





#### **Internet Governance Forum 2025**

# **Parliamentary Track: Practical information**

The Kingdom of Norway will host the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2025) from 23 to 27 June 2025 in Lillestrøm, celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IGF.

# IGF 2025 VENUE

The IGF 2025 will be hosted at NOVA Spektrum in Lillestrøm, conveniently located between Oslo city centre and the Oslo Airport (a 10-minute train ride from both locations).

For more information, please visit the IGF 2025 Host Country website.

#### **HYBRID IGF**

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The IGF 2025 will be hosted in a hybrid format to provide meaningful participation of stakeholders present on-site or participating online. Participants who cannot travel to Lillestrøm will be able to attend sessions of the Parliamentary Track and the overall IGF meeting via a dedicated online platform. More details will be made available on the IGF website closer to the event.

#### **IGF 2025 SCHEDULE**

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The overall IGF 2025 schedule will be made available on the <u>IGF website</u> in April.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE IGF 2025 PARLIAMENTARY TRACK

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As part of the IGF, activities dedicated to members of Parliament, known as IGF Parliamentary Track, are jointly organized by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Host Country's Parliament, Storting.

The Parliamentary Track will be held from **23 to 24 June 2025**. The programme of the Parliamentary Track and all other relevant information will be published on the <u>IGF 2025 Parliamentary Track web page</u>.

Members of Parliament and staff are also encouraged to attend other sessions of the IGF schedule, outside of the Parliamentary Track, which will be published on the IGF website.

Members of Parliament and staff interested in actively contributing to IGF sessions, can reach out to <a href="mailto:parliamentarytrack@intgovforum.org">parliamentarytrack@intgovforum.org</a> for more information.

#### SPECIAL EVENT ORGANIZED BY STORTING

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Storting, the Parliament of Norway, is preparing a special event as part of and during the Parliamentary Track. The Host Country's Parliament is kindly inviting all members of Parliaments to this special event, including one additional parliamentary staff accompanying the member of Parliament.

More information on the special event will be shared on the <u>Parliamentary Track web page</u> in due course.







#### **INTERPRETATION**

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For the Parliamentary Track at IGF 2025, interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish. For events taking place in the main IGF plenary hall, interpretation will be provided in all six official UN languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Chinese).

**REGISTRATION FOR IGF 2025 (including the Parliamentary Track)** 

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Members of Parliament and staff – whether they plan to join the IGF in Lillestrøm or online – are required to register for IGF 2025 via the <a href="INDICO registration link dedicated to Members of Parliament and staff">INDICO registration link dedicated to Members of Parliament and staff</a>.

The registration process should be completed by all participants by 23 May 2025.

#### TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH

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Limited funds are made available by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) to support the participation of stakeholders from the Global South at the IGF 2025 in Lillestrøm.

Applications for travel support must be submitted by 16 March 2025.

Parliamentarians who meet the below eligibility criteria are invited to submit their application via email, to Ms. Catalina Soare at the IGF Secretariat, at <a href="mailto:catalina.soare@un.org">catalina.soare@un.org</a>, with a copy to <a href="mailto:parliamentarytrack@intgovforum.org">parliamentarytrack@intgovforum.org</a>. The following information should be provided:

- Name
- Title (e.g. Member of Parliament, Senator)
- Email address
- Country and city
- Parliament represented
- URL of the parliament
- Role within the Parliament
- Term of office (start and end year of your mandate as Member of Parliament)
- Date of arrival and of departure
- City of departure and return
- The type of support requested
  - Accommodation, only
  - Full travel support (Accommodation and travel costs)

You can request full travel support or for accommodation, only. Please note that candidates requesting partial travel support (accommodation, only) may be given preference.

Parliamentarians will be informed about the status of their application after the submission deadline. For all questions about travel support, please contact Ms. Catalina Soare, at <a href="mailto:catalina.soare@un.org">catalina.soare@un.org</a>.

# Eligibility criteria

To be considered for travel support, parliamentarians must:







- Be from a Least Developed Country, Landlocked Developing Country, Small Island Developing State or a Transitional Economy.
- Be member of an official delegation of a parliament of a UN Member State.
- Commit to participate in the IGF 2025 Parliamentary Track.

Applicants should be aware of and be able to comply with Norwegian entry regulations available on the IGF 2025 Host Country <u>website</u>.

# **VISA, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

Relevant information on visa requirements, on traveling to Norway and on accommodation options in the city are available on the IGF 2025 Host Country <u>website</u>.

Participants (with the exception of those receiving travel support) are responsible for making their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. Participants are encouraged to secure a hotel room as soon as possible.

All participants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements.

# **DEDICATED MAILING LIST**

A mailing list has been set up to facilitate communication with and among members of parliaments interested in participating in the IGF 2025 Parliamentary Track.

Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff are invited to subscribe via this webpage.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For any additional information, please visit the IGF website and the IGF 2025 Host Country website:

- www.intgovforum.org
- www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2025-parliamentary-track
- www.igf2025.no/

# CONTACT

For any further questions or information regarding the Parliamentary Track at IGF 2025, please contact Ms. Celine Bal at <u>celine.bal@un.org</u> with a copy to <u>parliamentarytrack@intgovforum.org</u>.