Internet Governance Forum 2024

Programme Development

February 2024
Open call for over **eight weeks** via an IGF online submission system

Participants to select up to three themes and three issues from a list of **eleven themes**, each being assigned a set of specific **issues**

The call included a **comment section** on ways the IGF could contribute to global initiatives relevant to its work

Results – IGF 2024 Call for Thematic Inputs

- 310 Stakeholders
- 824 Selected Themes
- 1549 Selected Issues
Selected Themes
Cybersecurity and Trust

18% 18%

CHILD ONLINE SAFETY
CYBER ATTACKS AND CYBER...
HATE SPEECH, INCLUDING...
CYBER-DIPLOMACY
LEGAL AND REGULATORY...
DATA TRUST-BUILDING
INTERNET FRAGMENTATION
DISINFORMATION
TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY...
ALGORITHMS
INTERNET OF THINGS
ENCRYPTION
Data Governance

- Data Privacy and...: 31%
- Data Free Flow: 16%
- Data Localisation: 13%
- Open Data: 12%
- Big Data: 8%
- Data Services: 8%
- International Data Spaces: 7%
- Data Minimization: 5%
Rights and Freedoms

- Human Rights: 18%
- Civil Political..., Gendar Rights...: 15%
- Freedom of Expression: 13%
- Digital Citizenship: 11%
- Children's Rights Online: 9%
- Societal Challenges: 8%
- Democracy: 8%
- Privacy: 7%
- Jurisdiction and Dispute...: 6%
- Digital Identity: 3%
- Rights and Freedoms: 2%
Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity

- Access and Connectivity: 25%
- Digital Inclusion: 17%
- Capacity Development: 15%
- Community Networks: 11%
- Youth Engagement: 8%
- Accessibility: 7%
- Marginalized and...: 6%
- Open Access: 4%
- Multilingualism: 4%
- Gender Inclusion: 2%
- Libraries: 1%
Emerging Technologies and Innovation

- **5G**: 18%
- **INTERNET OF THINGS**: 15%
- **QUANTUM COMPUTING**: 14%
- **VIRTUAL/AUGMENTED REALITY**: 10%
- **BIOMETRICS**: 8%
- **CRYPTOCURRENCY**: 8%
- **SMART CITIES**: 6%
- **METAVERSE**: 5%
- **DISTRIBUTED LEDGER-BLOCKCHAIN**: 5%
- **ROBOTICS**: 4%
- **LETHAL AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS (LAWS)**: 3%
- **DATA SHARING & RESEARCH**: 3%
Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

- Sustainable Development: 26%
- Climate Change: 22%
- Climate Digital Technologies: 16%
- E-Waste: 10%
- Environmental Data: 8%
- Food & Water Security: 8%
- Circularity and...: 6%
- Supply Chain: 5%
Media and Content

- Misinformation: 33%
- Content Policy and Regulation: 27%
- Citizen Journalism: 19%
- Intellectual Property: 13%
- Local Content: 9%
Economic Issues and Development

- Digital Literacy: 17%
- Future of Work: 14%
- E-Commerce and E-Trade: 14%
- E-Education: 12%
- E-Government: 12%
- Digital Health: 10%
- Taxation: 7%
- Digital Competition: 5%
- Over-the-Top Services: 4%
Themes by Region
Artificial Intelligence: 18%
Cybersecurity and Trust: 17%
Emerging Technologies and Digital Transformation: 12%
Data Governance: 9%
Digital Cooperation: 9%
Rights and Freedoms: 8%
Universal Access and Meaningful Internet: 8%
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Intergovernmental Organizations

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Latin America and the Caribbean

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Issues by Region

Western European and Others Group

Africa

Latin America and the Caribbean

Asia Pacific

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Eastern Europe
Africa

- AI GOVERNANCE: 31
- DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION: 29
- AI ETHICS: 23
- CYBER ATTACKS AND CYBER CONFLICT: 20
Eastern Europe

