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TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND TRUSTED INTERNET Two-Day Long Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021

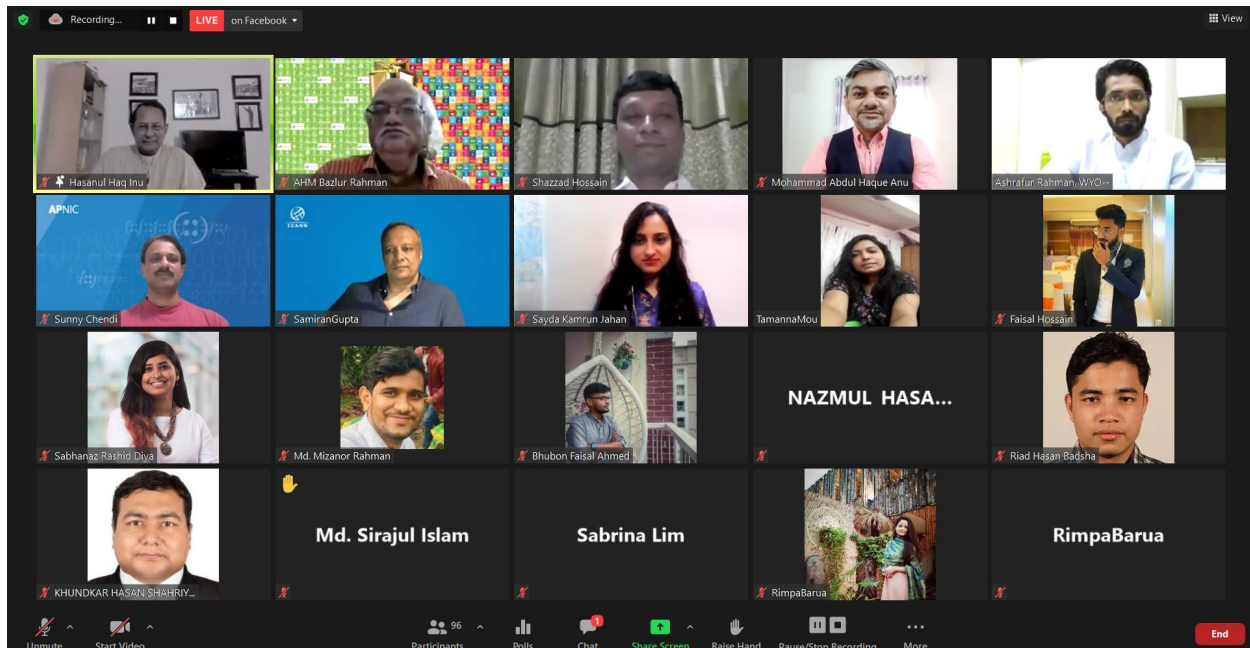
Two-day long Youth Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Bangladesh was started on 30 July and concluded on 31, July 2021 through Virtual Platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown. The program was started at 3:00 pm and ended at 6:30 pm. Prominent experts in the tech industry and from the Internet Governance community addressed issues.

02 Days	09 Sessions	10 Hours
31+ Speakers	396 Online registrations	2700+ Facebook Event Page
Local & International	Local & International	People Reached

Stakeholders from the Government, Civil Society, Private, Technical Community, Academia, Youth, and Media will participate in the Youth Internet Governance virtually (Zoom platform). Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021 at a glance, Days 2, Time 9 hours, Sessions 12, Speakers 31 International Speakers 9, programs including Influencer Hunt, Youth Ambassador, and Sessions.

Sayda Kamrun Jahan Ripa, Chairperson, Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021 in her Welcome Remarks highlighted the Purpose of the Youth IGF Bangladesh. She mentioned that Youth Internet

Governance Forum (YIGF) Bangladesh and the Vision of Youth IGF Bangladesh is to encourage our youth to contribute to national, regional, and international Internet Governance and be part of the movement which is helping to increase youth participation in the Internet ecosystem. Youth IGF Bangladesh has been working to prepare and inspire a new generation of Bangladeshi youth for constructive engagement and empowerment for a sustainable future in internet governance. Values, cooperation, collaboration, and mutual understanding between the Bangladeshi youth community and multi-stakeholders by bringing them together to make a secured internet platform. Prepare our youth to take the challenges of Internet-based emerging technologies, innovation, trending changes and social media activities, etc. She stressed empowering youth for amplifying their knowledge and influence power-holders to reduce digital discrimination.



