INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES

- Virtual Meeting IV | 15 March 2022 at 15:00 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items

- The working title for the NRIs main session is: **Safeguarding and strengthening the core principles of a trusted Internet**. All NRIs are invited to suggest policy question(s) and issue(s) that could be discussed under this title until 3 May.
- Until 1 April, all NRIs are invited to suggest possible topics for five NRIs collaborative sessions, taking into account the results of the call for issues (attached as Annex A3). Topics which have solid support and could be marked as finally endorsed are: 1) Access and connectivity; 2) Data privacy and protection; and 3) Child online safety. Other two topics, subject for a discussion are: 1) AI; and 2) Multistakeholderism and multidisciplinarity. One NRI suggested to focus one session on fake news.
- IGF Secretariat will explore more about a proposal from the MAG to meet with the NRIs during the second open consultations and MAG meeting and revert with more clarity to the NRIs network for further discussion.

About

1. The 4th virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2022 preparatory cycle, took place on 15 March 2022 at 15:00 UTC.

2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2. The list of input document is annexed as A3.

Summary of key points

3. The Host welcomed participants to the fourth planning meeting of the 17th IGF preparatory cycle and invited everyone to introduce themselves using the chat function.

4. It was reminded that the main goal of the meeting is to decide on the themes for the NRIs main session and up to five collaborative sessions.

5. Below is the summary of consensus achieved and action points for further work.

IGF Expert Group Meeting

6. The Secretariat announced the names of six experts affiliated with the NRIs, who are selected to participate in the IGF Expert Group Meeting[1] through the NRIs endorsement process:
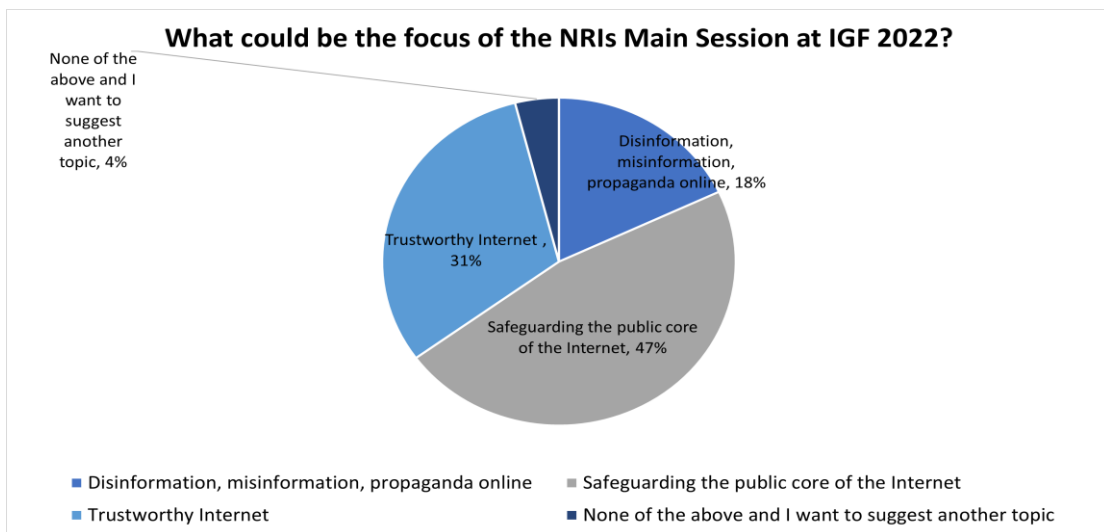
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[1] 30 march – 1 April 2022 https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-expert-group-meeting-egm

- *African NRIs - Aziz Hilali, North African IGF (Morocco)*
- *Youth NRIs - Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Ghana Youth IGF*
- *GRULAC NRIs - Julian Casasbuenas, Colombia IGF*
- *Asia Pacific NRIs - Jennifer Chung, APrIGF (Hong Kong S.A.R.)*
- *Eastern Europe NRIs - Olga Kyryliuk, SEEDIG (Ukraine)*
- *WEOG NRIs - Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG (Germany)*

7. It was further suggested that a call is hosted as a collective opportunity for all NRIs to exchange views on the NRIs-related matters of relevance for the EGM agenda, which could guide the preparations of the six experts. The date of the meeting will be confirmed in this week on the NRIs mailing list.

8. The Host confirmed that the agenda and the list of participants for the EGM is expected to be published on the IGF website in the next few days.

