

YOUTH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

YouthLACIGF 2019



*4th Youth IGF of Latin America and the Caribbean
Final Summary Meeting Report of the Event*

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About

The YouthLACIGF was created in 2016 as an initiative from the growing community of Latin American youth interested in issues related to the Internet. Given the active role that the youth have started taking in the digital ecosystem, this event was created with multistakeholder characteristics, as a space to learn and build capacities and as a forum to debate new ideas and perspectives. It is one of the main projects of Youth Observatory (also the Special Youth Interest Group, SIG Youth, of the Internet Society), a non-profit organization, made up of young people from Latin America and other countries of the world who work voluntarily on projects connected to the Internet Governance challenges from a local, regional and global perspective.

In 2016 the proposal emerged within the framework of the 9th LACIGF, held in San Jose (Costa Rica). In 2017 and 2018, second and third editions were held in Ciudad de Panama (Panama) and Buenos Aires (Argentina), and strengthened our efforts to create a community around the events. The whole organizational process has been conducted in a communication with the IGF Secretariat and in accordance with the main IGF criteria and established procedures, as explained below.

Throughout these four years, we have set milestones that guide the proposal of the YouthLACIGF as a whole:

- Enable the exchange of experiences, ideas and networking of young people who are going to participate in LACIGF and the young people of the city of the event that may be interested in the Internet Governance issues;
- Enable networking and create opportunities for young people among the entire LACIGF community;
- Be an in-depth discussion event, but also introductory and welcoming for newcomers to the community;
- Be an event with a bottom-up perspective, that is, to have on the agenda mainly open discussion spaces, break-out groups, dynamics and workshops;
- Be a safe and violence-free event, so a Code of Conduct has been implemented to ensure that people who attend can participate without being discriminated in any way;
- Have a fellowship program, with an open, transparent call, committed to regional, gender, and careers diversity, allowing young people from Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the event and LACIGF.

I. Organizing Committee

Composition refers as following: Full names with affiliations and stakeholder groups of the members of the initiative:

Organizing Committee			
Name	Stakeholder	Organization	Country
Pablo Montes Jordán	Technical Community	Youth Observatory, Internet Society Bolivia and React Bolivia, Bolivia	Bolivia
Élisson Diones	Private Sector	Youth Observatory and Braskem	Brazil
Angélica Contreras	Civil Society	Youth Observatory and SIG Women Internet Society	Mexico
Guilherme Alves	Academia	Youth Observatory and Graduate Program in Technology and Society (Federal University of Technology - Paraná)	Brazil
Juliana Novaes	Civil Society	Youth Observatory and Article 19	Brazil

II. Full list of the main organizers

- Alexandra Cabrera Sanchez
- Angélica Contreras
- Carlos Guerrero
- Carlos Rubi
- Eileen Cejas
- Élisson Diones
- Guilherme Alves
- Isabela Inês Bernardino de Souza Silva
- Juliana Novaes
- Lizbeth Rivas
- Pablo Montes Jordán
- Verónica Arroyo

III. Description of the organizing process

The organizing process began with an open call on February of 2019 to all Latin American members of Youth Observatory, who were invited to take part of online meetings to start shaping what the 4th YouthLACIGF would be like this year. All interested people were added to a Supporting Group on Telegram.

a. Supporting Group, Organizing Committee, and Evaluation Committee

After a couple of weeks of kick-off meetings, we set an online election process to create our Organizing Committee and Evaluation Committee. All members of the Supporting Group were invited to postulate and vote. In total, YouthLACIGF had three levels of organizing groups:

- Supporting Group: made up of members of the Youth Observatory who were volunteers in the organization and logistics tasks of YouthLACIGF. They supported the Working Groups throughout the organizing process.
- Organizing Committee: made up of 5 people, who were elected from the Supporting Group taking into account the criteria of stakeholder diversity, gender and country. This Committee was officially in charge of the event as an NRI (National or Regional IGF Initiative) before the Global IGF Secretariat, LACNIC and other similar initiatives. Members of the Organizing Committee were not eligible to apply in our Fellowship Call.
- Evaluation Committee: made up of 9 people; all 5 members of the Organizing Committee, and the 4 people who were the most voted after the Organizing Committee applicants. This group was responsible for helping the Organizing Committee to evaluate the applications received. Members of the Evaluation Committee were not eligible to apply in our Fellowship Call.

