

Youth and Internet Governance: the way forward (IGF 2009, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt)

This workshop was organized to discuss the main emergent issues faced by youth and push for further discussions and proposals : the creation of a cybersafety taskforce for youth , the formation organization of a Dynamic Coalition for youth involvement, participation of young citizens in democratic processes of their countries through social media on the Internet, involvement of young leaders with innovative solutions, and a more general debate on youth and social media and Internet use.

As format the workshop was divided according three main themes followed by a Q/A session : Cyber safety, Youth participation and Youth in social media and Internet use. Each panelist had only 5 minutes to present in order to have more time for listening the public feedback.

The main recommendation was to create a dynamic coalition for youth and Internet Governance and there are a clear interests from the panels and participants from the audience. The workshop provide an opportunity to be in contact with youth from Asia for further collaboration and involvement on the to be formed dynamic coalition. There is also an appeal for more youth participation and representativeness on IGF like former experience of Youth caucus in WSIS process. An important point was the dynamic created by an active participation of the audience since we allocated a consequent Q/A session. Many participants intervned especially about children protection and youth empowerment

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