

IGF 2021 DC main session: DC briefing paper template YCIG contribution to the IGF 2021 issue areas

1. About the DC

The Youth Coalition on Internet Governance (YCIG) is an open group for organizations and individuals, representing all stakeholder groups, willing to collaborate together in order to encourage and enrich youth participation in local, regional, and international Internet governance discussions and processes.

YCIG was established to advocate for the voice of children, young people, and young professionals in Internet governance fora and processes.

2. Relevant issue area(s) and policy (questions)

- **“Environmental sustainability and climate change: Increasing awareness and proactiveness among policymakers and developers, question 1”**: YCIG will address the issues raised and the outcomes produced from the first webinar of our series of webinars.

- **“Advancing global digital cooperation: question 2”**: YCIG conducted a second webinar about Inclusive Internet Governance and Digital Cooperation, from which it was created a summary on key points with recommendations from youth. Moreover, one of the YCIG Steering Committee members, Eileen Cejas, has coordinated the Working Group on “Inclusive Internet Governance and Digital Cooperation” of the Project Youth Summit, and she will also present the policy recommendations from this Working Group.

3. DC contribution

The YCIG has conducted several activities related to youth engagement in the IGF ecosystem, such as organising working groups to submit workshop proposals to the IGF, conducting two webinars related to inclusive IG ecosystems and Digital Cooperation, and Environment and Sustainability; facilitating the mentorship of the Internet Society’s Youth Ambassadors 2021; preparing a policy brief on “Towards a New Social Contract: Reducing Inequalities through Digital Public Goods and Youth Collaboration for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” with UN DESA and SPI; participating in the some NRI meetings and co-organising the Project Youth Summit with the Polish Youth IGF and other organisations.

By organising these webinars, we were able to bring knowledge on these topics to newcomers in Internet Governance with the collaboration of youth initiatives and some other dynamic coalitions, besides elaborating policy recommendations on the addressed topics.

Additionally, by co-organising the mentorship phase of the Internet Society's Youth Ambassadors Program, we were able to introduce more young people to the IGF and especially the intersessional work through the planning of interviews with relevant IG experts involved in the intersessional work.

Finally, the policy brief mentioned above will be a starting point from our collaboration with UN DESA and other youth organisations involved with the United Nations and other bottom-up organisations.