Global Digital Governance & Cooperation

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The IGF was created as an innovative process to bring stakeholders together to discuss internet governance issues and policy challenges.

Global Digital Governance & Cooperation is the key global challenge discussed at the IGF since its inception, with an agenda driven by stakeholders and covering a broad range of issues.

The IGF has evolved over time and now encompasses a lot more than just its annual forum:

- Intersessional activities - Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Policy Networks (PNs), and Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) - convene stakeholders to exchange experiences and discuss subject matter best practices
- National, Regional, and Youth IGFs (NRIs) - a network of more than 150 initiatives - foster multistakeholder discussion on internet policy issues of relevance at the regional and local level.
IGF has introduced new processes (LP, more focused agenda, Parliamentarians track etc,) to respond to the challenges and suggestions indicated by the Secretary General of the United Nations in 1) *The High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation* (June 2018), 2) *The Roadmap for Digital Cooperation* (June 2020), 3) the *Our Common Agenda Report* (September 2021) which includes the *Global Digital Compact*.

All these initiatives are focusing on global digital cooperation as the essential driver for designing a sustainable, open, secure digital future, anchored in universal human rights and pursuing the achievement of sustainable development goals.

**Intersessional Event: Global Digital Governance & Cooperation**
Several intersessional activities (DCs, PNs, NRIs, etc.) provided feedback to the Consultation on the Global Digital Compact and have participated actively to the deep dive discussions managed by the co-facilitators of GDC from Sweden and Rwanda.

- Just to mention some of them: Italy IGF, EuroDIG, Swiss IGF, IGF Uruguay, DC on Children’s Right in Digital Environment, Gambia IGF, DC on Accessibility and Disability, DC on Community Connectivity, IGF Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality, Internet Governance Forum Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation (PNIF), Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition (IS3C), IGF Coalition on Platform Responsibility.

- The Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation (PNIF) is discussing avoiding and addressing ‘fragmentation of Internet Governance and Coordination’ as one of the dimensions in its framework for discussing Internet fragmentation.

- Examples of other relevant discussions by DCs and NRIs
  - Italy IGF, EuroDIG and several others NRIs discussed during the annual event the global digital governance and cooperation.
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• The IGF has been addressing the discussion on improving Global Digital Governance and Cooperation since its inception. What are your views on how the IGF processes could contribute to improve Global Digital Governance and Cooperation. How this could be discussed and reflected in the IGF 2023 agenda?

• The HLPDC and the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation suggested the introduction of new processes in the IGF. Are there new mechanisms that should be introduced in order to have an IGF more impactful on the Global Digital Governance and Cooperation?

The Our Common Agenda Report is suggesting, the IGF should continuously innovate and reform itself to adapt to the rapidly evolving digital landscape. This includes exploring new mechanisms for engagement, such as incorporating emerging technologies and facilitating greater youth participation. The idea of a Citizen Council within the IGF and as an integral part of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) has been suggested in this group as a way to further enhance the engagement and representation of diverse stakeholders, including the general public. What are your considerations on this proposal?
The Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 5 is suggesting to convene an annual Digital Cooperation Forum to support tripartite engagement and follow up the implementation of the GDC. What are the common elements between the Digital Cooperation Forum and the IGF?

Could the IGF be upgraded to implement the Digital Cooperation Forum?
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