

NL IGF Annual report 2013



About NL IGF, the Dutch initiative

In the Netherlands, we are convinced that ongoing exchange between the national internet debate and international developments is crucial. Both sides of the coin reinforce each other. New national issues that come up can progress to the international agenda, and international insights can inform the domestic debate. The Internet Governance Forum facilitates this exchange. The prominent Dutch position in the field of internet infrastructure and use invites and requires us to actively participate in this debate.

NL IGF was established five years ago (in 2010), as a cooperative venture consisting of the Ministry of Economic Affairs (Dutch: Ministerie van EZ), SIDN (the Foundation for Internet Domain Registration in the Netherlands) and ECP | Platform for the Information Society. These parties are collaborating to bring the importance of the IGF to the attention of Dutch stakeholders. On the one hand, the aim is to realise a firm embedding of the international results into our national policy. On the other hand, efforts are made to make the Dutch voice heard internationally and to put important Dutch themes on the international agenda.

NL IGF emphasizes the relevance of the numerous IGF activities around the world, monitors developments and communicates results, through organizing various meetings and through this website, [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

NL IGF is meant for businesses, non-profit organizations, government (local & national), politicians and other parties who attach value to international cooperation and knowledge sharing around the internet debate and who share a commitment to the importance of the Internet Governance Forum.

EURODIG, June 20 & 21 2013, Lisbon

NL IGF sees the EURODIG meeting as an important preparatory moment for the Internet Governance Forum and attaches great value to the EURODIG network as a platform where Europe can coordinate and establish common positions in the discussions surrounding internet governance. NL IGF was present at this year's EURODIG in Lisbon and made statements in several workshops.

NL IGF event 2013

Since 2010, NL IGF organises an annual Dutch IGF event. This is a multi-stakeholder forum, where national parliamentarians, civil servants, scientists, non-profit organisations, the private sector, journalists and other interested parties meet. Aim is not only to share knowledge and experiences related to internet governance, but also to engage in those discussions surrounding internet governance that are thorny and tricky. Like the IGF itself, it is an open consultation, where participants

set the agenda of the event themselves. The outcomes of the NL IGF event serve as an important input for the preparations of the Dutch delegation attending the global IGF.

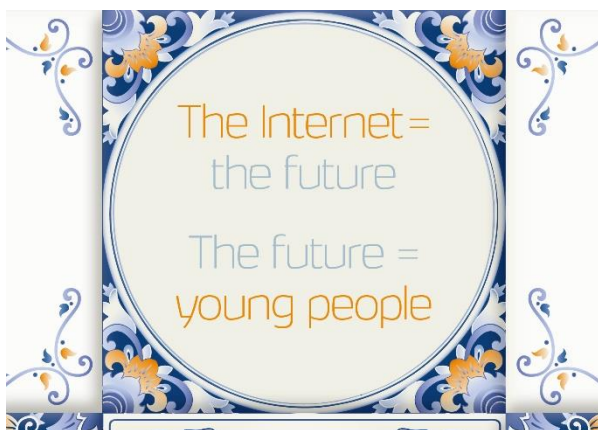
On 13 June, over 100 professionals from government, the private sector and societal organisations, as well as teenagers, debated the future of the internet during the annual NL IGF event. One of the things discussed was the question of the Dutch contribution to the international debate. In which parts of internet governance is the Netherlands leading the way internationally? What questions should we raise and put on the international agenda? In addition, the event has a strong networking component, allowing companies, civil servants, NGOs and politicians to meet and exchange perspectives.

Following on from the successes of previous editions, the format of the event remained unchanged. The agenda of the NL IGF event was drafted by the participants themselves, resulting in a programme with six workshops:

- 'The hacking government', organised by Hivos and Bits of Freedom;
- "'Digigieren": a method to positively influence online behaviour', organised by TNO;
- 'Cooperation in the Netherlands: removing knowledge barriers between the realms of cyber security and cybercrime detection', organised by De Natris Consult;
- 'The future of internet governance: "citizens imprisoned"', organised by Internet Society Nederland;
- 'Securing Dutch values in the development of Global Internet Governance', organised by GNKS Consult;
- 'Teenagers and their vision on the future of the internet', organised by the teenagers present.

The event also succeeded in securing political attention for the IGF's work, as parliamentarians Kees Verhoeven (D66) and Astrid Oosenbrug (PvdA) attended the event and participated intensively in the discussion.

NL Young IGF



In 2013, under the title 'NL Young IGF', NL IGF organised a debate about the future of the internet aimed especially at teenagers.

The importance of listening to the voice of younger generation remains undiminished, and the perspective of the generation that grew up with the internet is indispensable in the debates on the future of the medium.

During the NL Young IGF, around 30 teenagers

debated the following themes:

- 1) Copyright: "What is the boundary between borrowing and stealing?"
- 2) Hate speech: "What is acceptable to say, and what is not?"
- 3) Privacy and data protection: "Who is allowed access to your data?"

