

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Meeting 2009

Programme for the Main Sessions

Sharm El Sheikh, 15-18 November 2009

The objective of the programme is to maximize the opportunity for open and inclusive dialogue and the exchange of ideas; to try and create feedback loops between the different types of sessions; to create opportunities to share best practices and experiences; to listen, dialogue and learn as well as to identify key themes that would, in the future, benefit from the multistakeholder perspective of the IGF.

“Internet Governance – Creating Opportunities for all” is the overall title of the meeting. The agenda is as follows:

- Managing critical Internet resources;
- Security, openness and privacy;
- Access and diversity;
- Internet governance in the light of WSIS principles;
- Taking stock and the way forward – on the desirability of the continuation of the Forum;
- Emerging issues: Impact of Social Networks.

The basic format of the previous meetings, with main sessions, workshops and other events, will be maintained.

Each of the main sessions will be an opportunity for productive exchange between all stakeholders on policy approaches, challenges, and practical options to address them. The goal is to discuss practices or issues and their relevance to all stakeholders.

Internet governance – Setting the Scene:

Orientation Session: 15 November, 10:00 – 11:30

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Moderators:

- Ms. Nermine El Saadany, Director, International Relations Division, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt
- Mr. Markus Kummer, Executive Coordinator, IGF Secretariat

Panellists:

- Mr. N. Ravi Shanker, Joint Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India
- Ms. Marilyn Cade, President, ICT Strategies, mCADE llc

- Mr. Rafik Dammak, Masters research student, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, University of Tokyo
- Mr. Lee Hibbard, Media and Information Society Division / Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe (CoE)
- Mr. Jovan Kurbalija, Director, DiploFoundation
- Mr. Alexander Ntoko, Head of ITU Corporate Strategy Division, ITU
- Ms. Virginia Paque, Program Coordinator, Internet Governance Capacity Building, DiploFoundation and co-coordinator of the Internet Governance Caucus
- Mr. Nii Qaynor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Network Computer Systems; President, Internet Society of Ghana

This session will give participants background on Internet governance in general and the IGF in particular. The intent of the session is to improve participants' ability to engage in and benefit from the IGF meeting. It will explain the basic functioning of the IGF and the issues it has been dealing with to assist in creating a common background with regard to the depth and focus of the discussions and maximize participation. The session will also give an overview of the programme.

Regional Perspectives: 15 November, 11:30 – 13:00

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Moderators:

- Ms. Christina Arida, Director of Telecom Planning and Services, National Telecom Regulatory Authority, Egypt
- Mr. Markus Kummer, Executive Coordinator, IGF Secretariat

Panellists:

- Mr. Carlos Afonso, Planning Director, Rits (Information Network for the Third Sector), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Ms. Alice Munyua, Member of the Board of Directors, Communications Commission of Kenya (CCK), Vice Chair, Kenya Network Information Centre (KENIC-Kenya's ccTLD manager)
- Mr. Thomas Schneider, Information society coordinator, International Affairs Department, Swiss Federal Office of Communication (OFCOM)
- Mr. Ayman El-Sherbiny, Information Technology Officer, ICT Division, ESCWA, Lebanon
- Mr. Issah Yahaya, Head, Policy Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation/Telecoms, Ministry of Communications, Ghana

This session will bring in different regional experiences, as they emerged from various regional and national meetings.

Opening Ceremony: 15 November, 14:00 – 17:00

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- Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic & Social Affairs
- H. E. Mr. Tarek Kamel, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt
- H. E. Mr. Ahmed Nazif, Prime Minister, Egypt
- Mr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Special Keynote Addresses:

- Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Father of the World Wide Web, Director of World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), United Kingdom
- Mr. Jerry Yang, Co-Founder and Chief Yahoo, Yahoo - USA

Opening Session:

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- H. E. Federal Councillor Moritz Leuenberger, Head of the Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication, Switzerland.
- H. E. Mr. Jozsef Györöks, State Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Slovenia
(Joint Statement representing the Slovenian/Swiss Chair of the Council of Europe. Committee of Ministers)
- Ms. Lisa Horner, Global Partners Ltd, UK
- H. E. Ms. Åsa Torstensson, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden. Representing the EU Presidency
- H. E. Ms. Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for ICT and Media
- H. E. Mr. Pedro Sebastiao Teta, Vice Minister, Information and Communications Technology, Angola
- H. E. Mr. Augusto Gadelha, Vice Minister of Science & Technology, Brazil
- Ambassador Philip Verveer, United States Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, United States Department of State
- H. E. Ms. Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, Secretary of State for Prospective and the Development of the Digital Economy, France
- Ms. Lynn St. Amour, President & CEO, Internet Society (ISOC)
- Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO
- Mr. Subramanian Ramadorai, Vice-Chairman of Tata Consultancy Services Ltd, TATA, Chairman, ICC-BASIS, India
- Mr. Rod Beckstrom, President and CEO, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Mr. Jean Rozwadowski, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

