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Stocktaking & Improvements

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- IGF 2024 Open Microphone and Taking Stock session

- Open call over a period of **two weeks** via an IGF online submission system, including written contributions via email

- Promoted amongst **IGF 2024 participants** and via IGF **mailing lists, social media channels** and **website**

- **All contributions are publicly available [here]**

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Preparatory Process

- **Roadmap**: Early announcement of clear IGF 2025 milestones and deadlines
- **Transparency in Session Selection**: Improve session proposal process transparency, selection criteria, include useful feedback to rejected proposals
- **Increase meaningful participation** from youth, underrepresented regions and marginalized and vulnerable communities incl. in IGF decision making processes leading to the Forum
- **Plenary Sessions**: Better coordinate between the IGF Secretariat, the host country and main session organizers during the preparatory process of high-level sessions

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Intersessional Work and NRIs

- **Increased coordination**: Ensure better coordination between National and Regional IGFs (NRIs) and the IGF to reflect regional views in the programme; have more MAG involvement in NRI discussions; strengthen the connection between intersessional activities (DCs, PNs, BPFs, Youth) and NRIs

- **Youth inclusion and empowerment**: Encourage youth to be directly involved as speakers, session proposers, and rapporteurs; further develop the Youth mentorship programme

- **Increased Integration and visibility**: Organize a dedicated day to IGF intersessional work, featuring BPFs, PNs, NRIs, DC sessions and ensure session slots for intersessional groups

- **Alignment with IGF 2025 themes**: Encourage NRIs and intersessional activities to align with IGF 2025's overarching theme and subthemes to ensure relevance.

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Programme Structure and Content

- **Clear Thematic Tracks**: Dedicate days for specific themes, ensure balanced scheduling to accommodate diverse regions and time zones. Each track should have a dedicated space.

- **Decrease the number of sessions,** avoid duplications and topical overlaps

- **Align the programme** with the GDC implementation & WSIS+ 20 review process

- **Actionable outcomes**: Encourage session organizers to produce concrete output.

- **Interactive schedule**: Release an accessible interactive IGF schedule earlier in time

- **Diversity in Speakers**: ensure the inclusion of a diverse set of experts and include more (in person) youth, Global South individuals and marginalized groups

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Technical Matters and Communications

- **Session accessibility:** ensure remote and onsite participants are treated equally
- **Develop a set of instructions** for organizers to edit session pages
- **Promotion of virtual platforms**: Better promote the Scheduling mobile app, as well as the 3D venue and virtual booths
- **Daily summaries**: Produce daily summaries to highlight outcomes of discussions
- **Further involve journalists** and international media, both as journalists of the event and as digital stakeholders (via session proposals, speakers, intersessional work members)
- **Enhance communications activities**, which could be used by session organizers to widely promote their events ahead of and during the IGF

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Other Logistics and Host Country Role

- **Ensure a smooth process to acquire visa** for onsite participation in Norway, especially for some nationals from the Global South

- **Placement of the IGF Village**: The IGF Village was very successful, and booth organizers welcomed the central placement of the Village, close to workshop rooms and coffee corners

- **Ensure various types of disabilities** are considered early on with the preparatory process. This should include access on the website as well as at the venue.

- **IGF reception and music night**: Re-introduce an official IGF reception for all participants and/or the IGF music night; organize reception or social gatherings after meeting hours to avoid any overlaps with ongoing sessions

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Participation, Stakeholder Engagement

- **Broaden stakeholder representation**: further diversify the range of stakeholders, specifically the private sector, academia and the media, with a focus on balancing gender and regions; also broaden the invitation list to include underrepresented groups like grassroots organizations, marginalized communities, and youth, especially from developing countries

- **High-Level participation**: Invite more prominent figures such as Heads of organizations and business leaders from major tech companies

- **WSIS+20 review process**: Coordinate with global bodies involved in the WSIS+20 review process should be enhanced to ensure alignment

- **Ensuring inclusivity**: Provide more travel support to global south participants and ensure remote participation options and accessibility features for people with disabilities and other marginalized groups

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All submissions

are publicly available here