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DAY 3

Thursday, December 1



We're midway through the IGF – but with more than a hundred sessions still to go. We hope that you are enjoying the ride so far, and looking forward to what's still to come.

Looking ahead

Policy Network on Meaningful Access

The Policy Network on Meaningful Access will hold its main session on Thursday afternoon. It is one of two Policy Networks set up to establish expert-led discussions on broad Internet governance topics, and create space for in-depth multi stakeholder initiatives.

The Network does not aim to produce a unique definition of Meaningful Access, but to identify, map and understand what those working in the field regard as critical to its achievement. The work plan goal for the Network this year has been to analyse efforts in three focus areas: Connectivity, Digital Inclusion, and Capacity Development.

To support this, it has begun a yearly process calling for inputs from the IGF community and other interested stakeholders. The data that this brings together will help its members understand if solutions are scalable and transferable, as well as pointing out why and where gaps persist.

Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Cybersecurity

This Best Practice Forum (BPF) will explore how storytelling can help to capture the voices of those that are most affected by cybersecurity events - for example victims and first responders. Their experiences often nuances that are useful for policy makers.



In addition, the BPF will provide an update on its mapping analysis of international cybersecurity agreements and present its Mythbusting paper on the difference between cybercrime and cyber security.

IGF messages

One of the Forum's most important outputs is a series of IGF Messages that encapsulate ideas emerging from the week's discussions. Session organisers are invited to submit points emerging from their sessions for consideration, along with other outcomes of the Forum.

A first draft of Messages will be prepared at the end of the meeting and then shared across the IGF community before the Messages are finalised. The Leadership Panel will be one important channel for their outreach.

Looking back at Day 2

Internet fragmentation

The morning in the auditorium began with a main session on the Policy Network's work on Internet fragmentation (see yesterday's issue for a summary around this theme).

Dynamic Coalitions

Dynamic Coalitions held a main session during the day. These voluntary groups, which were first established in the Forum's very early days, bring together people from different stakeholder communities to develop ideas and cooperate in areas of special interest. The session discussed their role within the IGF, ways of giving them greater visibility in the community, cooperation with other intersessional groups, and ways in which they could contribute to the Secretary-General's Global Digital Compact.

Dynamic Coalitions welcome new members. Current Coalitions are concerned with:

- Accessibility and Disability
- Blockchain Technologies
- Children's Rights in the Digital Environment
- Community Connectivity
- Core Internet Values
- Data and Trust
- Data Driven Health Technologies
- Digital Health
- Domain Name System Issues
- The Environment
- Gender and Internet Governance
- Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected
- Internet and Jobs
- The Internet of Things
- Internet Rights and Principles
- Internet Standards, Security and Safety
- Internet Universality Indicators
- Network Neutrality



- Platform Responsibility
- Public Access in Libraries
- Schools of Internet Governance
- Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy
- The Sustainability of Journalism and News Media
- Youth in Internet Governance

An afternoon main session looked at another of the Forum's key themes – Governing Data and Protecting Privacy. The day in the auditorium ended with a roundtable with members of the Leadership Panel, which will be reported in tomorrow's Bulletin.

Party in the Park

To celebrate the opening of the 17th IGF, the Government of Ethiopia hosted all participants for an evening of traditional Ethiopian cuisine and music in Addis Ababa's Friendship Park. Festivities kicked off with a light and dance show, followed by a dinner for hundreds of IGF attendees, in which State Minister for Innovation and Technology Huria Ali warmly welcomed guests to her country, the "Land of Origins". The IGF band, comprising some of the annual meeting's long-time contributors, gave a rousing finale performance.



Key themes

Here are the official descriptions of two more themes that are being discussed at this year's IGF. Sessions on these themes will feature prominently in the Forum's last two days.