- Nitin Desai, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Internet Governance

Gala Dinner hosted by the Host Country: 15 November, 20:30

Managing Critical Internet Resources: 16 November, 10:00 – 13:00

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Chair:

- Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Internet Governance and Chairman of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group

Moderators:

- Mr. Chris Disspain, Chief Executive Officer, .AU Registry; Chair, Council of Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
- Ms. Jeanette Hofmann, Senior Researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)/Social Science Research Center Berlin

This session will be held in the form of an open discussion, without panellists, in order to promote greater participation by all stakeholders to inform and provide their perspectives. It will be managed by the Chair and moderators with resource persons on call in the audience. The following issues were mentioned, among others, to be addressed under this heading:

- Transition from IPv4 to IPv6;
- The JPA, the IANA contract and the role of governments;
- The internationalization of critical Internet resources management;
- The importance of new TLDs and IDNs for development;
- Enhanced cooperation.

Security, Openness and Privacy: 16 November, 15:00 – 18:00

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Chairs:

- Ms. Jasna Matić, Minister of Telecommunications and Information Society, Serbia
- Mr. Sherif Hashem, Vice Executive President of the Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA), Egypt

Moderator:

- Mr. Marc Rotenberg, Executive Director, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)

Panellists:

- Mr. Joseph H. Alhadeff, Vice President for Global Public Policy and Chief Privacy Officer, Oracle Corporation
- Mr. Frank La Rue, UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

- Ms. Cristine Hoepers, Senior Security Analyst and General Manager, CERT.br
- Ms. Namita Malhotra, Researcher, Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore, India
- Mr. Bruce Schneier, Chief Security Technology Officer, British Telecom
- Mr. Alexander Seger, Head of Economic Crime Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

The discussion of this cluster of issues will be introduced by a panel of practitioners to set the stage and bring out options for how to deal with the policy and practical choices related to the different facets of these themes. The discussion will cover practical aspects of the coordination needed to secure the network (e.g. to fight spam) and their relationship to issues pertaining to openness (e.g. ensuring the open architecture of the Internet).

Issues to be discussed will include:

- The respect for privacy as a business advantage;
- Identity theft, identity fraud, and information leakage;
- Web 2.0;
- Social networks;
- Cloud computing and privacy, e.g. control of one's own data and data retention;
- Cultural and technical perspectives on the regulation of illegal Web contents;
- Regulatory models for privacy;
- Ensuring the open architecture of the Internet;
- Net Neutrality;
- Enabling frameworks for freedom;
- Ethical dimensions of the Internet.

Access and Diversity: 17 November, 10:00 – 13:00

This session will be split into two and draw in the outcomes of related workshops, which could compare and contrast approaches and best practices.

Diversity:

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Chair:

- Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chariman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Egypt.

Moderator:

- Mr. Jonathan Charles, Presenter, BBC World News

Panellists:

- Mr. Gerry Ellis, Accessibility and Usability consultant, Feel The Benefit

- Mr. Shadi Abou Zhara, Activity Lead, WAI International Program Office, W3C
- Ms. Cynthia Waddell, Executive Director, International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI)
- Ms. Andrea Saks, Convener of the joint coordination activity on accessibility and human factors, Coordinator, Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability
- Mr. Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO
- Mr. Abdulaziz Al Zoman, SaudiNIC (.sa)
- Mr. Dwayne Bailey, Research Director, ANLoc (African Network for Localisation)

Issues:

- Access for people with disabilities;
- Multilingualism and IDNs.

Access:

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Chairs:

- Mr. Amr Badawi, Executive President, National Telecommunications Authority Regulation (NTRA), Egypt

Moderator:

- Mr. Hopeton Dunn, Director, Caribbean Programme in Telecommunications Policy and Technology Management (TPM), Mona School of Business, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Panellists:

- Mr. Ben Akoh, ICT Programme Manager, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)
- Mr. Pierre Dandjinou, CEO, Strategic Consulting Group SCG
- Mr. Mohamed El Nawawy, Vice Chairman Telecom Egypt Company, Egypt
- Mr. Ernest Ndukwe, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)
- Mr. Ermanno Pietrosevoli, President, EsLaRed, Venezuela

Issues mentioned for this session included:

- National and international regulatory issues;
- National and regional backbones;
- Infrastructure;
- Interconnection costs;
- Enabling Internet Exchange Points (IXPs);
- Modes of access and regulatory challenges;
- Safety and redundancy of access, e.g. cable cuts;
- Issues in mobile access.