Mr. AHM Bazlur Rahman-S21BR, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication in his Keynote discussion mentioned that BIGF has been working with the government to accelerate the activities with the government and international level for knowledge creation, knowledge preservation, knowledge dissemination. In the BIGF program, a slot was allocated organized a session for youths in the previous years. But it is the first-time youths have been organized a full Youth IGF in Bangladesh. YIGF has been working to strengthen the capacity of the youth. The program was organized by the youth, of the youth, and for the youth. The YIGF has been working for empowering youth and the young generation in a fairer digitalization process through constructive engagement, amplifying their voices through and reduce the digital divide by influencing policy-makers. He also discussed seven steps of the internet that is structure, security, legal issues, economic aspect, development, socio-cultural status, human rights. For adaptation with the digital society, the youth should

work on upskilling, deskillling, and reskilling for empowering, amplifying, and influencing power-holders.

Guest of Honor Mr. Sunny Chendi, Senior Advisor Policy and Community Development, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) Australia mentioned that APNIC is committed to developing youth and internet governance forums for strengthening governance at national, regional, and global levels. We encourage youths through different opportunities for spreading internet governance in the areas. We also encourage to share the experience by the youth at national regional and global, that create positive changes in the society.



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**INAUGURAL CEREMONY:
TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE,
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TRUSTED INTERNET**

30th July, 2021 | 03:00 – 03:55 pm

 Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, MP Chairperson, Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum & Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	 Mr. Samiran Gupta Head in India, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)	 Ms. Sabhanaz Rashid Diya Head of Public Policy, Bangladesh, Facebook	 Mr. Nick Bauer Government Affairs & Public Policy, Singapore, Google
 Mr. Sunny Chendi Senior Advisor Policy and Community Development, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) Australia	 AHM Bazlur Rahman-S21BR Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication	 Ms. Sayda Kamrun Jahan Ripa, Chairperson, Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021	

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Mr. Nick Bauer, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Singapore, Google spoke as Guest of Honor said that it is very encouraging for me to join the important event. Google has been working with Bangladesh on policy issues, challenges they are facing, during COVID-19 response and recovery we have provided different support to help the people stay safe and vaccinated. We have provided support to the government for COVID-19, flood warning information support for an early flood warning system with a big coverage area of around 100 million people. We are committed to youth development in the requirement of Bangladesh market change to work with the market and customer care.

Ms. Sabhanaz Rashid Diya, Head of Public Policy, Bangladesh, Facebook spoke as Guest of Honor and was lauded to organize such a wonderful event. As a partner, Facebook is proud to involve with the program. Facebook has been working for connecting people across the world. During COVID-19 digital skills is very essential for young people. Facebook has been provided support to the Bangladesh government for vaccination of the people provide motivational

information about wearing masks mental and support on mental health and Surokha.bd Apps of government. It has been reaching out to the customers and 35% new working ways for women-led SMEs. She emphasized creating a digital citizenship program to empower the next generation.

Mr. Samiran Gupta, Head of India, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) spoke as Guest of Honor on the basic information about Internet and ICANN interventions. He also discussed Internet Governance and the role of ICANN in the global Internet and how non-profits and voluntary organizations work as a partner of ICANN and how can the Internet be made available in different languages and scripts and the role does ICANN play in cybersecurity for secured, structured, and working smoothly on internet. Top-level Domain System, Dot Bangla domain is available. Inclusive means for all, how to use secured internet, online.

Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, MP, Chairperson, Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum & Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Information & Broadcasting chaired the session highlighted that the internet has created a revolution in the society, youth can connect the world through the internet. Country, society and across the world can involve youths and how we can use the internet and youth should come with new innovative ideas.

We should work to reduce the digital divide and discrimination, reduce, governance, multi-stakeholders dimension is necessary, digitalization all sector of the society come across environment and climate and holistic approach is required. New emerging technology in our mother tongue, cyberspace, freedom of speech, e-commerce, etc. We need to apply our minds and raise our voices various understanding issues the necessity of the issue, digital devices are important.

Ms. Rimpa Barua discussed Youth IGF Bangladesh Influencer Hunt Activity 2021. She said Influencer Hunt is a program to select contributors who will be supporting in disseminating the activities of Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021. We are searching for many contributors, from now onward who will actively participate, share & spread the event information among our fellows, friends, colleagues & the youth community through various social media and other platforms.