The table below show the results of the election:

Name	Stakeholder	Country	Votes
Organizing Committee			
Pablo Montes Jordán	Technical Community	Bolivia	10
Élisson Diones	Private Sector	Brazil	9
Angélica Contreras	Civil Society	Mexico	7
Guilherme Alves	Academia	Brazil	7
Juliana Novaes	Civil Society	Brazil	6

Evaluating Committee			
Alexandra Cabrera	Academia	Peru	5
Verónica Arroyo	Civil Society	Peru	5
Lizbeth Rivas	Government	El Salvador	4
Eileen Cejas	Civil Society	Argentina	3

b. Working Groups

Considering the scope of the organizing process, we decided to divide all people involved in the organization ourselves between 5 Working Groups, which of them with at least one person in charge:

- Design and Communications (head: Angélica Contreras): responsible for the logo, website and communication through social media;
- Funding (head: Carlos Guerrero): responsible for contacting potential supporting organizations;
- Fellowship (head: Guilherme Alves): responsible for creating the fellowship call, evaluate all applications and coordinate the fellows;
- Logistics (head: Pablo Jordan): responsible for coordinate local logistics;
- Agenda (head: Juliana Novaes): responsible for setting our agenda and speakers according to multistakeholder criteria.

c. Fellowship Call

In order to support the participation of Latin American youth in the Internet Governance ecosystem, the Youth Observatory launched its call for fellowship application to select a very limited number of fellows who had funding support to attend the 4th YouthLACIGF, in addition to also having the opportunity to attend the 12th LACIGF. We looked for young leaders who were curious and willing to know more about how the Internet works and how we can act to make it a more inclusive network for all people. Fellowships were funded with the help of our supporting organizations, and consisted exclusively of an economy class air ticket (round trip) from the city of residence of the fellow to the city of La Paz, Bolivia.

We set eliminatory prerequisites for application:

- Be between 18 and 30 years old on the date of the 4th YouthLACIGF;
- Be of legal age in your country of residence;

- Reside in a country in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Not having received previous fellowships for any edition of YouthLACIGF;
- Have the legal requirements to enter Bolivia;
- Be able to cover expenses such as lodging, food and travel insurance;
- Have satisfactory Spanish language skills to be able to communicate in the city.

The application was open, via online form, from June 5 to June 28, 2019. Further information on the Fellowship process are available on the [call for application](#). Each fellow was asked to prepare a presentation (see below at **V. Official Agenda**), and also was invited to be part of the group responsible for writing the reports of LACIGF 12. After the event, fellows were also asked to write an opinion article (blog post) to share their experience. Articles were published in [Youth Observatory](#) using the hashtag #YouthVoices.

d. Code of Conduct

Like the previous years, YouthLACIGF used a Code of Conduct that was developed in 2017. We are committed to create a safe and positive environment, in order to encourage everyone to participate and build an inclusive community together. The Code of Conduct was sent to all the registered participants prior the event and published in the official site of the YouthLACIGF. It is available [here](#).

e. Pictures



*Attendees and Organization at the final session
(Photo: Angélica Contreras)*



*Break-out group
(Photo: Guilherme Alves)*



*Presentation of Carlos Carrasco
(Photo: Guilherme Alves)*



*Attendees were invited to share the discussion of their break-out group at the end of each session
(Photo: Guilherme Alves)*



*YouthLACIGF fellows at the end of LACIGF 12
(Photo: LACIGF 12 organization)*

IV. Description of how the multistakeholder model is maintained

In order to create an Internet Governance Initiative that achieves the goals of openness, transparency, inclusiveness, non-commercial, and multi-stakeholder participation, the main organizers established a dialogue with other stakeholders interested in the event. At the end of July, we had the participation of 5 actors from different stakeholder groups which conform the Organization Committee.

The Committee decided to use the format of “Break-out groups” to maximize the participation of all attendees in our agenda. The event was open to the public, free of charge and was widely disseminated in digital media.

