

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024  
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES  
- Virtual Meeting VIII | 28 August 2024 at 10:30 UTC -**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action Items:**

- NRIs coordinators to suggest an expert speaker for the NRIs main session by 11 September.
- NRIs to review NRIs coordination session format and by 16 September suggest if the session should include a setting-the-stage segment by experts, or it could start with the IGF Secretariat's factual overview of the NRIs ecosystem followed by an open roundtable discussion.

1. The eighth virtual meeting of the NRIs in the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle took place on 28 August 2024 at 10:30 UTC. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final adopted version of the Agenda is attached as Annex A1, the list of meeting participants as Annex A2, and the list of meeting inputs as Annex A3.
2. The meeting was convened to advance preparations for the NRIs main session at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting in Riyadh, scheduled for 15-19 December 2024.
3. The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

**Summary of points**

4. A vibrant discussion focused on finalizing the title for the NRIs main session, with the majority of participants endorsing the title: "Evolving Role of NRIs in Multistakeholder Digital Governance".
5. Participants emphasized that the list of policy questions needs final language refinement, particularly as noted in the shared document, agreeing that the coordinators of Canada Youth IGF and Benin IGF provide alternative wording suggestions regarding their suggestions for a change, for the group's consideration.
6. The session format, mirroring the structure used last year, was endorsed. This format includes up to seven experts representing different regions (Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe, USA and Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, MENA region) to set the stage before opening the floor for discussion.
7. NRIs were invited to suggest one expert speaker for the stage-setting segment by 11 September. The Secretariat will facilitate regional consultations to reach a consensus on one expert per region. If consensus is not achieved, the global NRIs network will work to ensure a balanced representation across stakeholder groups, backgrounds, regions, and genders.
8. It was agreed that nominated speakers should have expertise in the evolution of the multistakeholder model, strong ties with the nominating NRI, and endorsement from the NRI

multistakeholder organizing committee. Onsite participation in Riyadh is required.

9. NRIs were asked to suggest one onsite moderator, one online/Zoom moderator, and two rapporteurs by 11 September. A priority was suggested by some for a moderator from the MENA region, with further discussions planned for the next meeting.
10. The IGF Secretariat will organize a working-level meeting with the facilitators of the DC main session and the MAG main session to avoid duplication of efforts. The call details will be shared with NRIs coordinators who may wish to join.
11. Participants reviewed the draft agenda for the NRIs Coordination Session scheduled for 15 December 2024. NRIs were requested to provide feedback on the session format by 16 September, particularly on whether to engage experts or have the IGF Secretariat present relevant records to set the stage.

### Updates from IGF Secretariat

12. In the interest of time, the IGF Secretariat shared a few updates on the mailing list:
  - *The IGF 2024 registration open since mid-July and currently has over 1,340 registered participants. Everyone is encouraged to register as soon as possible regardless if you participate onsite or online <https://indico.un.org/event/1012522/>*
  - *The call for travel support has been published on the IGF website and is open until 10 September <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/supporting-participation-at-the-annual-igf-meeting>*
  - *Draft IGF 2024 Schedule is published on the IGF website [https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot\\_download/305/28022](https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/305/28022)*
  - *Second IGF Youth Track workshop was successfully hosted at Youth Asia Pacific regional IGF (APrIGF, report available at <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-youth-track>. Later today the core group is meeting to advance the IGF 2024 Global Youth Summit proposal.*
  - *New staff joined the Secretariat. Another colleague who was supporting the NRIs as well, concluded her internship.*
  - *MAG hosted its meeting on 20 August, summary report available [https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot\\_download/306/28046](https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/306/28046). Out of four main sessions the group is preparing, one is of particular interest to the NRIs, as it may have some thematic overlaps with the NRIs main session, to be further discussed. This session's title is: *Looking back, moving forward: how to continue to empower the IGF's role in Internet Governance.**

### Next Steps

13. The IGF Secretariat will circulate the action points for final endorsement on the NRIs mailing list.
14. A doodle poll will be sent for scheduling the next NRIs call in the week of 16 September 2024. The focus of this meeting will be on discussing the format for the NRIs main session and further planning of the NRIs coordination session.
15. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, NRIs coordinators can contact the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point at: [anja.gengo@un.org](mailto:anja.gengo@un.org).

## **ANNEX A1**

### **AGENDA: Virtual Meeting VIII**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs main session
  - a. Final title
  - b. Suggesting NRIs-designated speakers (timeline)
  - c. Moderator, online moderator, rapporteur(s)
3. Update on MAG-led main sessions
4. NRIs coordination session – next steps
5. AoB

## **ANNEX A2**

### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS** (*in alphabetical order<sup>1</sup>*):

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Barrack Otieno IGF, Kenya IGF
5. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
6. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
7. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
8. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
9. Kossi AMESSINO, Benin IGF
10. Fanny Salyou, Ivory Coast IGF
11. Gabrielle Johnson, Caribbean Youth IGF
12. Ibis Kingsley-George, Nigeria IGF
13. Ramdhan Sherwani, Iraq IGF
14. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
15. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
16. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
17. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF
18. Mare Vahtre, Estonia IGF
19. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
20. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
21. Michel TCHONANG CAPDA, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
22. Mohammad Abdul Haque, Bangladesh IGF
23. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
24. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
25. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
26. Pedro Lana, Youth LACIGF
27. Peter Koch, German IGF
28. Saba Tiku, Ethiopia IGF, Ethiopia Youth IGF
29. Salieu Mansaray, Sierra Leone IGF
30. Samuel Lemma, Ethiopia IGF
31. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF

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<sup>1</sup> Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

32. Suzete Centeio, Cabo Verde IGF
33. Tariq Mohammed, Caribbean Youth IGF
34. Tijani BEN JEMAA, North African IGF
35. Tracy HACKSHAW, Trinidad and Tobago IGF
36. Zeina BOU HARB, Lebanon IGF

### **ANNEX A3 INPUTS**

- IGF 2024 NRIs Workplan [https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot\\_download/21/26977](https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/21/26977)
- NRIs main session proposal (available upon request)
- NRIs coordination session proposal (available upon request)