NRIs Main Session

9. The Host opened this discussion by reminding that the NRIs were asked to share proposals for the main session[2] topic since the latest NRIs call (hosted on 22 February) and further presented the so far received proposals:
    - Disinformation, misinformation and propaganda online
    - Safeguarding the public core of the Internet
    - Trustworthy Internet

10. Participants indicated their preferences for the above three topics, including an option to suggest alternative topic, through a poll. The poll results (image below) oriented the discussion toward the understanding that trust and overall values and principles of the Internet is of mutual interest for the NRIs, hence the focus of the NRIs main session. In order to ensure policy orientation of the topic, but also allow for addressing of technical aspects related to the policy, the following wording was endorsed: **Safeguarding and strengthening the core principles of a trusted Internet**. Participants underlined that this is a working version of the title which will be finalized along with the finalization of the session proposal, taking into consideration the possibility to translate the final wording to other five official UN languages given that the session will be interpreted to these.
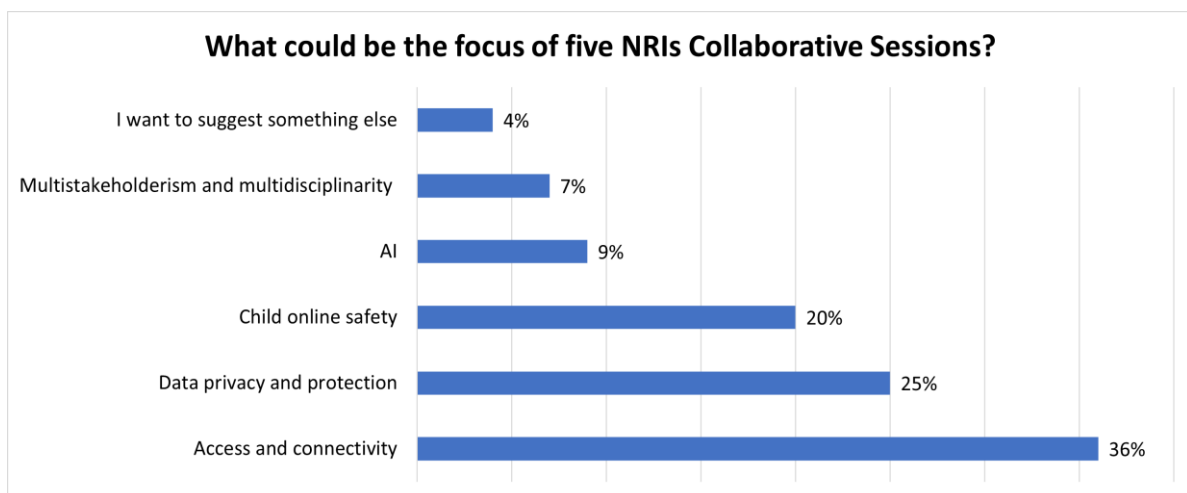

What could be the focus of the NRIs Main Session at IGF 2022?

- Disinformation, misinformation, propaganda online
- Safeguarding the public core of the Internet
- Trustworthy Internet
- None of the above and I want to suggest another topic

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[2] More about the concept of the NRIs main session https://www.intgovforum.org/content/nris-main-session

11. Further it was agreed that each NRI will communicate the issue(s) and policy question(s) on the agreed topic to help define a concrete focus of the main session. The IGF Secretariat will reach out to all NRIs coordinators on this task. The following timeline could apply:

   ➢ *NRIs communicate issues and policy questions until 3 May*
   ➢ *IGF Secretariat presents the overview of all proposals on 9 May*
   ➢ *NRIs discuss the overview and agree on the final list of policy questions on their call in the week of 16 May*
   ➢ *NRIs working group to draft the proposal and polish the wording of the final title formed by 18 May*
   ➢ *First draft proposal available by 22 June*
   ➢ *July – October: confirmation of the format, outputs, speakers, moderators, rapporteurs*

NRIs Collaborative Sessions

12. The participants also discussed possible topics for five NRIs collaborative sessions. Five top ranked issues from the results of the NRIs response to the IGF 2022 Call for Issues were subject of a poll to which all participants responded (image below).

What could be the focus of five NRIs Collaborative Sessions?

Topic	Percentage
I want to suggest something else	4%
Multistakeholderism and multidisciplinarity	7%
AI	9%
Child online safety	20%
Data privacy and protection	25%
Access and connectivity	36%

13. Due to lack of time, it was agreed that the focus of these sessions will be discussed at the next NRIs meeting hosted in a months' time. In the meantime, participants were invited to share inputs for the topics for these sessions taking into account the results of the Call for issues (Annex 3). The deadline to communicate inputs is 1 April. Georgia IGF suggested 'fake news' as an issue one collaborative session could address. Participants were invited to consider endorsing the three best ranked topics from the poll, listed below, and to continue brainstorming how the two other topics (AI; Multistakeholderism and multidisciplinarity) and the new suggestions could fit the final number of five sessions.

   ➢ *Access and connectivity*
   ➢ *Data privacy and protection*
   ➢ *Child online safety*

Debrief from the First IGF 2022 Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

14. The Host provided an update on key decisions made during the First IGF 2022 Open Consultations and MAG Meeting[3]:

- The overarching theme is decided: Resilient Internet for a shared sustainable and common future. The programme will focus on five themes[4], aligned with the Global Digital Compact themes and the final results of the IGF 2022 Call for thematic inputs:
  - *Connecting All People and Safeguarding Human Rights*
  - *Avoiding Internet Fragmentation*
  - *Governing Data and Protecting Privacy*
  - *Enabling Safety, Security and Accountability*
  - *Addressing Advanced Technologies, including AI*
- Intersessional work is approved: 2 Best Practice Forums (Cybersecurity; Gender and Digital Rights) and 2 Policy Networks (Meaningful Access; Internet Fragmentation)[5].