Bart Schermer, lecturer at the University of Leiden, kick-started the debate with a short lecture on the workings of the internet.

The outcomes of the Student IGF event served as input for the Dutch delegation. Furthermore, as in previous years, two teenagers were selected to represent Dutch teenagers at the global IGF in Bali. RIPE NCC also provided one ticket to the Arab IGF in Algiers (October 1-3), giving Dutch teenagers a voice in this forum also.



Preparatory meeting “No cyber security without government-imposed regulation”

Cyber security features prominently on the political agenda. The number of incidents is increasing, but equally generates public attention and analytical insights. The security of the internet depends on actors that are many and various, from technical experts to companies, end users and government regulators. But who are these experts and actors? Where do they meet? Who sets their agenda and what happens to results achieved and standards that have been decided upon? Government efforts in the field of national security clash with privacy concerns. Does this diminish the trust that companies have in government internet policy? Is internet security too often focused internally? Do internet-

related products conform to standards for online security? Do such standards exist, and are they compulsory? Does the government have a role when professional or trade organisations are outlining guidelines for self-regulation? Is the political class equipped with the right knowledge to make informed judgements in the realm of cyber security? If the government decides to regulate, what should such regulation look like, and does it enjoy sufficient public support?

All these questions and dilemmas were treated during a well-attended afternoon that saw participants from different backgrounds come together: the technical internet community, Dutch government and regulators, and the private sector. The discussion yielded ample analysis and content to bring to the table at the IGF 2013 in Bali.

IGF 2013: the Dutch delegation

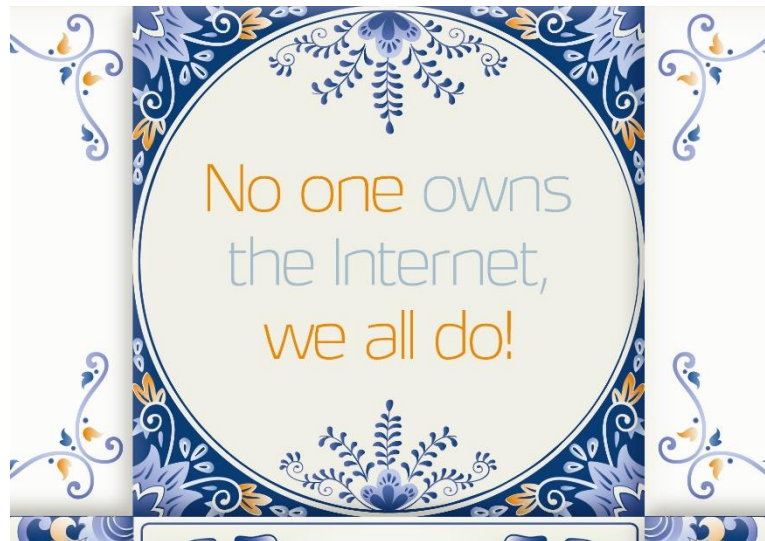
As in previous years, one of the aims of NL IGF was to bring together a strong Dutch delegation to the global IGF, including two teenagers and national politicians. This resulted in a colourful delegation consisting of participants from a range of professional disciplines, including Dutch parliamentarian Astrid Oosenbrug and Dutch senator Arda Gerkens. Through cooperation with development organisation Hivos, the Dutch delegation met with Balinese companies and journalists on the Monday prior to the IGF, to share knowledge and experiences. This unique event strengthened mutual connections and extended the Dutch network.

Dutch workshops at the IGF 2013

NL IGF organised a workshop and an open forum during this year's IGF. These events are the main vehicle for realising a strong Dutch delegation and for the Netherlands to present and position itself.

Workshop #90, entitled "No cyber security without government-imposed regulation", was well-prepared during a thematic event in the Netherlands (see above) and saw a successful continuation in Bali. The panel provided strong analysis and the discussions with a full room were lively and rigorous. A report of the workshop can be found [here](#).

NL IGF also organised an Open Forum called "Breaking down silos in cooperation". [Learn more](#).



Dutch visibility at the IGF

In addition to the efforts described above, Dutch visibility was greatly enhanced by the handing out of 'tegeltjeswijsheden' (Delftware tiles containing aphorisms on internet governance) throughout the forum.

The Dutch were also noticed through their youngsters. During the Dutch Young IGF, two tickets to the global IGF were awarded to Dutch teenagers. Giving the new generation a voice in

the international internet debate is an important aspect for NL IGF, and therefore, two tickets are made available to the best young debaters at the Young IGF each year.

Bastiaan Zwanenburg and Eline van Ommen, the two recipients of this year's tickets, i.a. participated to the workshop "Privacy & Innovation" organised by the Danish Media Council. Bastiaan also acted as panellist in the workshop organised by European Schoolnet entitled "A Better Internet with You(th)... Connecting the Dots." Eline gave her opinion in a British Childnet workshop on online anonymity, freedom of expression and internet governance.

