain; child rights online; connectivity; Internet values; data; health; DNS; gender; jobs; IoT; rights; IG schools; media; Internet universality indicators; security; and more.