13. Participants were reminded that during the meeting, one MAG member suggested a meeting to be hosted between NRIs coordinators and MAG members to discuss synergies including on the aspects of hosting a hybrid meeting. It was further proposed that this meeting could be hosted during the second IGF 2022 open consultations on 6-8 July, UN Office at Geneva. Participants generally welcomed this idea, and it was agreed that the NRIs Focal Point will reach out to the MAG member for a more concrete proposal and revert to discuss further with the NRIs.

14. As a final reminder, it was said that the NRIs Call for Grants is open until 20 March 2022[6].

Next Steps

15. A full summary report will be sent to the NRIs mailing list with outlined action items.

16. NRIs will continue suggesting ideas for the NRIs collaborative sessions until 1 April and sending their policy question(s) and issue(s) for the NRIs main session until 3 May.

17. *Next meeting:* The timing of the next meeting will be agreed upon among the NRIs through their mailing list. A doodle poll will be sent one week before the proposed meeting options.

18. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1
AGENDA: Virtual Meeting IV

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Thematic focus of NRIs sessions (main and collaborative sessions) and next steps
3. Debrief from the 1st Open Consultations and MAG meeting
   a) Discussing the proposal to host a meeting between NRIs and MAG during the 2nd open consultations and MAG meeting in July
4. *AoB*

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[3] Hosted online from 23-25 February 2022 https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2022-first-open-consultations-and-mag-meeting

[4] https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2022-themes

[5] https://intgovforum.org/en/content/thematic-intersessional-work

[6] https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2022-call-for-nris-grants

ANNEX A2
MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order[7]):*

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
3. Alexei Marcius, Moldova IGF
4. Allan Magezi, Uganda IGF community
5. Ananda Gautam
6. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
7. Artem Goriainov, Central African IGF
8. Baratang Miya, South African IGF
9. Barrack Otien, Kenya IGF
10. Ben Rachad Sanoussi, Ghana IGF community
11. Bram Fudzulami, Malawi IGF
12. Dustin Loup, IGF-USA
13. Emmanuel Vitus, Togo IGF
14. Eun Chang Choi, South Korea IGF
15. Everton T. Rodrigues, Brazil IGF
16. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF
17. Frédéric Cohen, DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
18. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF, EuroDIG
19. Idris Idris, Nigeria IGF community
20. Igonor Oshoke Samson, Nigeria IGF
21. Ines Hfaiedh, Tunisa IGF community
22. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
23. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
24. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA community
25. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
26. June Parris, Barbados IGF
27. K Mohan Raidu, ISOC Hyderabad
28. Konstantina Nathanail, Greece IGF
29. Kossi AMESSINOU, Benin IGF
30. Leo Marty
31. Lianna Galstyan, Armenia IGF
32. Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Youth Ghana IGF
33. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
34. Lucien Castex, French IGF
35. Mahendranath Bosganspaul, Mauritius IGF
36. Mary Uduma, West African IGF, African IGF
37. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
38. Michel TCHONANG LINZE, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
39. Moustapha Abakar Abdramane
40. Nazar K. Nicholas , Tanzania IGF
41. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Uruguay Youth IGF
42. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
43. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF community
44. Obed Sindy, Haiti IGF
45. Olatokunboh Oyeleye, Nigeria IGF
46. Olévié Kouami, Nigeria IGF community
47. Osvaldo Larancuent, Dominican Republic IGF

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[7] Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

48. Patience Luyeye, DR Congo IGF
49. Peter Koch, German IGF
50. Phyo ThirI Lwin, Myanmar Youth IGF
51. Pierre-Jean Darres, Quebec IGF
52. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
53. Priyatosh Jana, India IGF community
54. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
55. Roman Chukov, Youth Russian IGF
56. Samira Danburam
57. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
58. Shadrach Ankrah, Ghana IGF community
59. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
60. Stefanie Mendoza
61. Stephanie Teeuwen, The Netherlands IGF
62. Thokozile Miya, South African IGF
63. Tijani Ben Jemaa, North African IGF
64. Titti Cassa, Italy IGF
65. Tracy F. Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago IGF
66. Tsholofelo Mokone, South African IGF
67. Ucha Seturi, Georgia IGF
68. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Colombia IGF community
69. Vinicius W. O. Santos, Brazil IGF
70. Vrikson Acosta
71. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
72. YingChu Chen, APrIGF community
73. Zanyiwe Asare, South African IGF
74. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF, Arab IGF community

ANNEX A3
INPUT DOCUMENTS

- **Agenda with inputs including results of the Call for Issues**
  https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/52/20982