Connecting all people and safeguarding human rights

The UN Secretary-General's proposed Global Digital Compact (GDC) has as its first principle to "Connect all people to the Internet, including all schools". This recognizes that Internet connectivity and access have become prerequisites for ensuring the livelihoods, safety and education of people the world over – and that Internet in schools provides crucial points of access, makes informational resources available to all students, and builds digital literacy from the earliest stages of life. Yet 2.9 billion remain unconnected, with those in least developed countries and rural communities most affected.

Meaningful access, at the same time, is inextricable from the safeguarding of human rights online. Access that contributes to the wellbeing of societies must have human rights at its centre. This includes, among many others, the ability for users to express themselves freely, for the unfettered exercise of democratic and political participation, for persons of all backgrounds to experience the Internet without fear of harassment or discrimination, and for children to enjoy the same rights and protections online as they do offline.

The Internet is both an enabler of rights and must seamlessly incorporate established human rights, as we increase our digital dependence for routine functions, and boundaries between life "online" and "offline" no longer apply.

Enabling safety, security and accountability

The security of the Internet is under threat in a number of ways from various actors. Traditional cybersecurity deals with the protection of networks, devices and data from unauthorised access or criminal use.



This encompasses the ongoing problem of cyber-attacks, whether they are perpetrated by individuals or state-sanctioned, and whether the targets are civic, commercial or governmental, and which so far has been compounded by the absence of broad and binding cybersecurity agreements. Insufficiently secure networks also contribute to lost opportunities for developing countries to fully capitalise on the economic benefits of digital technologies.

Our understanding of safety and security should be widened to include the persistent challenge of online misinformation and disinformation. In recent years, both have been factors in aggravating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and have posed significant risks to electoral processes around the world. This has made clear the need for accountability criteria for misleading content.

'Safety' may be further widened to include environmental safety, considering efforts to 'green' the Internet and reduce carbon emissions associated with digital consumption. Similarly, how can technology companies be held accountable for maintaining low energy consumption standards?



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The parliamentary track

The Parliamentary Track brings parliamentarians, as the key actors in the legislative process, into the conversations at IGF. The 2022 Parliamentary Track focuses on cyberthreats. Four sessions allow parliamentarians and stakeholders from the private sector, civil society, technical community and beyond to dialogue and exchange experiences on national, regional and international approaches to protecting cybersecurity and addressing cybercrime. Parliamentarians from around the world - with a strong presence from the members of the recently created African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance - take this opportunity to consider their role in shaping a safer and more secure digital space.



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Views from the Forum floor

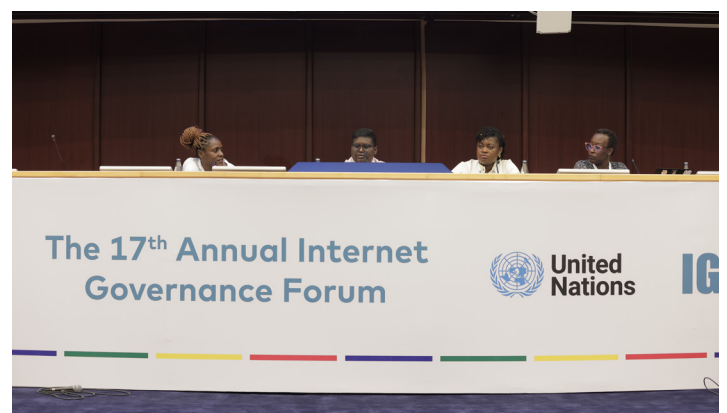
Everyone's experience of the IGF is different, but most participants feel that it's important. We asked a couple of long-standing IGF participants for their views of the IGF.

Anriette Esterhuysen is a former chair of the MAG – the Multistakeholder Advisory Group that organises the IGF. Here's what she had to say:

The internet matters. It matters to people who have access to it, who want to use it to learn, to govern, to share content and ideas, to tell stories of their struggles and their victories, to earn a living. The internet matters also to those who do not have access, or whose access is constrained by being unreliable, unaffordable or limited by censorship and shutdowns. That is why the IGF matters. It is the only place where anyone, from any part of the world or stakeholder group can join in debate and dialogue on how the internet is, can be, should be or should not be governed, regulated or developed.

