Internet Governance Forum
Leadership Panel

Open Consultation – The Internet We Want

The Leadership Panel (LP) of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was created in 2022 by the United Nations Secretary-General Mr. António Guterres. One key element of the Terms of Reference of the LP is to provide strategic inputs and advice on the IGF and to promote the Forum and its outputs.

We are reaching out to you with this letter to make sure we are including strategic advice by a wide range of stakeholders in our work and also to promote the IGF during this important year.

The LP actively support a vision of strengthening the multistakeholder model in internet governance processes. As part of our advice to strengthen the IGF we have, in dialogue with stakeholders, created a vision and a framework for the future internet, “The Internet We Want” (IWW). IWW has been presented at the most recent IGF held in Kyoto in October 2023, but we are eager to ensure that as many stakeholders as possible give input and feedback to the framework. Our aim is to concretize the framework together with all stakeholders and complement it with measurable goals to facilitate the implementation of this shared vision.

We would be most interested in hearing from you on what challenges or obstacles you see that might hinder the implementation of this vision to help us pinpoint priority areas for action and set more concrete goals. You can find the consultation on this link, where you can share your comments under each of the IWW’s five sections:
1. Whole and open;
2. Universal and inclusive;
3. Free-flowing and trustworthy;
4. Safe and secure; and
5. Rights-respecting.

We ask for your input to the IWW framework by 1st March 2024.

Following this consultation, we will issue an open call for participants to contribute to 5 subgroups corresponding to the above-mentioned sections that will build out the IWW framework.

As the principle of the multistakeholder model is that all stakeholders are included and listened to, we would be very interested in your organization’s input.

In addition to the IWW framework, we take this opportunity to share the Summary Report of the IGF 2023 Annual Meeting, which contains an overview of all IGF work and outputs over the course of last year, including highlights of the Leadership Panel’s activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the LP at the following address: igf@un.org.

Sincerely,

/on behalf of the IGF Leadership Panel/

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