

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO BE ENGAGED WITH THE NRIs, EXCEPT TO ORGANIZE ONE?

Absolutely. On the global level, the NRIs are conducting regular (bi)monthly virtual meetings for the purposes of coordinating their joint work activities. The NRIs are also organizing their face-to-face gatherings at any of the bigger Internet governance related meetings.

Every year, the NRIs organize dedicated focus sessions at the IGF annual meeting, with discussing substantive issues from different world perspectives. They are regular contributors to the IGF intersessional work. To keep yourself updated with the most up to date NRIs work activities, subscribe to the NRIs mailing list, where all relevant information are shared.

WHAT ARE THE 'IN-FORMATIONS' NRIs?

Several countries are working toward launching their first IGF. As some of the criteria are met soon after the process is initiated, while some others require more time.

The IGF Secretariat classified these types of the initiatives as the 'in-information' ones, to show that the recognition process is under development, but not yet finalized.

MEET US AT IGF 2016 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NRIs

Meet us at the NRIs booth.

NRIs Main Session

There is a **NRIs Main Session** organized by the NRIs. It is scheduled to be on **7 December** from **15:00 to 18:00** p.m. at the **Main Meeting Room**.

90-minute NRIs working session

There is also a **90-minute NRIs working session** open to all interested stakeholders. This session is scheduled to be on **9 December**, from **10:15 to 11:45** a.m. at **Workshop Room 9**.

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National, Regional and Youth IGFs - NRIs

WHO ARE THE NRIs?

NRIs is an acronym that stands for National, Sub-Regional, Regional and Youth IGF initiatives. These are the Internet Governance Forums organized on a national basis in different countries, or on a regional or sub-regional level, depending on the size of the geographic area, where the main criteria for identifying region is geography, but also in some cases mutual language and culture.

A shared objective for all NRIs is adhering to the core values of the IGF, and contributing to Internet Governance related matters, nationally, regionally, and globally. Youth IGFs are specifically organized Forums that discuss the issues pertaining to the Internet arena from the youth point of view. All NRIs are required to support the main IGF criteria and principles in order to be listed on the IGF website.

There are national IGFs in 49 countries, 15 sub-regional and regional IGFs and 8 Youth IGFs, organized on national or regional levels.

NRIs ANNUAL MEETINGS in 2016

March

Sri Lanka IGF

April

Russia IGF
Finland IGF
First IGF Consultations and MAG Meeting
SEEDIG

May

Slovenia IGF
Uruguay IGF
Belarus IGF
Nigeria IGF

June

Croatia IGF
EuroDig
Benin IGF
Central Asia IGF

July

Second IGF Consultations and MAG Meeting
Brazil IGF
USA IGF
Youth AP IGF
Chad IGF
Youth LACIGF IGF
LACIGF

August

AP IGF
Caribbean IGF
Kenya IGF
Ghana IGF

September

Georgia IGF
Germany IGF
Youth German IGF
West Africa IGF
Colombia IGF

October

Paraguay IGF
Armenia IGF
Austria IGF
Netherlands IGF
Poland IGF
Ukraine IGF

November

South Africa IGF
Africa IGF
Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF
Portugal IGF
UK IGF
Equador IGF
Togo IGF

December

IGF Annual 2016 Meeting

WHERE ARE THE NRIs LOCATED?

The NRIs are located all around the world.

Currently, the NRIs network includes 72 IGF initiatives that are officially recognized by the IGF Secretariat, with the new initiatives constantly emerging.

MY COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE AN NRI: HOW CAN I ORGANIZE AN IGF INITIATIVES?

To organize the IGF initiative, the first step would be to contact the IGF Secretariat. The Secretariat will further assist in explaining how to get started, with details for the main criteria and procedures that need to be followed, also providing concrete examples from the more experienced NRIs and advice on how to improve and speed up the organizing process.

It is important to gather the group of interested individuals that are coming from at least three different stakeholder groups, for the process to be initiated.

WHAT DO THE NRIs DO?