Claire Sibthorpe is Head of Digital Inclusion and leads the Connected Women and Connected Society programmes for the GSM Association – the trade body representing mobile communications companies:

The IGF is a valuable forum for meeting and hearing from different stakeholders from around the world working on issues of internet access. It covers a diverse range of content and brings together different perspectives. That it is now being delivered as a hybrid event had enabled valuable in person meetings as well as ensured participation and voice from important stakeholders from around the world.



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IGF 2022 Schedule

UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa
(*All times local, UTC+3)

DAY 3: Thursday, December 1

CR1

09:30-11:00
BPF: CYBERSECURITY

11:15-12:45
MAIN SESSION: ENABLING SAFETY, SECURITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

12:45-13:45
Break

13:45-15:00
PARLIAMENTARY ROUNDTABLE

15:15-16:45
POLICY NETWORK: MEANINGFUL ACCESS

17:00-18:30
MAIN SESSION: CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE & SAFEGUARDING HUMAN RIGHTS

CR2

09:30-11:00
[WS#162] Rural Community Networks, Electricity and Digital inclusion

11:30-12:30
[OF #88] EU Delegation to the IGF & Youth IGF (TaC & EU Parliament)

12:45-13:45
Break

13:50-14:50
[WS#502] Platform regulation: perspectives from the Global South

15:05-16:35
[WS#219] Global AI Governance for Sustainable Development

16:50-18:20
[WS#337] Assurance and certification of emerging digital technologies

CR3

09:30-11:00
[WS#236] To Regulate or not to Regulate?

11:15-12:45
[WS#206] AI: Need for fundamental regulation for the Global South

12:45-13:45
Break

13:50-14:50
[TH #52] Infrastructure-Level Content Interventions and Human Rights (EFF)

15:05-16:35
[DC] Internet Openness Formula: Interoperability + Device + Net

16:50-18:20
[DC] Unbreaking the news: Media sustainability in the digital age

CR4

09:30-11:00
Closed Session (Parliamentary Track)

11:15-12:45
[WS#475] Balancing Digital Sovereignty and the Splinternet

12:45-13:45
Break

13:50-14:50
[WS#494] Cutting Ties: Citizens caught between conflict and tech

15:05-16:35
[WS#235] Dialogue on the 'Declaration for the Future of the Internet'

16:50-18:20
[WS#422] Toward a Resilient Internet: Cyber Diplomacy 2.0

CR5

09:30-10:30
[TH #53] Social Justice during Rapid Datafication (EngageMedia)

10:45-11:45
[TH #69] The Amazon is online, and it is not the Prime (Instituto Vero)

12:00-13:00
[TH #54] Help! The Kill switch is taking away my limited agency (Software Freedom Law)

13:00-13:45
Break

13:45-14:45
[WS #326] Platform Responsibilities for Journalist Digital Safety

14:45-15:00
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15:00-16:00
[OF #66] South-South Collaboration in Web3 Governance (Tony Blair Institute & WWWF)

16:15-17:15
[TH #43] Internet in troubled times (EuroDIG)

17:30-18:30
[TH #45] Town Hall: Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network

CR6

09:30-10:30
[OF #103] Promoting cross-border Data Flow and Trustworthy Data Space (Government of Ethiopia)

10:45-11:45
[OF #97] Adopting Data Governance Framework: From Silos to Ecosystem (UNDESA)

12:00-13:00
[NRI] Cooperating to protecting data at local levels

13:00-13:45
Break

13:50-15:20
[WS#403] Cross-Border Data Sharing for Public Safety

15:35-17:05
[WS #528] Privacy in Public? Making Digital Infrastructure Accountable

17:20-18:20
[WS #282] Protection of personal data in e-government projects

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09:30-10:30
[OF #56] Enhance International Cooperation on Data-Driven Digital Economy (Cybersecurity Association of China)

10:45-11:45
[OF #77] Implementing the AU Data Policy Framework (AUC & GIZ)

