

# Annual YDIG Report

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## I. Executive Summary

The official name of this Dynamic Coalition (DC) of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)[4] is the “Youth Coalition on Internet Governance,” and its official acronym is “YDIG.”

The coordination of YDIG is overseen by the Steering Committee, comprising representatives from the African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, Eastern European Group, Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC), and Western European and Others Group (WEOG). The Steering Committee Election took place in January 2023, resulting in the appointment of the following members to serve a one-year term throughout 2023.

- Phyo Thiri Lwin, representing the Asia and Pacific region;
- Nicolas Fiumarelli, representing Latin America and the Caribbean region;
- Mauricia Abdol Tshilunda, representing the African region;
- Marko Paloski, representing the Eastern European region;
- João Martins, representing the Western European and Others region.

YDIG actively participated in the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2023, emphasizing the critical role of youth in shaping policies and discussions related to internet governance. Our engagement included panel discussions, workshops, and specific YDIG sessions aimed at providing a youth-centric perspective on emerging internet issues. We actively encouraged dialogue, ensuring that the voices of young leaders were heard in shaping the global internet governance agenda.

## II. Introduction

The Youth Coalition on Internet Governance (YDIG) is an inclusive and non-commercial group officially recognized as a Dynamic Coalition of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Established during the 4th IGF in 2009, the YDIG is stakeholder-neutral, aiming to foster collaboration among youth from civil society, government, and the private sector. It provides a neutral space for youth engagement in local, national, regional, and international Internet governance discussions.

The coalition emphasizes the importance of youth inclusion in decision-making processes, sharing ideas, and implementing frameworks to enhance global Internet governance. superseding the initial charter endorsed on 18 November 2009 and its subsequent amendment in 2017. Its primary objective is to articulate the organizational framework of the coalition, delineate the criteria for membership eligibility, establish the leadership structure, and specify the guidelines and procedures governing the election of its Steering Committee (SC) as well as the Work Ethics of the SC. Additionally, the Code of Conduct (CoC) included herein provides information on rules, breaches, and the disciplinary procedure to be followed.

### III. Activities

Before commencing any initiatives and deliberating on future steps as the newly formed Steering Committee, a comprehensive evaluation was conducted to assess the processes and engagements of preceding Committees. Furthermore, due consideration was given to the fresh perspectives and expertise contributed by new members, aiding in the determination of which activities to perpetuate in 2023 and the rationale behind discontinuing others. Consequently, the following activities were collectively established:

- Ensuring active participation in all DC Coordination meetings.
- Disseminating a bi-weekly newsletter featuring opportunities and events for young individuals in the realm of Internet Governance.
- Undertaking community engagement
- Expanding collaboration with youth organizations, Dynamic Coalitions, and National and Regional Initiatives, with a specific focus on fostering connections with the Internet Society Youth Standing Group (Youth SG).
- Playing an integral role in preparations for the IGF and associated Youth Track.

Activity 1: Blog Post

- [ROAD TO IGF 2023](#)

Activity 2: [World Forum on Human Rights 2023](#)

- [YCIG Steering Committee Member Video Message](#)

Activity 3: The 18th International Festival of Youth scientific and Technical creativity of children and youth

- [International Information Security School Round Table](#) (PPT)

Activity 4: Youth Internet Governance Forum Myanmar

Activity 5: SUBMISSION OF THE IGF's DYNAMIC COALITIONS COORDINATION GROUP (DCCG) TO THE ONLINE CONSULTATION ON THE GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT (GDC)

- [YCIG Inputs into GDC thru DCCG](#)

Activity 5: Advancing Youth Participation in IG: results from case study

- [UN IGF 2023](#)

Activity 6: YCIG Representative attended Dynamic Coalition Main Session at IGF 2023

- [UN IGF 2023](#)

The outlined activities for 2023 emphasized a commitment to active participation, community engagement, collaboration with youth organizations, and a pivotal role in the IGF community. They also reflect a comprehensive approach to advancing youth involvement in Internet Governance, setting a dynamic roadmap for the year ahead.

#### IV. Challenges

YCIG faces resource constraints, including financial limitations and a lack of fund resources. Adequate funding and support are essential for the coalition to sustain its efforts, organize events, and effectively advocate for youth perspectives in internet governance. Creative approaches to fundraising and collaboration with like-minded organizations can help address this challenge.

#### V. Conclusion

Despite the challenges it faces, the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance plays a vital role in advocating for the interests of young individuals in the digital age. By addressing issues related to representation, awareness, resources, technological dynamics, and intergenerational collaboration, YCIG continuously contributes significantly to shaping a more inclusive and responsive internet governance ecosystem. Through persistence, innovation, and collaboration, the coalition can overcome these challenges and continue to be a driving force in shaping the future of internet governance.

#### VI. Acknowledgments

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of the YCIG Steering Committee and Youth Coalition on Internet Governance (YCIG). Your unwavering support has been instrumental in advancing our mission and empowering young voices in the ever-evolving landscape of Internet governance.

In the spirit of collaboration and shared goals, we look forward to continuing this journey together, as we strive to make meaningful contributions to the field of Internet governance and empower the next generation of leaders.

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