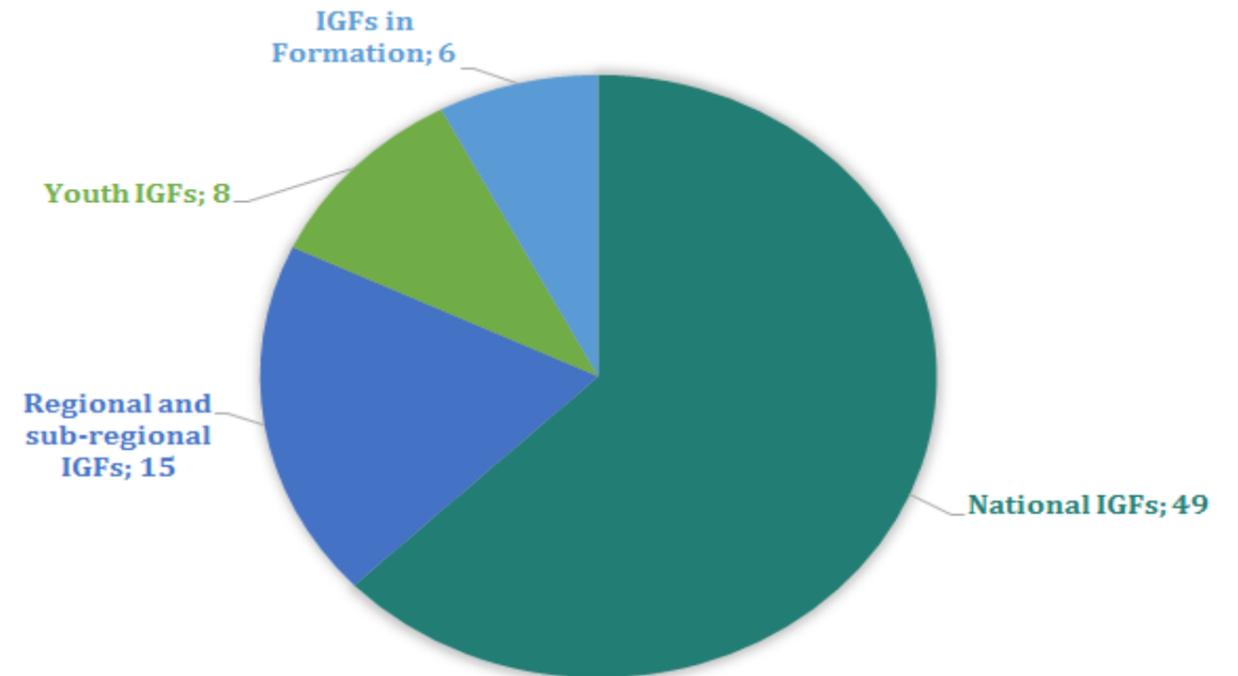
The NRIs gather their community to undertake consultation and develop an annual event that addresses key issues of concern locally, or regionally.

Using a bottom up consultation process that strives to include Governments, civil society, private sector and technical community, all involved stakeholder groups work together on an equal footing.

Taking into account all received inputs from their respective communities, the NRIs develop comprehensive agendas that reflect the needs of the community, and logistics for organizing the major annual event, where mentioned different stakeholder groups will gather and discuss the issues of highest priority to them.

Some recommend messages or outputs for potential solutions and next steps toward the improvements on Internet governance related fields should be developed.

THE 2016 RECORD OF THE NRIs



HOW ARE THE NRIs ORGANIZED?

The NRIs are independent in their organization. However, they have agreed and are expected to respect the main IGF principles and working modalities. Therefore, the NRIs are open, inclusive and non-commercial, with a multistakeholder participation during the whole organizational process of the annual meetings, as well as during the meeting itself, and with a bottom-up decision-making process.

All parties agree and accept to act on an equal footing, which is a unique but important aspect of the Internet Governance Forum [IGF].

Internally, the most crucial organizational segment of the IGF initiatives is the existence of the Organizing Committee, where the most basic requirement is to have representatives from at least three different stakeholder groups, with intention of evolving toward the inclusion of all stakeholder groups.

In addition to the coordination of the NRI, there is also an identified contact person who takes on the role to commit to acting as a liaison between the initiative, wider community, IGF Secretariat and the NRIs network.

NRIs need to create a website, maintain a working email address, and provide support to social media accounts for conducting effective outreach toward the NRI's respective communities, but also toward the wider IGF community. The Coordinator also accepts responsibility for ensuring that the NRI meets the basic requirements to be listed on the IGF NRI website, and coordinates the submission of the required report for the NRI. The Coordinator also accepts the responsibility of participating in the NRI network's working calls, which are also open to everyone.