



Internet Governance Forum 2024

Taking Stock from IGF 2023

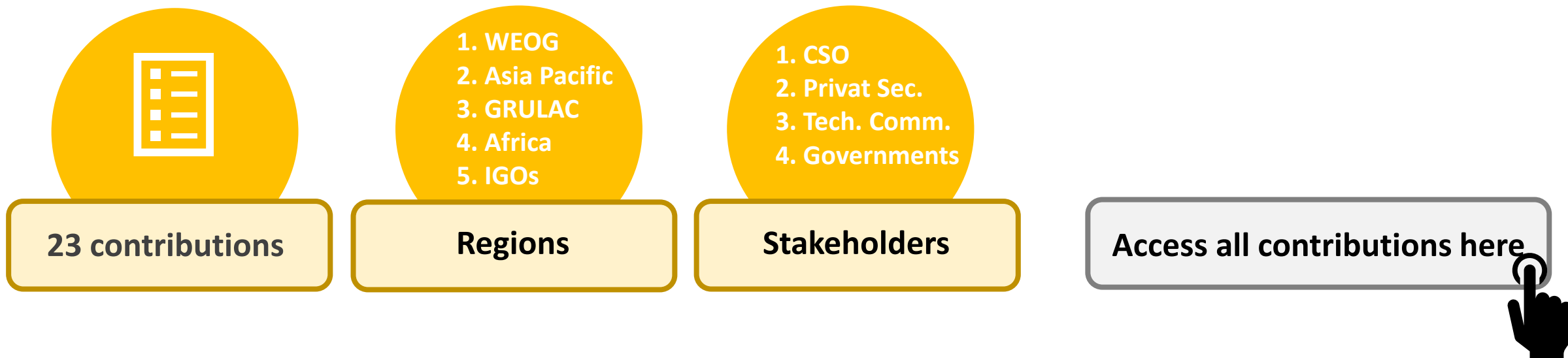
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IGF 2023 stock taking and considerations for 2024

Summary

- **Open Microphone and Taking Stock session** at the IGF 2023
- **Written contributions** via email/the IGF 2023 Taking Stock online form
- **Written contributions** via the Call for IGF 2024 Thematic Input

From the IGF 2023 Taking Stock online form and via email:



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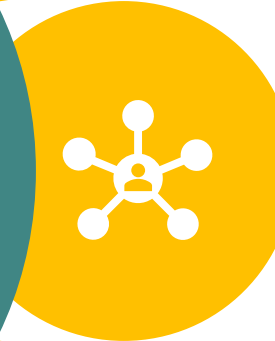


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IGF 2023 Stock Taking



IGF 2023 stock taking Intersessional Work and NRIs

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