

# **South School on Internet Governance - Response to IGF MAG Chair's Call for Information on Concrete Actions and Decisions**

The main objective of the South School on Internet Governance is to train new leaders of opinion in all aspects related with Internet Governance, from a global perspective and with focus on the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

The program trains university and postgraduate students from the Latin American and Caribbean region and from the rest of the world in understanding the complexity related with Internet Governance and its importance in the future of the Internet.

The mission of the South School on Internet Governance is to:

- Increase the number of representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean region in the international Internet Governance debate spaces.
- Motivate the new regional leaders of opinion to becoming active participants in Internet Governance meetings and activities, where the future of the Internet is shaped.
- Make them the future leaders on Internet Governance in their countries and regions.

More than 500 students have participated as fellows in the South School on Internet Governance.

## **The South School on Internet Governance has been nominated for the UN WSIS Prizes 2014, Category 4 Capacity Building.**

The first three meetings of the SSIG were organized as a traditional training and debate space with face to face interaction, including 40 hs of classes, permanent simultaneous translation Spanish, English and several social activities to integrate students and faculty members. Those were Buenos Aires 2009, Sao Paulo 2010 and Mexico 2011.

A big change happened since 2012, where the attendance grew with much more fellows (more than one hundred per year) and including remote participation with videostreaming and audio in English and spanish.

In the fourth SSIG held in 2012 in Bogotá, Colombia, and the fifth SSIG 2013 held in Panamá, there was also remote participation, through video streaming with audio in two channels, English and Spanish. Same is expected for the next SSIG to be held In Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago at the end of April.

All students receive fellowship to attend the school thanks to the contribution of many companies and organizations that support this initiative. In Bogotá and Panama, there was also remote participation with an average of 2000 remote attendees.

The fellows in the face to face training course came from the following countries:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Belice
- Costa Rica
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- México

- Nicaragua
- Perú
- República Dominicana
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Panamá
- Paraguay
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Japan
- Spain
- Austria

The SSIG fellowship program covers all expenses including the course, hotel, meals, course materials and social activities. The fellowship does not cover air transportation to the city where the SSIG takes place, visas, travel insurance and taxis to airports.

Fellows are selected among those that express their interest answering a call for application that is distributed through social networks, web page of the SSIG and among universities, industry associations and other interest groups. The selection is made by a committee and the selection criteria are based on professional experience, gender, geographic and multistakeholder balance.

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