

IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum on Gender and Access Online meeting VII | 6 August 2020

Summary report

The seventh online meeting of the IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Gender and Access was dedicated to reviewing the draft survey that the BPF would use to collect input for its report.

This year, the BPF on Gender and Access is looking at Internet-related policy processes and spaces through a feminist approach, to determine whether and how they protect and foster participation of women and gender-diverse people. The focus is placed on Internet-related policy processes and spaces that foster discussions or develop policies, recommendations, and/or guidelines that focus on (a) limiting violence and harm in the online space and (b) fostering the use of the Internet for self-expression and pleasure with consent as a guiding principle. In line with this, the BPF intends to:

- Look at whether and how the BPF thematic issues (violence, harm, pleasure and consent online) have been brought up at the IGF since IGF 2016
- Identify regional policy processes and spaces (if any) that tackle the BPF thematic issues (from a gender-diversity perspective)

As part of this work, the BPF will run a survey. A draft version of this survey was initially circulated for comments in the week of 27 July. Based on the comments received, a second version was prepared and discussed at the online meeting. Participants suggested several changes, mainly with the goal of increasing the clarity of the questions asked.

The [third version of the survey](#), as resulted from the online meeting, will be circulated for a final review, before launching it. The proposal is to launch the survey on 10 August and keep it open for four weeks.

Next steps

- BPF meeting VIII is on **20 August, 13:00 UTC**.
- Version 3 of the draft survey is under final review until 9 August, end of day.
- It is proposed that the survey is launched on 10 August and kept open for four weeks (until 6 September).