

Internet Rights and Principles

Dynamic Coalition

Annual Report 2024

The [Internet Rights and Principles Dynamic Coalition \(IRPC\)](#) based at the [UN Internet Governance Forum \(UN-IGF\)](#) is a network of organizations and individuals working to uphold human rights in the online environment and to root internet governance processes and systems in human rights standards.

The dynamic coalition sets out to promote and provide a space for multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration and aims to be an umbrella platform for facilitating collaboration on human rights issues in the Internet Governance Forum process, including as part of national and regional IGF initiatives (NRIs).

The IRPC's main output document is the [Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet](#). Launched in 2011, it has been fully translated into 12 languages and its 10 broad principles are available in 29 languages. The Charter's 21 articles and 10 principles articulate existing international human rights law and norms while applying them to the online context. The Coalition's outreach work also draws on the Charter, which acts as its foundational document.

Through the Charter, the IRPC has supported rights-inspired initiatives and has engaged in collaborative work with other dynamic coalitions, civil society networks, universities, political representatives and civil servants, and the technical community, to raise awareness on the need to implement rights-based frameworks for the online environment.

IRPC in 2024: Our Activities

In 2024, we focused on discussing from a human rights perspective global frameworks and processes just concluded (UN Global Digital Compact) and ongoing (WSIS+20 Review). With regard to the GDC, we particularly focused on how human -visions entailed can be actually delivered and how different stakeholders can be active in the implementation and monitoring of the GDC.

The IRPC took part in Internet Governance discussions by participating in the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group and joining the IGF MAG meetings and other IGF inter-sessional events. The coalition comprises members globally and the regional diversity amplified our engagement in multi stakeholder dialogues at global, regional and local IGFs and digital human rights conferences, including APriGF, EuroDIG, SwissIGF, RightsCon, and meetings of the Council of Europe.

1. Internet Governance Forum - IGF 2024 (Riyadh)

[IGF 2024 WS #255 AI and disinformation: Safeguarding Elections](#)

The workshop “AI and Disinformation: Safeguarding Elections” examined how artificial intelligence affected elections in 2023–2024. Contrary to initial fears, AI’s role was less disruptive than expected. Panelists argued that it was mostly used for self-promotion rather than attacking opponents, and it allowed smaller candidates to access tools previously limited to larger campaigns, helping level the playing field. While AI brought benefits in voter outreach, it also raised serious concerns around disinformation and foreign interference - most notably illustrated by Romania’s election cancellation due to an alleged AI-driven manipulation. Panelists emphasized the urgent need for increased transparency from social media platforms, especially regarding algorithmic content promotion during sensitive times like elections. Rather than banning AI-generated content, regulators should require labeling to promote openness and accountability. Participants agreed that addressing AI-related election threats requires collective responsibility from platforms, election officials, fact-checkers, civil society, and voters. Importantly, the discussion moved beyond tech-based solutions, highlighting the role of underlying social issues like poverty and isolation in amplifying the spread of disinformation. To counter this, there is a strong need for enhanced digital literacy initiatives and localized fact-checking efforts. The session concluded that a holistic, multi-stakeholder approach is essential to protect election integrity and related human rights in an AI-influenced world. The session featured IRPC member Tapani Tarvainen (Electronic Frontier Finland) as moderator, with speakers including Ayobangira Safari Nshuti (MP, Democratic Republic of Congo), Roxana Radu (Oxford University and chair of GIGANet), Babu Ram Aryal (Chair, Digital Freedom Coalition, Nepal), and Dennis Redeker (IRPC SC co-chair and University of Bremen) as the online moderator.

[IGF 2024 DCPR Information Integrity: Human Rights & Platform Responsibilities](#)

This session was organized with the Dynamic Coalition on Platform Responsibility (Yasmin Curzi and Luca Belli leading the collaborative effort)

The workshop on “Information Integrity, Human Rights & Platform Responsibilities” explored the complex intersections between digital platforms, human rights, and the evolving concept of information integrity. Featuring speakers from UNESCO, IT for Change, the Brazilian Communications Secretariat, and UVA’s Karsh Institute of Democracy and the IRPC steering committee, the session highlighted the need for a broader, more holistic understanding of information integrity that incorporates not just content accuracy, but also the socio-political and economic conditions shaping the digital landscape.

Ana Cristina Ruelas (UNESCO) emphasized transparency and inclusion in platform governance, linking these goals to UNESCO’s Digital Platform Governance Guidelines and the Global Digital Compact. Merrin Muhammed (IT for Change) critiqued overly narrow regulatory approaches and stressed the importance of structural reforms and media pluralism. Mayra Saito outlined Brazil’s integrated response to misinformation, particularly during the pandemic, while Yasmin Curzi addressed gender dynamics and called for decentralizing media power. Dennis Redeker concluded by presenting research showing the mixed human rights impacts of social media globally. Key takeaways included the need for stronger multi-stakeholder governance, enhanced regulation of economic models behind disinformation, and greater community empowerment. The session called for international collaboration to ensure that digital platforms uphold human rights and foster informed, democratic discourse.

