

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting I | 17 January 2022 at 14:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items

- IGF Secretariat to summarize shared inputs on IGF 2021 and suggestions for IGF 2022 improvements and share on the NRIs list for up to 3 weeks consultations before the NRIs annual work plan is endorsed.
- On individual level, NRIs encouraged to share their formal feedback on IGF 2021 and ideas for improvements until 20 January through a formal IGF Takingstock call by completing the [webform](#) or sending an email to *takingstock [at] intgovforum [dot] org*.

About

1. The 1st virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2022 preparatory cycle, took place on 17 January 2022 at 14:00 UTC.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat’s NRIs Focal Point. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2.

Summary of key points

3. The Host welcomed participants to the first planning meeting of the 17th IGF preparatory cycle and invited everyone to introduce themselves.
4. It was reminded that the goal of the meeting is to provide feedback on the last year’s work and suggest improvements for this year’s IGF and NRIs work.
5. Below is the summary of the suggestions shared:

NRIs remote hubs	Several NRIs hosted remote hubs during the 16 th annual IGF meeting. The hubs showed to be a successful modality of collective participation in place of onsite participation. For example, it was said that the ISOC Hyderabad remote hub had over 120 participants. Some hubs received financial support from the IGF Secretariat which was seen as helpful.
Multilingualism	Some NRIs spoke about the importance of IGF 2021 sessions being available in local languages. In that regard, the main sessions are seen as practical because of the interpretation in six UN languages. One participant’s experience was that one specific session was hosted in a language which was not English, without any associated interpretation.
Hybrid format	Several NRIs congratulated the IGF for successfully designing and implementing the hybrid format. Some noted that there were challenges with sessions that had only online participants, because of a lack of coordination with the onsite participants. It

	was advised that the session in a hybrid format should aim for also onsite personnel to at least be a ‘bridge’ between onsite and online participants. Ideally, each session could have an online and onsite moderator. If the session organizers cannot manage this, the IGF Secretariat could offer its support by connecting them to the participants that are present onsite for their possible onsite support.
Technical domain: accessing the programme sessions	Many shared to experience challenges with accessing the links for Zoom sessions at the IGF 2021 and remarked that this had likely hampered the overall participation, given that participants who wanted to access the session just before its start were frustrated with the long procedures of having to log into the website. A suggestion was made that direct links are shared a few minutes before the session starts for instant access.
Collaborative space for the exchange of NRIs experiences	Some participants called for the Secretariat to support creating a collaborative space for the NRIs to share their inputs and ideas which go beyond the NRIs participation at the IGF. For example, the Dominican Republic IGF cooperates with the Government on developing national Digital Agenda. It would be useful to learn from other NRIs about similar processes and brainstorm the best approaches.
Better promote NRIs-related work	To better promote NRIs work, the following ideas were shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRIs blog could be established at the IGF website where NRIs coordinators could share their updates • NRIs short case studies of good practices could be put together by the IGF Secretariat and a dedicated NRI coordinator. For example, if one NRI has an innovative process for agenda development or stakeholder inclusion, this could be documented in the case study section. Should all NRIs endorse this, a template could be created for this activity.
NRIs session: issue-focused and pragmatic-orientation	NRIs sessions would benefit from being more issue-focused. A standard could be the IGF 2021 NRIs collaborative session on child online safety which resulted in an interactive dialogue on a concrete policy issue. The session description and its report are available on the IGF website ¹ . Another example was for the NRIs sessions to focus on creating practical, feasible projects to bring solutions to an identified common issue (for example, courses for digital literacy done in a cooperative way among interested NRIs). There was also a suggestion that one of the issue-focused sessions could be around digital identity and interoperability as that is a common issue for many countries and regions.
NRIs multi-year plan	There was a suggestion for the NRIs to create a multi-year plan to support achieving goals long term that could bring sustainability.
IGF Global Youth Summit	The IGF 2021 Youth Summit could have enjoyed more options for inclusion and especially more senior stakeholders could had liaised with young people through it.
Communication and visibility	Better communication is needed in regard to announcing changes of NRIs meeting dates, in addition to the request that all NRIs meetings be announced on the IGF social media channels beforehand. Some said that the IGF calendar needs improvement to give more visibility to the NRIs.

6. It was agreed that all inputs will be summarized and shared on the NRIs list, to update the last year’s NRIs [work plan](#)².

¹ <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-nris-collaborative-session-securing-the-trusted-internet-now-for-the-generations>

² IGF 2021 NRIs work plan https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/4874/2468

7. The IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point encouraged participants to submit their feedback also through the formal [IGF Takingstock call](#)³ until 20 January 2022 by completing the [webform](#) or sending an email to [takingstock \[at\] intgovforum \[dot\] org](mailto:takingstock[at]intgovforum[dot]org).
8. As a final agenda item, the IGF Secretariat informed that the NRIs webpages on the IGF website are continuously being improved. The most recent improvement, under implementation, relates to creating a dashboard on which all NRIs meeting dates, topics, number of participants will be present in an interactive live format.

Next Steps

9. A full summary report will be sent to the NRIs mailing list with outlined action items.
10. *Next meeting*: The timing of the next meeting will be agreed upon among the NRIs through their mailing list. A doodle poll will be sent one week before the proposed meeting options.
11. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting I

1. Welcome and introductions
2. IGF 2021 debrief
 - i. Overall IGF process and its hybrid format
 - ii. NRIs activities
3. NRIs vision for IGF 2022 and concrete suggestions for a work plan
4. NRIs pages on IGF website: most recent updates
5. AOB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (in alphabetical order⁴):

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Ben Rachad Sanoussi, Ghana IGF community
5. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
6. Michel TCHONANG LINZE, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
7. Eileen Cejas, Argentina Youth IGF, Youth LACIGF
8. Eun Chang Choi, South Korea IGF
9. Everton T. Rodrigues, Brazil IGF
10. Fred Clark, Guatemala IGF

³ <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/taking-stock-of-igf-2021-and-suggesting-improvements-for-igf-2022>

⁴ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

11. Frédéric Cohen, DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
12. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
13. Joshua Johs, Nigeria IGF, West African Youth IGF
14. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA community
15. June Parris, Barbados IGF
16. K Mohan Raidu, ISOC Hyberabad
17. Mahendranath Bosganspaul, Mauritius IGF
18. Markus Kummer, IGFSa Chair
19. Mary Uduma, West African IGF, African IGF
20. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
21. Nick Wenban-Smith, UK IGF
22. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Uruguay Youth IGF
23. Olga Kyrlyiuk, SEEDIG
24. Osvaldo Larancuent, Dominican Republic IGF
25. Peter Koch, German IGF
26. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF
27. Salyou Fanny, Cote d'Ivoire IGF
28. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
29. Shadrach Ankrah, Ghana IGF community
30. Shin Yamasaki, Japan
31. Titti Cassa, Italy IGF
32. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Colombia IGF community
33. Ville Vuorensola, Finnish IGF
34. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
35. YingChu Chen, APriGF community
36. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF, Arab IGF community