

Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Through The Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet

Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles

Overview

The Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles (IRPC) is seeking to reach a broader audience in the dissemination of the *Charter on Human Rights and Principles for the Internet* <http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/charter/>.

This document is intended to serve as a resource for stimulating discussion about the issues that are most prevalent to the twenty principles included in this Charter and how they relate to IGF 2016 theme of "Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth". In addition to this document, the IRPC is working with students at Syracuse University to develop additional educational resources that will make the Charter more accessible to a broader audience.

In November 2015, students at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies (iSchool), Maxwell School of Citizen and Public Affairs, and College of Law coordinated a remote hub for the 2015 Internet Governance Forum in João Pessoa, Brazil. In coordination with the Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles, the students from Dr. Lee McKnight's course, also began work on a resource guide for the Charter. During the IGF, graduate students from the iSchool and Maxwell School (augmented by students from Dr. Lee McKnight's IST 456, "Internet Policy and Decision-Making") spoke with the IGF panel on "The 'Right to be Forgotten' Rulings and their Implications" via the remote hub. On November 13, the students reconvened in the Global Collaboratory to continue their collaboration with the IRPC), which held a "Workshop on Internet Rights."

This model of collaboration proved to be a very successful exercise in the creation of educational materials that develop and articulate the IRPC Charter for students and other publics that is based on the active engagement of university students. For the 2016 IGF, the IRPC is presenting this project for discussion and feedback to further develop the resource guide for use in a range of educational and awareness-raising contexts. It thereby contributes to other projects related to communicating the full contents of the IRPC Charter for new audiences such as the Click Rights project of the IGMENA project (<https://www.igmena.org/click-rights>).

Using the Charter to Enable Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

The following section is an overview of the principles included in the Charter and their relevance to the iGF 2016 theme of 'Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth'. This section is intended to serve as a guide for further discussion on the principles and their importance to the 2016 IGF theme.

Right to Access the Internet

Internet accessibility is dependent upon quality of service, freedom of choice of system and software use, ensuring digital inclusion, and net neutrality/equality.

Right to Non-discrimination in Internet Access, Use & Governance

Apart from the technical components of Internet accessibility, there must be consideration of equality of access, marginalized groups and gender equality.

Right to Liberty & Security on the Internet

As the growth of Internet technologies continue throughout all corners of the world, inclusivity must also mean access to protection against all forms of crime and resources that will prevent the spread of viruses, malware or phishing.

Right to Development Through the Internet

If the growth of Internet technologies is to be made inclusive and sustainable, ample opportunities must be made to utilize these tools for poverty reduction and human development. Additionally, there must be consideration of the disposal of e-waste in an environmentally safe manner.

Freedom of Expression & Information on the Internet

Inclusivity requires that all users (citizens, media) have the ability to use the Internet to participate in fair and safe political processes that are free from censorship and hate speech.

Freedom of Religion & Belief on the Internet

An inclusive and sustainable future of the Internet will provide a platform for all religions or belief systems.

Freedom of Online Assembly & Association

An inclusive Internet in future will be one that empowers and encourages users to safely assemble and associate with one another.

Right to Privacy on the Internet

Sustainable growth in Internet technologies must be founded on laws and policies that ensure privacy and develop trust in online services.

Right to Digital Data Protection

Digital data protection resources must be made available to all Internet users, regardless of where or how they access online services.

Right to Education On & About the Internet

Digital literacy must be prioritized in order to ensure that all Internet users are learning vital 21st century skills and understand the impact of the technologies that are so critical to modern life.

Right to Culture & Access to Knowledge on the Internet

The digital space must be a place that is representative of the diverse cultures that use it and access to knowledge must be made possible for all (e.g. languages, disabilities, etc.).

Rights of Children & the Internet

Children must be protected on the Internet, through enforcement of laws on exploitation and child abuse imagery, as well as consideration of their interests and views.

Rights of People with Disabilities & the Internet

A physical or mental disability should not prevent any individual from accessing the Internet in its entirety.

Right to Work & the Internet

The digital economy must be one that is founded upon workers' rights and accessibility by those of any socio-economic status.

Right to Online Participation in Public Affairs

Governments around the world must utilize Internet technologies to maximize the value of services for their citizens.

Rights to Consumer Protection on the Internet

Digital goods and services must be held to the same consumer protection standards as those in the physical world.

Rights to Health and Social Services on the Internet

Health and social services information must be made accessible to all users so that an adequate standard of living can be achieved.

Right to Legal Remedy & Fair Trial for Actions Involving the Internet

As individuals begin to carry out more of their lives in the digital space, they must be given access to legal remedy, fair trial and due process for actions carried out in the digital space.

Right to Appropriate Social & International Order for the Internet

All entities and individuals with influence over the governance of the Internet must always prioritize human rights, multilingualism, pluralism and effective participation.

Duties and Responsibilities on the Internet

All Internet users must respect their fellow digital citizens and those in power must ensure that these principles are carried out and enforced.

This paper is an abridged version of the Resource Guide. The full draft will be made available for comment on the IRPC Website at <http://internetrightsandprinciples.org/site/>