

**IGF Leadership Panel
Virtual Meeting
11 February 2025 | 16:00-18:00 UTC**

The [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) Leadership Panel](#) met virtually in plenary on 11 February 2025. The purpose of the call was to discuss preparations for the twenty-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) and related IGF mandate renewal considerations; outreach to Member States; and the application of the IGF [Code of Conduct](#). Over the course of talks, strategies emerged for engaging National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) in communications with Member States.

Decisions, Action Items & Next Steps

• The Panel reviewed two interlinked strategy documents on future of the IGF and preparations for WSIS+20, agreeing:

- There should be a stronger role for the IGF within the UN.
- The IGF should be a ‘permanent’ structure, both in terms of its enjoying regular UN budget support and not necessarily being subject to periodic mandate extensions.
- IGF outputs need to be more impactful for decision-makers.
- The Internet We Want (IWW) framework should be used to measure progress of communities on issues discussed at IGF and in the Global Digital Compact (GDC).
- The Panel will advocate for the above and for as much multistakeholder inclusion as possible in the lead-up to WSIS+20 negotiations.
- The strategy document on future of IGF will be expanded with a section on NRIs.
- The strategy documents will be further refined over the next two weeks before circulation outside the Panel.

• On engagement with Member States:

- The Panel underscored the need to communicate directly and effectively with Member States on IGF before WSIS+20.
- A formal communication will be drafted to Member States which will include the strategic document on future of IGF, the Internet We Want framework, and introduction to Member States to their respective NRIs.
- It was agreed that general IGF messaging to Member States must be optimized to clearly articulate the Forum’s contributions to global digital policy.

• On National and Regional IGFs (NRIs):

- The Chair committed to drafting a message to NRIs within two weeks, asking them how they would like to be described to and/or engage with Member States in the Panel’s upcoming communications.
- The Panel acknowledged the importance of the NRI presence at annual meetings, including through sessions focused on best practices.

• On the IGF Code of Conduct and Meeting Policies:

- It was reaffirmed that the Code of Conduct ensures discussions remain issue-focused and prevents personalization of debates.
- It was agreed that any stakeholder wishing to propose amendments to the Code can do so through IGF’s established consultation processes.
- The Secretariat will ensure clear communication of the Code’s purpose to all participants ahead of IGF 2025, including through the recently published [advisory note](#).

Annex – Attendance

Panel Members

Mr. Vint Cerf, Chair
Ms. Maria Ressa, Vice Chair
Ms. Lise Fuhr
Ms. Maria Fernanda Garza
Ms. Carol Roach
Mr. ‘Gbenga Sesan

Panel Advisors, Representatives & Support Persons

Ms. Anna Eberl
Ms. Lara Honrado
Mr. Yoichi Iida
Ms. Stormy Seohyun Kim
Mr. David Kelly
Ms. Tu An Ngo
Ms. Timea Suto
Mr. Yuchi Tsuji

Regrets

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mohammed Alsuwaiyan
Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves
Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill
Mr. Belete Molla
Mr. Lan Xue

IGF Secretariat/ UN DESA

Ms. Céline Bal
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