This year it was not possible to provide streaming and recording services, but questions and comments were received through Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #YouthLACIGF. The moderator also encouraged attendees to share their thoughts and opinions on social media.

V. Official Agenda

8h30 - Register

09h30 - Session I: Welcoming and presentations

What is the Youth Observatory and why is the YouthLACIGF organized yearly? In this session our main projects and voluntary initiatives were presented. Also, we opened space for attendees to introduce themselves.

Speakers:

- Angélica Contreras (Youth Observatory and SIG Women Internet Society - México)
- Guilherme Alves (Youth Observatory and Federal University of Technology - Paraná - Brasil)
- Juliana Novaes (Youth Observatory and Article 19 - Brazil)
- Pablo Jordan (Youth Observatory, Internet Society Bolivia and React Bolivia)
- Roberto Zambrana (President of Internet Society Bolivia)

10h30 - Session II: What is Internet Governance?

The most known definition of the IG is that "it is the development and application of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures and programs that shape the evolution and use of the Internet." But what does that mean? In this session, we decided to talk about the past and current challenges of Internet Governance, understanding its importance and how it influences policies around the world. After quick presentations, we had break-out groups so that participants could chat about specific topics, ask questions and comments. Some of the catalytic questions for the session are: Are all groups represented in Internet Governance? Is IG democratic? Is there space for all topics? Is it possible to have an international network, which takes into account cultural diversity? What are the challenges in maintaining a resilient and open infrastructure? Who should organize the IG fora? What are the challenges to have these spaces? Then, each group presented a summary of the discussion for the audience.

Speakers:

- Juliana Novaes (Youth Observatory and Article 19 - Brazil)
- Nathalia Sautchuk Patrício (NIC.br - Brazil)
- Rodrigo Saucedo (ICANN - Bolivia)
- Kevon Swift (LACNIC)

12h - Lunch

13h - Flash session: Youth initiatives

Are you part of an organization, initiative, collective or group of young people involved with Internet issues? In this flash session we would like to know a little more about the regional diversity, training and interests of the participants of YouthLACIGF. We invited participants to share a bit of their experience, achievements and challenges. The idea was to have the open microphone in order for participants to present their name, country or region, name of the initiative they are part of, objectives, public, achievements / challenges and how to obtain more information (website, social media etc).

13h30 - Session III: Goals in digital inclusion, gender and Human Rights

The right to access and use of the Internet in a independent and autonomous way to all people is still a challenge worldwide, including Latin America and the Caribbean. In this session, we presented specific challenges in policies of digital inclusion, gender and human rights on the Internet. After quick presentations, we had break-out groups so that participants could chat about specific topics, ask questions and comments. Then, each group presented a summary of the discussion for the audience.

Speakers:

- Israel Rosas (Internet Society - México)
- Angélica Contreras (Youth Observatory and Women SIG Internet Society - México)
- Thiago Tavares (President of Safernet Brazil - Brazil)

15h - Session IV: Goals for Internet Governance in Latin America and Caribbean

In all its editions, YouthLACIGF offers fellowships to young leaders in Latin America so they can participate in the event. These young people are selected after an open call for applications in which their experience, leadership and projects in which they participate within their communities are considered. This year we had 7 fellows from the region, who in this session presented challenges in Internet Governance in their countries.

Speakers:

- Carlos David Carrasco Muro (journalist and researcher at the Fiscal Expenditure Observatory of Chile - Chile)
- David Paredes Abanto (systems engineer and co-founder of Yo Ingreso - Peru)

- Federico Rodríguez Hormaechea (Degree in Social Development, researcher and teacher at ObservaTIC, UdelaR, and works in the area of labor coordination in the IT sector of ANIMA - Uruguay)
- Flavio Andre Garces Heredia (lawyer and former ICANN fellow - Colombia)
- María Belén Pérez Roa (Law student at the National University of Asunción - Paraguay)
- Pollyanna Rigon Valente (Computer Science student, programmer at Compasso, has worked with small Internet providers and projects in Community Networks - Brazil)
- Raysa Pamela Alanes Mercado (Software developer and Systems Engineering student at the National Technological University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)

16h30 - Coffee break

17h - Workshop: Cybersecurity and Surveillance

Speaker:

- Rogelio López (Security Incident Shift Lead at Access Now - Costa Rica)

18h - Session V: Youth and Internet Governance: What future do we want?