Mr. Ashrafur Rahman Pious, Deputy Country Director at World Youth Organization (WYO) highlighted about Youth Ambassador program of IGF for promoting youth citizenship, diplomacy, volunteerism, and community services as key aspects of next-generation leadership to help to get ICT access, empowering voices, influencing power and create awareness for trusted internet. We should not violate rules, refrain from engaging in any harmful for all and pass or not to share any comment on social media which is nota community standard.

Ms. Sabrina Lim, GSE Programs Manager, Singapore, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) mentioned Internet is 52 years old but it is young for the human being,

now 5 billion users of the internet, what kind of internet do we need inclusive, trusted, but it should open, stable, secure, interoperable, resilient. ICANN needs more young people to make it inclusive, secured, and trusted and it is platform multi-stakeholders participation is important. Diversity and inclusion participation is meaningful, regionally, and globally. Building consensus on policy issues to make an impact.

Ms. Yuliya Morenets @globalyouthigf Founder & Former UN MAG mentioned YIGF is a multi-stakeholder platform. Youth IGF many countries are implementing programs for youth participation that is crucial to come up with internet connectivity. Two priorities are there one is youth has to increase cybersecurity skills among young's cyber-attacks and second is digital literacy. ICT mitigates climate change, behavioral change, and digital issues. Young people can play a vital role in promoting the issue. Internet governance is a key issue the Secretary-General mentioned in different speeches and the debates in the multi-stakeholders issue should discuss. For youth mainstreaming, gender equality we need by sharing and doing for women.

Mr. Augusto Mathurin based in the Dominican Republic discussed on social media Against Humanity mentioned what should be stayed online what not four options for post what should be accepted, removed, warned, and prosecuted.

Mr. Sayed Mohammad Mahmudul Islam, Co-Founder & General Secretary, Assent Foundation discussed on Internet Addiction of Children and Adolescents in the Context of COVID-19 in Bangladesh: Causes, Effects, Side Effects, and Way Forward. He said we should use the internet for well-being and avoid any harmful especially addition of the internet and social media.

Day-2

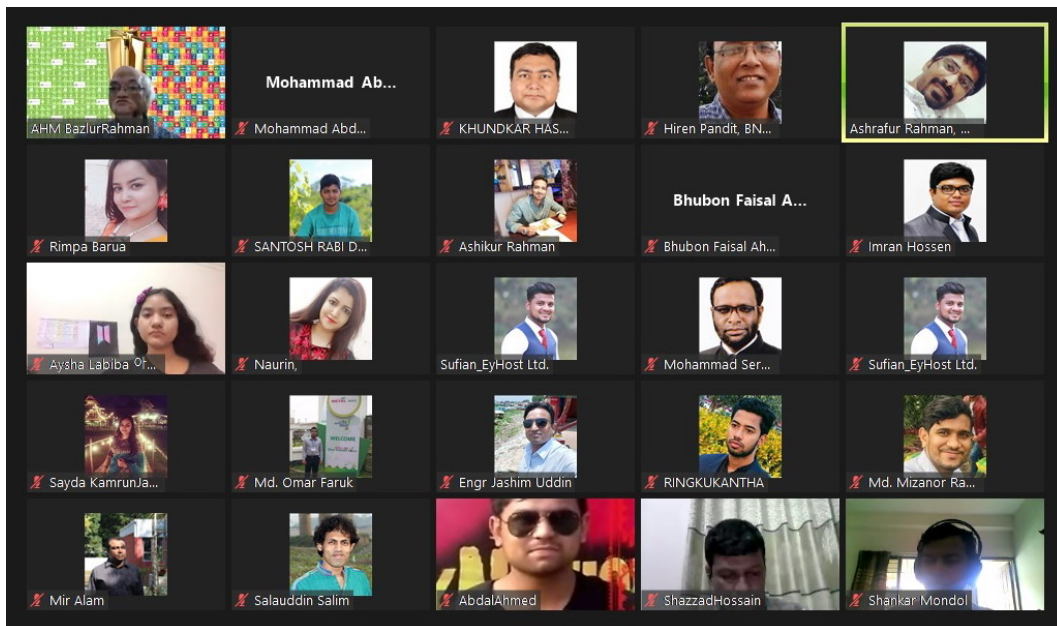
On the second day Mr. Imran Hossen, Managing Director of EyHost Ltd discussed on Youth Entrepreneur-Domain Name Registration Process and Security. He mentioned that to reserve a domain name in a TLD, a domain name registrant must register it with an ICANN-accredited registrar. The registrar will check if the domain name is available for registration and create a WHOIS record with the domain name registrant's information. It is also possible to register domain names through a registrar's resellers.

