INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024  
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES  
- Virtual Meeting VI | 20 June 2024 at 11:00 UTC -  
SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- The IGF Secretariat will integrate the requested changes into the policy questions and suggest language updates without altering their meaning.
- The new set of policy questions will be subject to NRIs consultations via the mailing list until the next NRIs meeting.
- NRIs will continue suggesting ideas for the session title until the next NRIs meeting.

The sixth virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle was hosted on 20 June 2024 at 11:00 UTC.

The IGF Secretariat’s NRIs Focal Point hosted the meeting. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2. The list of meeting inputs is attached as Annex A3.

The Host opened the meeting by reminding the participants that the objective was to continue planning the thematic focus of the NRIs main session to be held at the 19th annual IGF meeting in Riyadh from 15 to 19 December 2024.

The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

Summary of points

1. Participants focused on reviewing the suggestions received so far for the policy questions for the main session. The overall agreed objective was to reduce overlaps, focus the content, and streamline the flow of the questions.

2. A discussion was initiated on the impact of current global processes on Internet governance, such as WSIS+20, GDC, and NETMundial+10, and the role of stakeholders in a multistakeholder model. One participant emphasized the need to clearly define participating stakeholders within the model. Several participants highlighted the importance of considering interdisciplinarity in stakeholder participation. A suggestion was made to formulate the related policy question in a way that would allow reflection on which specific groups should be included in the multistakeholder model. It was agreed that instead of the term 'stakeholders', the policy question could refer to the term 'voices'.

3. A vibrant discussion developed on the implications of the global initiatives WSIS+20, NETMundial, and GDC. While some participants highlighted differences in the binding nature of their final outputs, others reflected on the historical context, urging participants to contextualize these initiatives as processes rather than final products. A follow-up proposal was made to combine questions on the impact of different processes with a question on best
practices for cooperation between them. The concept of "operationalization" in relation to the NETMundial principles was clarified, given that one question contained this term, further suggesting that the principles should be seen as guiding. In light of this, it was recommended not to use the term 'operationalize' but other alternatives such as use, propagate, benefit, promote, articulate, make interoperable, or adapt. The proposed term 'use' received support.

4. It was proposed that the two questions regarding public engagement might be combined. Clarification was sought on a proposed policy question specifically relating to the relationship between stakeholder approaches, infrastructure resilience, and crises. Several participants underlined the importance of this question by sharing their experiences with Internet shutdowns or the role of infrastructure during conflicts.

5. Participants agreed to reword a question related to the multistakeholder model’s role in promoting inclusiveness and Internet resilience during crises. The wording was changed from "can" to "how," reflecting the consensus that the model’s effectiveness has already been proven.

6. A proposal was made to restructure the policy questions based on the comments received, with the aim to finalize them by the next meeting in July. It was also suggested that the successful format from last year's session be repeated, with expert speakers from different regions setting the stage, leaving most of the allocated time for open discussion.

7. In closing, participants were encouraged to take active participation in the GDC consultations, including engaging with their governments.

Next Steps

8. The IGF Secretariat will send the action points to the mailing list after the meeting for a final endorsement, followed by a summary report.

9. A doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent, offering later UTC hours for the second half of July 2024. The meeting will focus on discussing the format for the NRIs main session and further planning of the NRIs coordination session.

10. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

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ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting VI

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Planning NRIs main session
   a. Policy Questions
   b. Format
   c. Final title
3. Next steps
4. AoB
ANNEX A2
MEETING PARTICIPANTS (in alphabetical order):

1. Alishah Shariff, UK IGF
3. Amrita Choudhury, India IGF and APrIGF
4. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
5. Carol Roach, IGF MAG Chair and Leadership Panel ex-officio member
6. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
7. Dana Cramer, Youth Canada IGF
8. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
9. Rita Wehbe, Arab IGF
10. Jacques Beglinger, Swiss IGF
11. Junko KAWAUCHI, Japan IGF
12. Julian Casasbuenas G, Colombia IGF and LACIGF
13. Levy, Youth Zambia IGF
14. Lilian Chamorro, LACIGF
15. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-SA
16. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
17. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF
18. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
19. Masanobu Katoh, Japan IGF
20. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
21. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
22. Nigeria IGF, did not identify focal point
23. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
24. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF, Mano River Union IGF
25. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
26. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
27. Tijani BEN JEMAA, North African IGF
28. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Youth Colombia IGF
29. Waqas Hassan, Pakistan IGF, APrIGF

ANNEX A3
INPUTS

- NRIs main session proposal (available upon request)

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1 Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.