- **AI Governance**: 3
- **AI Risk**: 3
- **Cyber Attacks and Cyber Conflict**: 2
- **International Cooperation on Data**: 2
Intergovernmental Organizations

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- Multistakeholder: 3
- Misinformation: 3
- Accessibility: 3

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- AI Ethics: 8
- Access and Use: 5
- Digital: 5
- Data Privacy: 5

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- AI Governance: 11
- Data Flow: 11
- Multistakeholder: 10
- Cyber Attacks: 9
Themes by Stakeholder
Civil Society

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Overview of Themes by Stakeholder Group
The Contribution of IGF annual meetings

- Continue to align the IGF annual meeting and intersessional work with the goals outlined in Our Common Agenda (OCA) and the 12 commitments, among others by integrating cutting-edge technologies (e.g., Artificial Intelligence)
- Maximize multistakeholder engagement from the IGF community, especially from developing countries, marginalized and vulnerable groups, to contribute to the development of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) by developing aligned messages that could feed into informal consultations and into the Zero draft
- Ensure NRI and youth inputs are front and centre in contributions to OCA, including more dedicated space for youth at the annual meeting
- Share GDC-related information via the IGF website
- Promote the unique IGF multistakeholder, bottom-up and transparent governance model in the development of the GDC
- Spotlight other topics that could be important for OCA and that may be overlooked, such as digital health, children’s rights online, the future of education and the gains that can be achieved through tools like Open Educational Resources
- Make the IGF build ownership and support for the application of the common principles of the GDC
- Provide more capacity building initiatives to support countries and stakeholders with the implementation of the OCA 12 commitments
- Organize intersessional capacity building sessions on the Summit for IGF stakeholders as well as focus sessions at IGF 2024 led by the Summit’s implementers
- Take the lead in organizing an IGF side event at the Summit of the Future increasing the participation of the IGF community
- Report on the actions that were taken to promote the IGF to the GDC co-facilitators and the UN Office on Technology in regard to the GDC
- Actively participate in NetMundial+10 and WSIS+20 review process
- Use the IGF 2024 as a platform to discuss the final report of the High-Level Advisory Body on AI
Overall Format and Design of the IGF

- Limit the number of thematic tracks in favour of a more focused agenda in which important cross-cutting themes are present throughout.
- Simplify the IGF programme by reducing the number of sessions and types to decrease the complex environment.
- Review the allocation of sessions in the programme that are not workshops and evaluated by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group.
- Enhance the interactive schedule and release it in an accessible format.
- Organize fully virtual sessions to better support and provide to session organizers equal access to the IGF.
- Improve the accessibility of each session, as well as the virtual participation by ensuring remote and onsite participants are treated equally.
- Green events by implementing sustainable event management practices (e.g., following the UNEP initiative Greening the Blue).
- Introduce and support more interactive and participatory sessions (e.g., hackathons, working groups, practical exercises, fishbowl format workshops, gamification) to enhance dialogue amongst stakeholders and meaningful engagement.
- Increase meaningful participation of marginalized and vulnerable groups (indigenous communities, youth (incl. teens), LGBTQI+ members...) including in IGF decision-making processes and the process to structure the meeting.
- Recognize Youth as a separate stakeholder group.
- Introduce a thematic track to include topics on geopolitical tensions and its effect on Internet governance.
- Organize a dedicated day to IGF intersessional work, featuring BPFs, PNs, NRIs, DC sessions.
- Provide for continuity of outcomes between annual meetings.
- Introduce at the IGF 2024 a Judiciary Track to develop capacity of judges in digital-related matters.
- Engage more notable Internet personalities; the international media, both as journalists of the event and as digital stakeholders.
- Expand the list of issues available in the IGF Call for Thematic Input (some examples were provided).
- Attract more Government representatives from regions outside the Western European and Others Group.
- Provide interpretation for more languages.
- Organize a crossover event between the Youth and the Parliamentary track.
- Attract more start-ups to the IGF 2024 by organizing dedicated sessions.
https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-call-for-thematic-inputs