12:00-13:00
[TH #98] Launch of the Coalition for Digital Africa (ICANN)

13:00-13:45
Break

13:45-14:45
[OF #78] Guaranteeing Universal Digital Rights for All (Equality Now & Government of Ethiopia)

15:00-16:00
[OF #79] CGI.br's Gender and Diversity Agenda for ICTs (CGI.br)

16:15-17:15
[NRI] Multistakeholder and multidisciplinary modus operandi of Internet governance: 20

17:30-18:30
[TH #96] Safeguarding human rights with a free and open internet (IRPC/University of Addis Ababa)

Banquet Hall B

09:30-11:00
[DC] Translating data & laws into action for digital child rights

11:15-12:45
[DC] Access & participation as enablers of digital human rights

12:45-13:45
Break

13:50-15:20
[WS #497] Designing an AI ethical framework in the Global South

15:35-16:35
[WS #406] Meaningful platform transparency in the Global South

16:50-18:20
[DC] Community networks as human rights enablers

Press Briefing Room (PBR)

09:30-10:30
[WS #416] Human Rights Centered Technology in Emergency Responses

10:45-11:45
[TH #82] Sustainable Automation as SDG-18? (World Intellectual Foundation)

12:00-13:00
[TH #106] Digital Literacy and its importance for Early Childhood (Centro ISUR)

13:00-13:45
Break

13:50-15:20
[WS #357] Cyberattacks and e-evidence – attribution and accountability

15:35-17:05
[WS #420] Skills of tomorrow: youth on the cybersecurity job market

17:20-18:20
[WS #260] Protecting Shared Computation (Cloud Security)

Caucus Room (CC) 11

09:30-10:30
[WS #446] Harnessing the Power of Accessible Technology

10:45-11:45
[OF #16] Commonwealth Hard Talk for Action

12:00-13:00
[TH #104] Designing an AI ethical framework in the Global South (LAPIN)

13:00-13:45
Break

13:45-15:15
[WS #401] Strengthening African voices in global digital policy

15:30-16:30
[WS #395] Creating a safer Internet while protecting human rights

16:45-17:45
[WS #283] Capacity Building for Safe & Secure Cyberspace: Making It Real

18:00-18:30
[LA] The impact of internet shutdown on refugees and host communities in Uganda

Large Briefing Room (LBR)

09:30-11:00
[WS# 458] Do Diverging Platform Regulations Risk an Open Internet?

10:45-12:15
[WS# 493] Is encryption a human right? Voices of human rights actors

12:45-13:45
Break

13:45-14:45
[WS #370] Addressing the gap in measuring the harm of cyberattacks

15:00-16:00
[WS #501] Spyware Industry, human rights, and the Internet ecosystem

15:00-16:00
[NRI] What do we do to achieve universal connectivity in the short term?

16:15-17:45
[DC] IS3C General Meeting: Recommendations to Make the Internet More Secure & Safer

18:00-18:30
[WS #505] DNS Abuse: Where are we and where do we want to be?

"Speakers' Corner"

09:30-10:00
[LT] Diverse Approaches for an Ageing-friendly Internet

10:15-10:45
[LT] A Framework for Internet Resilience

11:00-11:30
[LT] Funding innovation to expand the possibilities for Internet access and connectivity globally

11:45-12:45
[NSI] YourRBan: Being LGBTQIA+ on social media

13:45-14:15
[LT] It's Not all Doom and Gloom: The Future of Democracy, Markets, and Technology Can be Positive

13:00-13:45
Break

14:30-15:00
[LT] Walking the tight rope: Protecting Data and promoting democracy

15:15-15:45
[LT] Democratizing the discourse on data rights: experience sharing from rural India

16:00-17:00
[LT] Renewing the WSIS mandate: the Internet and its governance beyond 2025

17:15-17:45
[LT] The future of peruvian Internet regulation: a prospective evaluation of legislative initiatives

18:00-18:30
[LT] Internet Internationalism: A New Model to Defend the Future of the Internet