Mr. Md. Sirajul Islam, System Manager (Current Charge), IICT and System Analyst, Dept. of CSE, Dhaka University of Engineering & Technology, Gazipur spoke on Empowering youth: Big Data & IoT. In the discussion he mentioned about the ability to analyze large amounts of data doesn't just improve business opportunities. It may be your only chance of survival in a fiercely competitive environment. IoT and Big Data solutions can help any company be more successful a making more productive, optimizing automating work processes, enhancing security, improving spirit boosting maintenance. It helps with weather monitoring systems, smart agriculture, fire detection system, air pollution monitoring system, server room temperature monitoring system, health monitoring, home automation, and many others.

Mr. Abhijan Bhattacharyya, Sr. Scientist, TCS Research, Kolkata, India & Vice President-Projects, ISOC Kolkata Chapter discussed the Conundrum of Cyber Value-system and Malpractices. He said, the Internet is a new paradigm and the systems underpin all connected IT, operational technology (OT), and Internet of Things (IoT) efforts where security considerations span, Cybercrime is any criminal act related to computers and networks which is called hacking, phishing, spamming or is used as a tool to commit. The end-to-end principle, open standard, universal access, freedom of expression, Malpractice of computer, obscenity, data breach, espionage, fraud transection, terrorism unfair competition hates speech fake new Beach of information sovereignty.

Mr. Salauddin Salim, Head of Broadcast & IT at SOMOY TV discussed OTT (Over the Top) & Digital Content Monetization. He said, the term “over the top,” or OTT, has had a workout in the media lately as a rash of high-profile announcements by media giants, PayTV companies and OTT (over-the-top) is the practice of delivering video and other media over the internet, bypassing cable, broadband and satellite platforms. On-demand video service, OTT boundary-less capacity OTT has opened up the possibility for ad-free content, by enabling subscription services (SVOD), one-time purchases (TVOD), and more monetization strategies.

Mr. Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Secretary, Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG) and Founder, Learn Internet Governance discussed Regional & Local Participation in Internet Governance (IG). There are some criteria that the candidates submit a fellowship application with the proposal, session proposal, or paper with or without the acceptance letter from the relevant conference. Filling out the form with all information there are links, photos, evaluation process, how the proposal is sustainable, monitoring and evaluation process should be written clearly. There are some opportunities and challenges are there.



Mr. Md Sahariar Hasan Jiisun, National Consultant at a2i, ICT Division discussed Government Opportunity for Youth: Training & Grants. He said great innovation only happens when people are not afraid to do things differently. Leveraging the “demographic dividend” by empowering youth through meaningful skills most demanded by the market Bangladesh Government has been working. Think Big, Start Small, Move Fast - Bangladesh Big-2021 is moving forward with this innovative idea in mind. ICT Division has been selected 75 start-ups of Bangabandhu Innovation Grant 2021. In the final episode, the inventor of the best start-up will get an award from ICT Division and 36 start-ups will get 10 lakh BDT. A notable project of the ICT Division is the Learning and Earning Development Project. After completing their education, the boys and girls will be trained in IT and will be self-employed without relying on government jobs. Bangladesh Government introduced many projects for young entrepreneurs.

Ms. Sayda Kamrun Jahan Ripa, Chairperson, Youth IGF Bangladesh announced the result of the Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021 Influencer Hunt.

A promotional banner for the Youth IGF Bangladesh 2021 Influencer Hunt. The background is dark blue with silhouettes of people and various icons related to technology and education. The text is in white and yellow. A large white banner in the top left corner says "Winning Prize 10,000 BDT". The main title "INFLUENCER HUNT" is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the Youth IGF Bangladesh logo is shown, followed by "YOUTH IGF Bangladesh" in white and yellow. The year "2021" is in large, bold, white letters. To the right, the text "TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND TRUSTED INTERNET" is in white. At the bottom, a blue button says "Date : 30-31 July" and a yellow button says "https://youth.bangladeshigf.org/influencerhunt.html".