Internet Governance in the Light of the WSIS Principles: 17 November, 15:00 - 18:00

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Chair:

- Mr. Ahmed El-Sherbini, Deputy to the Minister for International Cooperation, Director of the National Telecommunications Institute, Egypt

Moderators

- Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- Mr. Bill Graham, Global Strategic Engagement, the Internet Society (ISOC)
- Ambassador Jānis Kārkliņš, Ambassador of Latvia to France and Permanent Representative to UNESCO

This session builds on the WSIS Principles, as contained in the Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, in particular on Paragraphs 29 and 31. The Session will be based on Paragraph 72 i) of the Tunis Agenda which mandates the IGF to “promote and assess, on an ongoing basis, the embodiment of WSIS principles in Internet governance processes”. This session will be held in the form of an open discussion without panellists.

Host Country Honourary Session: 18 November 10:00 – 11:15

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"Preparing the Young Generations in the Digital Age: A Shared Responsibility"

The session will discuss how IGF 2009 has created "Opportunities For All", with a special focus on young people, as the primary users and innovators of the Internet. Through a synthesis of the past 3 days activities, the session will illustrate the way young people were integrated in the debates on diversity, openness, privacy and development, and most importantly on empowerment and online safety issues. The session will demonstrate the vision and achievements in e-safety and global challenges facing the international community in this particular area.

Introduction & Welcome:

- H.E. Mr. Tarek Kamel, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt

Keynote Speech:

- H.E Ms. Suzanne Mubarak, First Lady of Egypt, President and Founder of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement

Acknowledgement:

- Mr Sha Zukang, Under- Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Panel Moderator:

- Ms. Hoda Baraka, First Deputy to the Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt.

Panelists:

- Ambassador David Gross, former U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State.
- Mr. Robert Pepper, Vice President Global Technology Policy, Cisco.
- Ms. Marilyn Cade, President, ICT Strategies, mCADE llc
- Mr. Jovan Kurbalija, Founding Director of DiploFoundation (Malta/Geneva), member of the UN Working Group on Internet Governance, Special Advisor to the Chairman of the IGF, Serbia
- Mr. John Carr, Secretary of the Children's Charities Coalition on Internet Safety, UK

Signature of MoUs between SMWIPM and:

- Family Online Safety Institute FOSI
- IBM
- Microsoft - 2CENTER
- Oracle

Acknowledging Young People's Efforts:

- Net Aman Group.
- DiploFoundation.
- UN GAID e-leaders Committee for ICT and Development

Taking Stock and Looking Forward – on the desirability of the continuation of the Forum:

Part I: 18 November, 11:30 – 13:00

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Part II: 18 November, 14:30 – 16:00

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Chair:

- Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The focus of this three hour session will be: “formal consultations with Forum participants” on the “desirability of the continuation of the Forum”, as stipulated by Paragraph 76 of the Tunis Agenda. These consultations have been initiated by an online process, starting with a questionnaire prepared by the IGF secretariat. A synthesis paper reflecting all commentaries received is available in all UN languages.

The discussions will be held on the basis of a pre-established speakers list. Interested participants can request a speaking slot by sending an email to igfstock@intgovforum.org with the heading “taking stock”.

Emerging Issues - Impact of Social Networks: 18 November, 16:00 – 18:00
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Chair:

- H. E. Mr. Samuel Poghisu, Minister of Information and Communications of Kenya
- Mr. Tarek el Saadani, Advisor to Minister of Communication and Information Technology for Technology Policies, Egypt

Moderator:

- Mr. Simon Davies, Founder and Director of Privacy International

Panellists:

- Mr. Sunil Abraham, Director of Policy, Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore
- Ms. Dorothy Atwood, Chief Privacy Officer, AT&T
- Ms. Grace Bomu, Manager, Actor and Policy advocate, Kenya-Heartstrings Kenya and Fanartics Theatre Company, Kenya
- Ms. Rebecca MacKinnon, Open Society Institute fellow, Global Network Initiative co-founder, Hong Kong
- Mr. Sergio Suiama, Prosecutor for the State of São Paulo, Brazil

This session will focus on the development on the development of social media (social networks, user-generated content sites, micro-blogging, collaboration tools, etc. and explore whether this development requires to modify traditional policy approaches, in particular regarding privacy and data protection, rules applicable to user-generated content and copyrighted material, as well as freedom of expression and illegal content. The session will also address the importance of the “terms of service” of large platforms, how they are developed and their relationship with emerging business models based on behavioral analysis.

Closing Ceremony: 18 November, 18:00 – 18:30
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- Mr. Sha Zukang, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Anja Kovacs, Fellow, Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India
- Mr Raul Echeberria, Executive Director, LACNIC (TBC)
- Mr Herbert Heitmann, Chief Communications Officer, Global Communications, SAP; Chair, EBITT Commission, ICC, Germany
- Mr Aurimatis Matulis, Director, Information Society Development Committee, Lithuania
- H.E. Mr. Tarek Kamel, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Egypt

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