Dear IGF Media participants,

What an incredible first day!

Here are a few highlights for Sunday 8th October:

8,000+ registered participants, 23% online participation, 300 sessions, 170+ countries

Quote of the Day

"There are more lies spread than facts. If you don't have facts, you can't have truth, and if you don't have truth, you can't have trust."

Maria Ressa, Vice-Chair of the IGF Leadership Panel and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate speaking at High-level Panel on Evolving Trends on Mis-and Dis-information

Photo of the Day

Host government welcomes IGF participants at reception.

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Highlights:
The **High-level Panel on Evolving Trends on Mis-and Dis-information** provided a rich exploration of how to get the balance right between the opportunities presented by new tech and platforms and the need to limit risks. Participants acknowledged addressing mis- and dis-information requires a multi-pronged approach, including a combination of technological interventions, regulatory measures, media literacy programs and collective political commitment.

Participants stressed that tech companies have to be at the table and that they were the only ones who have the power right now to stop harms. It was pointed out, however, that governments are late to the game and need to work faster with more agility to respond to rapid tech developments and the systems of governance that can address the codes or make the companies responsible for what they roll out. Additionally, participants highlighted that the cure must not be worse than the disease; that we must keep in mind freedom of speech and avoid that those currently in power are in control; and that disinformation that serves an aggressive regime requires greater attention.

The Internet We Want Vision Paper
Today also saw the release of the '[The Internet We Want](#)' vision paper by the IGF Leadership Panel – Chair, Vint Cerf and Vice-Chair, Maria Ressa – which reiterated that Internet governance is critical for economic, social and environmental development, and is a crucial enabler of sustainable

development. The paper further elaborated what it means for the Internet to be whole and open, universal and inclusive, free-flowing and trustworthy, safe and secure and rights-respecting.

Looking Ahead:
Opening Ceremony (Monday 9th October, 10:30-11:00am)
High-level Panel on Artificial Intelligence (Monday 9th October, 11:00am-13:00pm)

Key links:
• IGF website: https://www.intgovforum.org/en
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Best regards,

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