8 Divisional Focal discussed briefly, Mr. Bhubon Faisal Ahmed from Dhaka, Mr. Shazzad Hossain from Barishal, Mr. Ashrafur Rahman Pious from Chattogram, Mr. Riad Hasan Badsha from Rangpur, Mr. Shariar Deep from Rajshahi, Mr. Imran Hossen from Khulna, Mr. Md. Mizanor Rahman from Mymensingh and Mr. Santosh Rabi Das Anjon from Sylhet.

Tashnuva Anan Shishir, Actress & News Anchor-Boishakhi Television spoke as a special guest and highlighted the importance of the event which create a new window for the youths. We don't like to mention the people as marginalized all people are equal and all have equal rights.

All should come forward to work for promoting the rights of people. The platform will bring a positive change and play an encouraging role for all.

Mr. Rased Mehedi, President, Telecom Reporters’ Network of Bangladesh (TRNB) and Special Correspondent, The Daily Samakal highlighted Digital Security issues. We should work for a non-controversial data protection law. We should work on misinformation and disinformation and fake news during the COVID-19 pandemic. The youths are the main forces of the society they should come forward to work on the internet governance issues. Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum has been working relentlessly for promoting internet governance issues and doing various works with the government to reduce the digital divide and discrimination. The work would be a milestone for the society and new generation. Youth Internet Governance Forum can play a vital role in the development of the youths especially youth women in the rural areas.



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Youth IGF Bangladesh Divisional Focal Point

31st July, 2021 | 06:03 – 06:19 PM

DHAKA	BARISHAL	CHATTOGRAM	RANGPUR
 Mr. Bhubon Faisal Ahmed Member, Fellowship Selection Committee Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (BSIG) 2019	 Mr. Shazzad Hossain Secretary Jatra Samajantari, Dal- Jasad, Barishal District, Office Secretary, Jasad Central Committee, IIGF Fellow, BSIG Fellow	 Mr. Ashrafur Rahman Pious DM-1902 & Head of Corporate Affairs, Omerokom Group, Fellow - BSIG & Global YoungProfessionals - YPPF Deputy Country Director of Bangladesh at World Youth Organization	 Mr. Riad Hasan Badsha Omerokom.com, Member Fellowship Selection Committee, Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (BSIG) 2021
RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	MYMENSINGH	SYLHET
 Mr. Sharif Deep B.Sc in Engineering in ICE (Running), Baset, Owner/Management at Tecepreneur	 Mr. Imran Hossen Tech Entrepreneur, Managing Director of Epsilon Ltd.	 Mr. Md. Mizanor Rahman System Engineer at Sheba Technologies Ltd	 Mr. Santosh Rabi Das Anjon Entrepreneur, Vlogger, Digital Marketer, Top & Event Planner, Young Politician

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Chief Guest by Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, MP, Chairperson, Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum & Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Information & Broadcasting were present as the Chief Guest at the event. He said Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum organized a two-day concluding session yesterday and today. He said 31 Speakers who spoke in this webinar participated in more than 150 participants from all over the country. He said we are now at the stage of digital interdependence. All quarters here have acknowledged that the Internet needs stability, reliability, and sustainability.



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**Closing Ceremony:
Youth IGF Bangladesh
2021 Way Forward**

31st July, 2021 | 06:19 – 06:46 PM

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On the other hand, it is widely acknowledged that the use of the Internet and the Internet has led to global insecurity, human rights abuses, and the empowerment and disenfranchisement of the people. So, a digital peace plan is needed to move forward in such a situation. Need digital interdependence. Which should be based on the global-regional-national level. We need a Digitally Sustainable Plan and a Digital human rights plan. The plan is to bring in a new system. To build an inclusive digital society and economy for all, the Internet must be Cybersecurity provisions, to ensure human rights is an effective tool to ensure the rights of entrepreneurs in the digital market.

To achieve these goals, we need to agree that we need to protect the use of digital devices in the context of internet safety and security. Therefore, it is necessary to build a national consensus and make a national agreement on the security of the people roaming in the digital world.

To have security in the digital world, sustainable digital development takes place and the rights of all stakeholders are protected.

