



IGF 2021 Best Practice Forum Gender and Digital Rights on Gendered Disinformation

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BPF webpage

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IGF 2021 BPF Gender and Digital Rights

The new BPF Gender and Digital Rights started in 2021 exploring the concept of **gendered disinformation**.

As the phenomenon of disinformation advances, it gains nuances and levels of complexity. In the current context, it is timely to explore the concept of gendered disinformation, its relation with online gender-based violence and hate speech, as well as its immediate effects on women and gender-diverse groups' existence online and their freedom of expression.

The BPF can build on the work the BPF Gender and Access (2014-2020).

Envisaged goals and deliverables

- Understand how gender-based disinformation has been deployed as a strategy against women and gender-diverse groups.
- Understand how the negative effects on digital rights spill over to other sets of rights, such as political participation, what allows gendered disinformation to be used as part of larger political projects of moral policing, censorship, and hierarchisation of citizenship and rights.
- Map strategies and actions to halt the spread of gendered disinformation and build a less toxic environment for female and gender-diverse groups online.
- Showcase positive initiatives that set the beginning of what can be a long term multistakeholder dialogue on gendered disinformation.

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Update on the BPF activities

Learning sessions

The BPF hosted a series of expert and stakeholder discussions to explore the topic of **gendered disinformation** and to identify what BPF output would be a useful contribution to the debate without duplicating work done elsewhere.

A comprehensive **Summary Report of the BPF learnings sessions on the concept of gendered disinformation** is published on the BPF webpage (direct link https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot_download/5004/2636)

Overview of the BPF Learning sessions on gendered disinformation

Session 1

Gendered disinformation, a concept under construction.

Session 2

Disinformation and Freedom of Expression.

Effects of gendered disinformation on the journalist community.

Session 3

Roundtable discussion. Updates and insights from BPF participants on gendered disinformation.

Session 4

Documenting gendered disinformation facing women leaders.

Intersectionality of disinformation.

Session 5

Gendered disinformation – Impacts and potential roadmaps to solutions.

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Ongoing activities and next steps

Building the BPF output report

- collaborative effort !
- co-leads and contributors for the different sections welcome !
- Contact the BPF at gender@intgovforum.org.

Draft Structure of the BPF output report

- 1. Introduction*
- 2. the Concept or gendered disinformation*
- 3. Observed manifestations of gendered disinformation*
 - a. Against women Human Rights defenders*
 - b. Against politicians*
 - c. Against journalists*
 - d. Youth experiences*
 - e. Everyday gendered disinformation*
- 4. Tried out responses and actions*
- 5. Emerging best practices*
- 6. Recommendations, conclusion, and next steps (including stakeholder dialogue and role of the IGF)*

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Ongoing activities and next steps

- 14 October – **BPF Call VII**
 - Update and review of the draft report
- 4 November – **BPF Call VIII**
 - Final review of the draft BPF report, followed by
 - Publication of the draft BPF report for community feedback (November – 10 December)
- 9 December – **Workshop BPF Gender and Digital Rights at IGF 2021**
- **Final BPF Output** published (20 December)

How to contribute ?

-> join the upcoming BPF calls (subscription link on the webpage)

-> subscribe to the BPF mailing list

http://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/bp_gender_intgovforum.org

-> look out for the BPF draft report and workshop at IGF F2021

More information

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