2. Other national and regional IGF Initiatives

- The IRPC participated in the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) 2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania. As part of the EuroDIG’s Programme Committee the coalition contributed to sessions focused on [Artificial Intelligence](#), [Green digital transformation](#) and digital inclusion; members of the IRPC steering committee participated as speakers in the main session on human rights: [Main Topic 1: European policies and strategies | Subtopic 1: Human Rights in the Digital Era: Europe’s Role in Safeguarding Human Rights Online](#). The IRPC also attended the SwissIGF and APriGF.

3. Other Events and Collaborative work

- Members of the steering committee participated (Minda Moreira) and also organized (Dennis Redeker) the town hall event “The Global Digital Compact from a European Perspective” held to discuss the GDC-in-making with a local (student) population in Bremen, Germany. The other speakers were Olga Kyrlyuk (member of the MAG) and Marianne Franklin (former IRPC SC co-chair). The public event drew an audience of

around 30 people and was organized by the EU Horizon Europe research project [REMIT](#).

4. Translation of the Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet

The translation of the Charter is a critical part of the work of this Coalition, and translation teams all around the world have made this document more widely accessible to local communities. The [IRPC Charter Booklet](#), which contains the full Charter, 10 Principles, and background information about the project is currently available in 12 languages and its 10 Principles have been translated into 29 languages.

The translation of the Charter into Japanese is underway (planned publication in 2025).

5. Council of Europe: Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) Observership

Since 2014 the IRPC has been an observer to the [Steering Committee on Media and Information Society \(CDMSI\)](#) at the Council of Europe. As part of its observer status, the Coalition attended the Plenary meetings in December 2024.

6. Membership and Social Media Engagement

The IRPC membership continues to grow. The IRPC mailing list has close to 500 individuals and organizations across all stakeholder groups have now joined the IRPC mailing list and the Coalition's presence on social media networks has also been growing steadily with more than 2,300 followers on Facebook and more than 1,600 on X (formerly Twitter).

IRPC Governance

In 2024, the IRPC elected its new Steering Committee following the annual election. The role of the IRPC Steering Committee (IRPC SC) is to coordinate the Coalition's outreach work. The IRPC SC meets regularly throughout the year to update on ongoing and future activities.

1. The Structure of the IRPC Steering Committee in 2024

- Santosh Sigdel, Co-Chair
- Dennis Redeker, Co-Chair
- Minda Moreira, SC member (also Council of Europe CDMSI Observership Coordinator and social media and web manager)
- Tanka Aryal, SC member
- Christiana Longe, SC member
- Jacob Odame-Baiden, SC member
- Purnima Tiwari, SC member
- Richard Kafui Amanfu, SC member
- Raashi Saxena, SC member

2. Regional Experts

- Africa: Jacob Odame-Baiden, Richard Kafui Amanfu, Christiana Longe
- Asia-Pacific: Santosh Sigdel, Raashi Saxena, Tanka Aryal, Purnima Tiwari
- Europe: Minda Moreira, Dennis Redeker

3. Ongoing Projects

- IRPC Charter Booklet - Project Coordinator: Marianne Franklin

4. IRPC Meetings

In 2024 the IRPC Steering Committee met throughout the year to discuss and coordinate the IRPC participation in internet governance activities at the national, regional, and international level, collaboration with other partners, and other local and regional initiatives.

Prospects for 2025

In 2024 the IRPC continued to address the challenges to uphold human rights online and the crucial importance of promoting, protecting and providing redress for human rights violations in the online environment. This is particularly true in 2025 with the WSIS+20 Review process concluding and a highly volatile global political outlook. In 2025 the IRPC will continue to work and to support initiatives that promote digital cooperation.

- The coalition will provide further input on and engage in discussions around the WSIS+20 Review process

- The IRPC will continue to work on further development of the Charter work: the development of some of its Articles, such as Article 4 (in form of observations, comments or protocols), more translations, publication of the Charter in accessible formats, etc
- The IRPC “task force” for the translation of the Charter into Japanese plans to finish the work in the summer of 2025. The Charter translation followed upon the translation of the 10 Principles into Japanese and the subsequent use for distribution at the 2023 IGF in Kyoto, Japan. A translation of the Charter into Hindi is currently in the planning process.
- The IRPC will continue to foster deeper engagement with IRPC members and the wider IG community. The Coalition submitted workshop proposals for IGF 2025 in Lillestrøm and will be present at the EuroDIG 2025 NRI in May in Strasbourg, France.