In the final session of YouthLACIGF we want to look at the future of the youth network: what Internet do we want? What Internet do we NOT want? Participants must choose a break-out group to be part. Each group will have one or two facilitators, young people with experience in the subject. Each group will choose the main topics for discussion today for issues in Latin America and the world, propose problem-solving strategies and say how they think about the future of these issues (the future they want and don't want). One or more people should write a document with the report of the discussion to present later to the audience. The stories will be part of a unique document that will be shared with the Internet Governance community at LACIGF.

- 1) Digital Inclusion (accessibility, digital divide, public policy) - Guilherme Alves (Brasil), Pamela Gonzales (Bolivia)
- 2) Privacy and Surveillance (data protection) - Verónica Arroyo (Peru)
- 3) Infrastructure and technical issues (community networks and DNS) - Pollyanna Rigon Valente (Brasil)
- 4) Digital Economy (innovation, future of work, sustainable development, commercial transactions) - Enmanuel Alcántara (Dominican Republic)

- 5) Human Rights (freedom of speech, gender issues and hate speech) - Angélica Contreras (México)
- 6) Digital Government (open data, accountability, elections, innovation for democracy) - Carlos Carrasco (Chile)
- 7) Multistakeholderism and IG fora - Flávia Carvalho (Brasil)
- 8) Youth Participation (difficulties, opportunities and innovation) - Amanda Espiñeira (Brasil)

