

# BPF GENDER & DIGITAL RIGHTS

## BPF Focus Areas 2022

- Analyze the impact of regulations from a gender justice perspective taking into consideration the work done by the United Nations Special Rapporteurs for freedom of expression and opinion, violence against women, and human rights defenders;
- Assess the impacts of the diminishing privacy and the hyper-fiscalizations of women and LGBTQI+ people online;
- Assess the role of Privacy and Freedom of Expression provisions on female and LGBTQI+ groups online identities.

## Implementation Steps

- Community-based research programme to harness experiences of underrepresented populations worldwide;
- Collect resources and analyse case studies which will support a series of recommendations regarding the current impacts of Internet regulation and how to overcome them by incorporating a wider perspective on gender as a core element of human rights defense in the internet ecosystem.

# SCOPE: HYPER-FISCALIZATION THROUGH REGULATION

## Definition

Over regulatory practices - i.e., newly proposed regulation or legal amendments turned into gendered censorship - that might represent changes in ensuring freedom of expression, preservation of online identities, safety and civic spaces, and criminalization of activities of historically marginalized communities.

Opportunity to raise awareness of how some regulations are pervasive and directly affect the wellbeing of women and LGBTQIA+ communities; bring an intersectional perspective to the IGF agenda of urgent/necessary transformations for a gender-sensitive ecosystem.

## Proposed report flow

- Report contents:
  - Introduction
  - Hyper-fiscalization through regulation
  - Analyses of community-proposed case studies on privacy, FoE and violence against women/LGBTQIA+ and criminalization of activism
  - GDC links
  - Recommendations and conclusion
- Establish methodology/metrics with the community
- Bring in experts