



**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM  
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES  
- Virtual Meeting II | 20 February 2023 at 10:00 UTC -**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action Items:**

1. NRIs to provide feedback to the action points until 24 February 2023, end of day.
  2. After the feedback, the IGF Secretariat to finalize the work plan and send to all NRIs.
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1. The second virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2023 preparatory cycle, took place on 20 February 2023 at 10:00 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. The list of shared documents is annexed as A3.
  3. The Host opened the meeting by reminding that its objective is to finalize the annual NRIs work plan by discussing and agreeing on the arrangements for the collaborative sessions.
  4. With regard to when to host the collaborative sessions, the participants discussed two proposals which emerged during the first NRIs meeting in January 2023:
    - Proposal 1: To host the collaborative sessions intersessionally in between the two annual meetings, in conjunction with the (sub)regional IGFs. The strategic objective behind is to support NRIs-to-NRIs engagement and representation of the NRIs global network at regional IGFs.
    - Proposal 2: Host the collaborative sessions during the 18<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting.
  5. After a vibrant exchange, a consensus was reached that the NRIs collaborative sessions are hosted at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting for the reasons of bigger participation of NRIs onsite; and because of the thematic focus which is of global relevance and not necessarily of primary regional relevance. However, it was underlined by many that the second proposal is of great value and that all efforts should be made to foster greater cooperation among the NRIs. There is a need to explore the demand of the NRIs and orient on case-by-case basis possible engagement and capacity development cooperative efforts such as:
    - Hosting NRIs engagement sessions at the regional IGFs
    - Organizing capacity development workshops/other initiatives at the margins of the NRIs programmes
    - Possibility to run the final preparations for the collaborative sessions at the regional IGFs
  6. The IGF Secretariat and NRIs coordinators were asked to communicate among themselves on the above, to determine the demand and develop potential activities accordingly.
  7. The discussion continued on the final number of the NRIs collaborative sessions which could take place during the 18<sup>th</sup> IGF. While several participants called for continuation of the last year's practice to keep the five session slots, to support greater thematic diversity, many underlined that it has been challenging to follow multiple sessions organized by the NRIs at the 17<sup>th</sup> IGF. For that reason,

the participants reached a consensus that 1 NRIs session is hosted per the meeting day. This further means that the NRIs will host the following sessions on different days:

- NRIs coordination session hosted on day 0;
  - NRIs main session hosted during the meeting days; and
  - 3 NRIs collaborative sessions hosted on days 2, 3 and 4.
8. The above proposal was seen as helpful to avoid scheduling conflicts with other sessions and to enable the NRIs to take active participation in the NRIs sessions but also other sessions.
  9. Given the reduced number of sessions, it was proposed that each session could be 90 min long. The Secretariat said it will confirm this possibility from the scheduling aspect.
  10. Consideration should be given to hosting each collaborative session on a different day. Some added that this is not necessary, while some said it may impede the participation from some regions. The Secretariat conclude by adding that it look into the time slots which could best serve the biggest number of time zones and that the discussion will continue from there.
  11. All participants underlined the need for all NRIs sessions to bring diversity and topics of global relevance.
  12. The meeting featured organized participation from the national IGF of Japan. Three colleagues participated and underlined their Japan IGF commitment to support the NRIs network in preparations for the meeting in Kyoto.
  13. Participants were encouraged to take active participation at the upcoming IGF 2023 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting on 8-10 March 2023. More information about the agenda and registration is available at the [IGF website](#)<sup>1</sup>.

**Other and next steps:**

14. NRIs who did not participate in the call can comment on the action points until 24 February 2023, before the final decision is made.
15. IGF Secretariat will integrate the above proposal in the NRIs work plan and upload to the website.
16. Doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent during week of 27 February, offering choices in the afternoon UTC hours.
17. IGF Secretariat to send the action points after the meeting to the mailing list followed by a full summary report.
18. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: [anja.gengo@un.org](mailto:anja.gengo@un.org).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2023-open-consultations-and-mag-meeting>

## ANNEX A1

### AGENDA: Virtual Meeting II

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Finalization of NRIs 2023 work plan and next steps in implementing it
3. Briefing on the 1st IGF 2023 Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
4. AoB

## ANNEX A2

### MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order<sup>2</sup>)*:

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Amina Ramallan, Nigeria IGF
3. Amrita Choudhury, India IGF
4. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
5. Anh Hoàng Diệu Lê, Vietnam IGF
6. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
7. Artem Goryanov, Central Asian IGF
8. Ben Rachad Sanoussi, Benin IGF
9. Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Australia IGF
10. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
11. Dave N., Barbados IGF
12. Denaya Dennis, South Sudan IGF
13. Ellice Mansfield, UK IGF
14. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
15. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF, EuroDIG
16. Iyedi Goma, DR Congo IGF
17. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
18. João Martins, YCIG Portugal
19. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
20. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
21. June Parris, Barbados IGF
22. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
23. K Mohan Raidu, India IGF community
24. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
25. Konsta Vuori, Finland IGF
26. Lucien Castex, France IGF
27. Marko Paloski, YCIG, North Macedonia IGF
28. Masanobu Katoh, Japan IGF
29. Michel Tchonang Linze, Central African IGF
30. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
31. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Youth LACIGF, YCIG, Uruguay Youth IGF
32. Patience LUYEYE NSANSI, Central African IGF
33. Pedro de Perdigão Lana, YCIG
34. Phyo M., Myanmar Youth IGF
35. Pilar Rodriguez, Youth Spain IGF
36. Poncelet Jokkolabs Banjul, The Gambia IGF, West African IGF
37. Riad Hasan Badsha
38. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
39. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF

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<sup>2</sup> Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

40. Salyou Fanny, Cote d'Ivoire IGF
41. Sam Igonor, Nigeria IGF
42. Samuel Lemma
43. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
44. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
45. Thy Try, Cambodia IGF
46. Tijani Ben Jema, North African IGF
47. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, YCIG, Youth LACIGF
48. Wiktor Skwarek, Polish IGF
49. YingChu Chen, APriIGF community
50. Zeina BOU HARB, Lebanon IGF
51. ЕДУИНО Вебинар (\*did not identify further)

### **ANNEX A3 INPUTS**

- NRIs 2023 work plan  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS1zuwLbymbglBLIQUHW2FGll6RsF\\_Rn8WEO00skJg4/edit?usp=dm=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS1zuwLbymbglBLIQUHW2FGll6RsF_Rn8WEO00skJg4/edit?usp=dm=true)
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