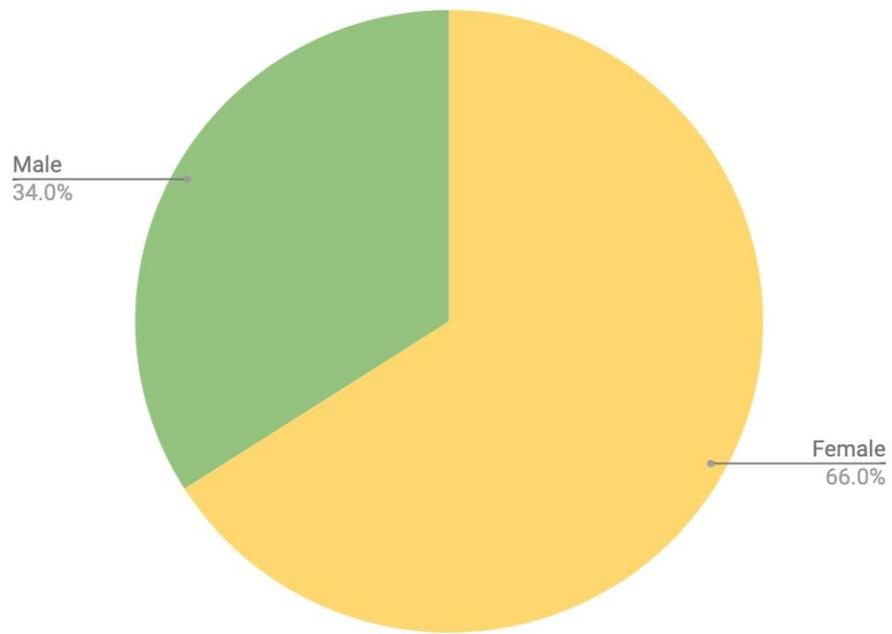
19h15 a 19h30 - Closing

VI. Attendees

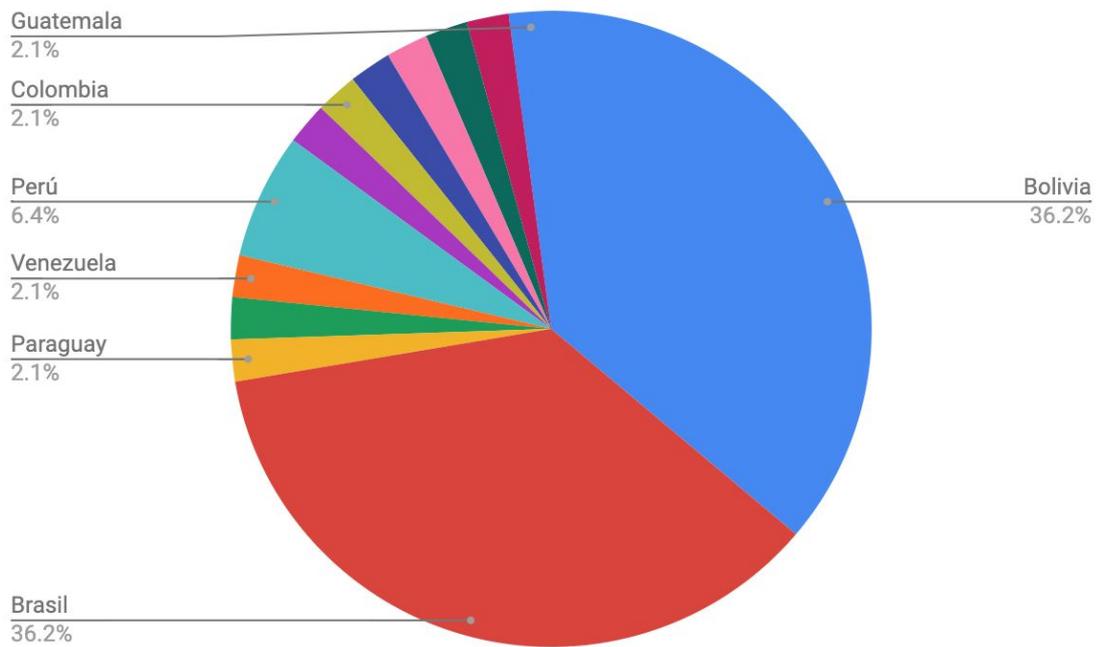
In total, we had 48 attendees in this year event. A table with information regarding to country, gender, age range is shown below:

Name	Surname	Gender	Country	Age range
Bianca Patricia	Malfert Gutierrez	Female	Bolivia	18-20
Giovana	Pertuzzatti Rossatto	Female	Brasil	18-20
Isabele Cristine	Oliveira Ribeiro	Female	Brasil	18-20
Jorge Enrique	de Azevedo Tinoco	Male	Brasil	18-20
Bruno Mateo	Lovrin Poma	Male	Bolivia	21-23
Cecilia Carolina	Huasebe Cardenas	Female	Bolivia	21-23
Danna	Villca Centellas	Female	Bolivia	21-23
Emanuella	Ribeiro Halfeld Maciel	Female	Brasil	21-23
Henry Arles	Callizaya Meave	Male	Bolivia	21-23
Joseph	Viana Levinthal de Oliveira	Male	Brasil	21-23
Juliana	Novaes	Female	Brasil	21-23
Laura Gabrieli	Pereira da Silva	Female	Brasil	21-23
María Belén	Pérez Roa	Female	Paraguay	21-23
Matheus	Figueiredo Lima	Male	Brasil	21-23
Raysa	Alanes	Female	Argentina	21-23
AMANDA	ESPIÑEIRA	Female	Brasil	24-26
Ariane	Ferreira Ferro	Female	Brasil	24-26
BLANCA	ROJAS TIÑINI	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Carlos David	Carrasco Muro	Male	Venezuela	24-26
David	Paredes	Male	Perú	24-26
Eduardo	Tomé	Male	Honduras	24-26
Flávia	de Carvalho Silva	Female	Brasil	24-26
Flavio Andre	Garces Heredia	Male	Colombia	24-26
Gabriel Arquelau	Pimenta Rodrigues	Male	Brasil	24-26
Gustavo	Souza	Male	Brasil	24-26

