

IGF 2025 Call for Session Proposals

Stakeholders are invited to apply to organize different types of sessions at IGF 2025 within the deadline: **12 March 2025, 23:59 UTC**. Proposals should focus on the **XX subthemes** of the meeting, held under the overarching theme, **[XXX]**. All are welcome to learn more about IGF 2025's thematic approach and explore the session types open for application, as described below.

Hybrid IGF

IGF 2025 will be organized in a hybrid format and welcome participants at the physical venue in Lillestrøm, Norway, as well as online. The goal is for all participants, whether onsite or online, to engage in an equally meaningful way in IGF sessions. Workshop and session organizers are expected to consider elements of interactivity and accommodate the hybrid format in their proposals. For workshop proposals competitively evaluated by the MAG, these elements of hybrid interactivity will be a factor in a proposal's overall rating.

IGF Subthemes

The IGF 2025 programme will be organized according to the following [subthemes](#):

- o **XXX**

The subthemes above were decided on during the IGF 2025 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting, after reviewing inputs from the IGF 2025 thematic and stocktaking calls. The IGF's thematic inputs and stocktaking processes are open to everyone. They form the basis of the MAG's discussions and ensure programme topics are those deemed most critical and timely to Internet governance stakeholders and societies at large.

Session Types

As noted, there are several types of sessions for which stakeholders can apply. Please see below.

How to submit your session proposal?

Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to look through the session types carefully and consider which is most suitable for their purposes. Workshops are the main substantive session type and are evaluated competitively by the MAG, due to space restrictions.

Please browse the session types below and click on **'To the Application Form'** to be directed to a dedicated page where an online application can be submitted.

Workshops

Workshops are sessions in the IGF annual meeting on a specific Internet governance topic or question. Internet governance is defined as “the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.” Workshops should offer expertise or insight on the topic and generate discussion among participants.

Who can apply?

- Any person, or group of persons, from any stakeholder group - civil society, the technical community, the private sector or government - may submit a workshop proposal.
- Organizing teams who are proposing a session for the first time, or are from developing countries, are especially encouraged to submit.
- It is also strongly encouraged to list a team that is diverse in terms of perspective, gender, region, stakeholder group, age (e.g. youth), and physical ability (e.g. persons with disabilities), as diversity is an important factor during proposal evaluation.

To the Workshop Application Form

Open Forums

Open Forums are interactive sessions organized by governments and treaty-based international organizations. Open Forums should focus on a government or organization's Internet governance-pertinent activities and allow sufficient time for questions and discussions.

Who can apply?

- Governments
- Treaty-based international organizations
- Global organizations from any stakeholder group with international scope and presence, with operations across regions, dealing with Internet governance-related issues

To the Open Forum Application Form

Launches and Awards

A limited number of Launches and Awards will be selected for the IGF programme. These types of sessions serve to launch an Internet governance-related initiative, or to host award ceremonies. Proposals should clearly state the relevance to Internet governance and the IGF themes.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Stakeholders with demonstrated interest in Internet governance
- Organizations wishing to introduce an initiative or host an award ceremony in the global Internet governance ecosystem, who can clearly outline the Internet governance-related objective to be achieved through this session

[To the Launches and Awards Application Form](#)

Lightning Talks

Lightning Talks are fully in-person events that are brief, to-the-point, prepared presentations on a specific Internet governance issue.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Stakeholders, participating onsite, with demonstrated interest in Internet governance
- Organizations, participating onsite, wishing to present their work in the global Internet governance ecosystem and who can clearly outline the Internet governance-related objective to be achieved through this session

[To the Lightning Talk Application Form](#)

Networking Sessions

A limited number of Networking Sessions will be selected for the IGF programme. These are interactive gatherings of stakeholders interested in a same or similar issue on Internet governance. Their open (in the case of face-to-face events - open-seating) formats can serve as icebreaker, prompting quicker ways for people to get to know each other. Networking sessions are also a suitable session type for social gatherings, or for gatherings of people and organizations from a particular region, stakeholder group, or area of activity.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Any organization currently active in the Internet governance ecosystem
- Organizations wishing to organize a networking event for the global Internet governance ecosystem and who can clearly outline the Internet governance-related objective to be achieved through this session

[To the Networking Session Application Form](#)

[Dynamic Coalition Sessions](#)

[IGF Dynamic Coalitions](#) (DC) use sessions to discuss issues related to their DC topic, and in turn, related to the themes of the IGF meeting.

Who is eligible to apply?

- DCs recognized by the IGF Secretariat who are currently active, have provided an annual report, as well as a post-session report from their session at last year's IGF (if applicable)

[To the Dynamic Coalition Application Form](#)

[National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives \(NRIs\) Collaborative Sessions](#)

In line with NRI network standard procedures, NRIs are in the process of submitting issues of priority that help understand mutual thematic interests within the network and on which NRI sessions may focus.

Who is eligible?

- NRIs recognized by the IGF Secretariat

[Learn more](#)

[Pre-events \(Day 0 sessions\)](#)

These sessions take place on the day before the IGF official programme begins. Requesters are given the space to hold the events if their content is IG-relevant and appropriate. Taking into consideration regional and stakeholder balance as well as relevance, space for these sessions is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and requested durations are granted based on availability.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Stakeholders with demonstrated interest in Internet governance, wishing to hold a session prior to the first day of the IGF
- Organizations wishing to present their work in the global Internet governance ecosystem and who can clearly outline the Internet governance-related objective to be achieved through this session

[To the Pre-Event Application Form](#)

FAQs- Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions

(i) Language

- **Can I submit a session proposal in a language other than English?**

Unfortunately, not. The working language of the IGF is English. While IGF strives to be as multilingual as possible, the internal resources do not exist to review proposals in different languages. Furthermore, interpretation is not provided as a standard feature in session rooms.

(ii) Sessions with mixed onsite/online presence

If the session is mixed, with some members of organizing teams and participants joining online and some onsite, the room's moderator(s) will act as a bridge between the two groups to ensure equality of interactivity. However, there is a minimum requirement of having at least three (3) speakers onsite, including the onsite moderator.

- **I don't know yet if I will be able to travel to Norway. Can I still apply for a session?**

Yes, but you must ensure that at least one moderator and two speakers will be present onsite. In case plans change and you cannot guarantee this minimum requirement, you must inform the IGF Secretariat as early as possible. Kindly note that Lightning Talks are fully in-person sessions and cannot accommodate online speakers.

- **Some of my speakers won't be able to travel to Norway. Can they still participate?**

Yes, as long as three speakers, including the onsite moderator, are present onsite. The IGF will provide session organizers with the virtual link for online speakers and participants. Kindly note that Lightning Talks are fully in-person sessions and cannot accommodate online speakers.

- **Will session rooms be already equipped for virtual participation?**

Yes, rooms at the venue in Norway will already be technically configured to accommodate online speaker and participants. The IGF will provide session organizers with the virtual link for online speakers and participants. Kindly note that Lightning Talks are fully in-person sessions and do not support virtual participation.

(iii) General technical support for sessions

- **Will all sessions have the same level of technical support?**

No. While all sessions will have a technical support person to assist them in the room onsite, and have virtual participation enabled (through Zoom), not all will have transcription or live webcasting (e.g., Lightning Talks). Please check the level of support linked to your session type on the session's Call page. Workshops will all have transcription and live webcasting.