With these policy issues in mind, some steps need to be taken on an urgent basis to make the developing digital society of the country faster and more effective. Recognition of the Internet as a fundamental right; Implementation as a fundamental right demands time. Ensuring affordable high-speed internet connection on an urgent basis. Withdraw all taxes on Android phones to ensure affordable smartphones as well as Android phones to reduce digital inequality.

Fridges, TVs are bought and sold based on equipped equipment, so to introduce buying and selling system in Android phones and installments. The local government will allocate some money for that purpose. Local governments need to monitor this to ensure broadband connectivity. An effective training system has been set up in the Upazilas and districts on an urgent basis to master the use of newly invented technologies of information and communication technology. Emergency data protection (e-commerce) law and (e-commerce) e-commerce law on an urgent basis.

Social Media coverage



This list includes is required for the empowerment of youths

Blockchain	Deep fakes	Global routing security
Business models	Democracy	Hacking
Capacity development	Digital identity	Hate speech
Child online safety	Digital safety	Human rights
Child rights	Digital sovereignty	Inclusive governance
Confidence-building measures	Diplomacy	Internet protocols
Content blocking and filtering	Disinformation	Internet shutdowns
Content moderation	DNS abuse	IoT
CSAM	DNS security	Misinformation, disinformation, and Mal-information
CSEA	Domain Name System	Norms
Cyber-attacks	E-health	Platforms
Cybercrime	Elections	Routing security
Cybersecurity awareness	Encryption	Safety by design
Cybersecurity best practices	Extremist content	Social media platforms
Data governance	Fake news	Tech nationalism
Decentralized identities	Freedom of expression online	Terrorism

Lesson learned

- Youth access to the Internet
- Mobilize and promote youth forum for access to internet governance
- Interface with appropriate inter-governmental organizations and other institutions on the issue
- The online event was successful and the barriers or challenges were faced successfully
- Two-day events covered a large number of issues discussed in the YIGF
- Participants have realized the importance of Internet Governance and its application to improve the life of the community people.
- A bridge was established between information seekers and providers through this Forum
- Youth Internet Governance Forum 2021 identified and discuss trends, challenges and perceptions over time with specific groups of stakeholders about the global, regional, and national challenges. The Forum, therefore, was planned to help to identify and track the needs and expectations of the local stakeholders, Identify and track perceptions and attitudes of the local stakeholders, Provide feedback on specific global, regional, and national developments.
- People’s perception and understanding about Internet Governance and Bangladesh Youth Internet Governance Forum

Recommendations

- Affordable and reliable access and connectivity to devices must be provided—using a range of different approaches – equally to all sectors of the community, whether rural or urban, to all genders and sexual orientations, to persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples from underserved to unserved communities, marginalized communities
- Encourage and train youths to actively contribute at larger fora
- The Internet principle of openness, as well as ethical codes respectful of human rights and trusted technical standards, become the core principles for innovation and are referred to in any laws and regulations
- Internet to Reach is essential for youth empowerment
- Online is essential for the Internet to reach its full potential as a tool for empowerment, a channel of free speech, and an engine of economic development.
- How all aspects of trust, including security, stability, and resilience of the infrastructure, systems, and devices, and the need for people to be safe and secure, are vital for enabling a healthy and empowering digital environment, beneficial to all.
- Strategies and best practices for protecting both systems and users.
- The appropriate roles and responsibilities of governments, industry, and other stakeholders, as well as the need to take into account multidisciplinary perspectives.
- The relationship between security and people’s fundamental freedoms and rights, including possible compromises needed to respond to the growing range of threats to the global Internet and Internet users from all age groups.

Conclusion

Youth Internet Governance Forum (YIGF) Bangladesh is an initiative under the umbrella of the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF) in conjunction with the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (UNIGF). It is a multi-stakeholder, youth, and youth women-led platform to engage in Internet governance-related issues. It brings together all stakeholders especially youths in the Internet governance issues, digital divide, and discrimination, connectivity for the rural youths whether they represent governments, the private sector, or civil society, including the technical and academic community, on an equal basis and through an open and inclusive sustainable and trusted internet process. In the previous years, the Youth IGF discussed their issues in a session. Now BIGF has been considered that the youths are enough capable and they can play a vital role in internet governance programs. It is the first-time youths have been organized a full Youth IGF in Bangladesh of the youths, by the youths and for the youths. YIGF has been working to strengthen the capacity of the youths in cooperation with the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum and all levels of stakeholders.