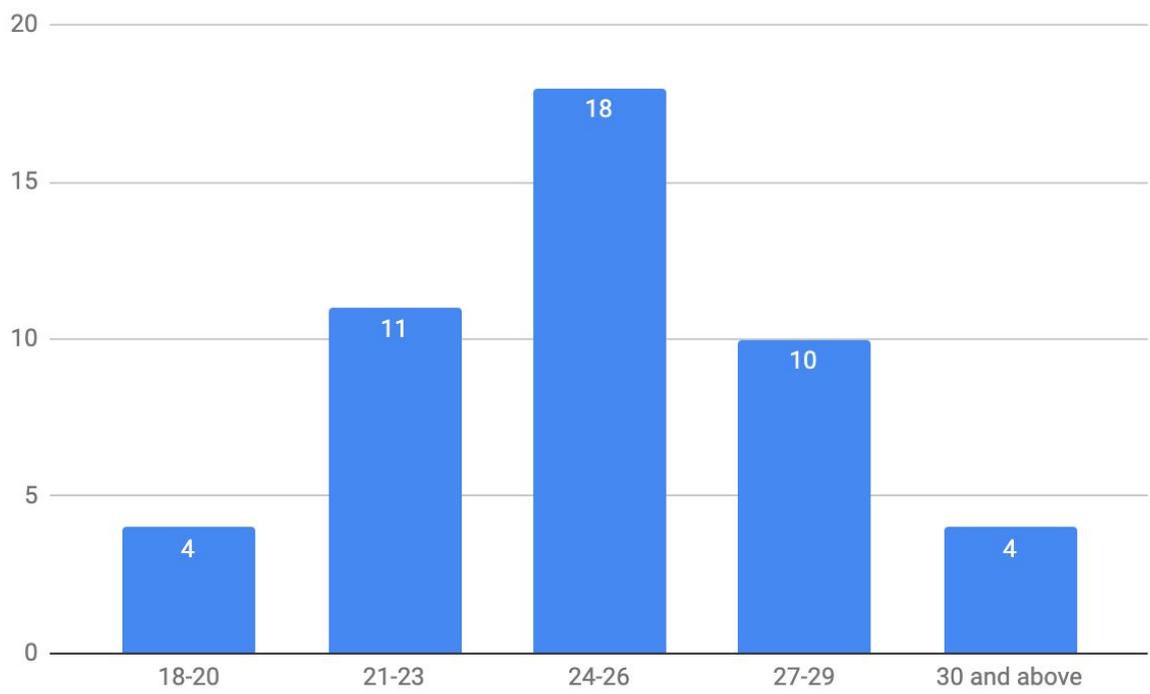
Iris Silvia	Copa Soto	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Isabela Inês	Bernardino de Souza Silva	Female	Brasil	24-26
Lucía Belén	Mendoza	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Miriam Alicia	Rosales Rodríguez	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Pablo	Jordan	Male	Bolivia	24-26
Pamela	Gonzales	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Polyanna	Rigon Valente	Female	Brasil	24-26
Rosio	Ticona Pozorrico	Female	Bolivia	24-26
Angélica	Contreras	Female	México	27-29
Carlos David	Guerrero	Male	Perú	27-29
Enmanuel	Alcantara	Male	República Dominicana	27-29
Federico	Hormaechea	Male	Uruguay	27-29
Gladys sonia	Mamani Mamani	Female	Bolivia	27-29
Guilherme	Alves	Male	Brasil	27-29
Nikki	Bourassa	Female	USA	27-29
Sara	Fratti	Female	Guatemala	27-29
SILVIA ELIZABETH	VILLCA MAYTA	Female	Bolivia	27-29
Verónica	Arroyo	Female	Perú	27-29
Cielito	Saravia	Female	Bolivia	30 and above
Erika	Rivero	Female	Bolivia	30 and above
Leyny	Lima Bautista	Female	Bolivia	30 and above
Nathalia	Sautchuk Patricio	Female	Brasil	30 and above



Gender distribution (percentage of attendees per gender)



Country distribution (percentage of attendees per country)



Age distribution (number of attendees x age range)

VII. Supporting Organizations

Internet Society: <http://internetsociety.org>

LACNIC: <https://www.lacnic.net/>

SaferNet: <https://new.safernet.org.br/>

ICANN: <https://www.icann.org/>

VIII. Working Groups

Beyond the list of organizers, we had the support of a group of volunteers to perform different activities. We want to say thank you to:

- Alexandra Cabrera Sanchez
- Ángel David Santiago
- Carlos Guerrero
- Carlos Rubi
- Eileen Cejas
- Isabela Inês Bernardino de Souza Silva
- Lizbeth Rivas
- Sara Fratti
- Verónica Arroyo

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