INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting IV | 24 April 2023 at 14:00 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- NRIs to review the action points and communicate any reaction by 29 April 2023.
- IGF Secretariat to disseminate sign-up forms to co-organize NRIs collaborative sessions.

1. The fourth virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2023 preparatory cycle, took place on 24 April 2023 at 12:00 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 agree on the topics for the NRIs collaborative sessions based on a holistic analysis of the results of the survey that was open for over two weeks for the NRIs coordinator (Annex A3); as well as the overall geopolitical momentum and relevance of the topics to local and global levels.

4. The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below:

NRIs Collaborative Sessions

1. The NRIs will organize three collaborative sessions, each 90 min long.

2. Participants decided that the three best-ranked topics from the survey could be the focus of the NRIs sessions. These topics are:
   - AI and emerging tech
   - Cybersecurity, cybercrime, and online safety
   - Digital divides and inclusion

3. An extensive discussion developed on the importance of addressing data governance, given that it is a foundation for many digital technologies. It was agreed that this could be a topic for the NRIs main session. Further, it was advised that the NRIs main session addresses data governance from an aspect of the IGF 2023 overarching theme ‘The Internet We Want – Empowering All People’.

4. Once the above proposal is agreed on the NRIs mailing list, the Secretariat will disseminate the sign-up forms inviting NRIs to join the co-organizing teams for any of the three sessions. The suggested timeline indicates assembling the organizing teams in May and starting to discuss, plan and draft the session proposals in June.
5. As data governance and trust ranked 4th, and given their high importance, it was suggested to discuss these aspects as cross-cutting elements of all three collaborative sessions and to possibly focus the NRIs main session on these aspects.

NRIs Main Session

6. NRI main session could focus on the overarching theme of IGF 2023 ‘The Internet we want – empowering all people’. It could be placed in a framework of data governance and trust, among other elements as appropriate. This is because data governance and trust are important topics globally and because the NRIs expressed strong support for them in the poll.

7. It was suggested that the NRIs' collaborative session aspects and outputs could inform the main session.

8. Some recognized that the ‘Internet we want’ can have different meanings to different stakeholders, it is of value to understand this through the main session.

9. The Host added that an early decision on the topic for the NRIs main session would mean that the responsibility to avoid overlaps with other main sessions is with the MAG as their planning starts later.

Other and next steps:

5. Doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent in a week's time, offering later UTC hours.

6. IGF Secretariat to send the action points after the meeting to the mailing list followed by a full summary report.

7. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

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ANNEX A1
AGENDA: Virtual Meeting IV

3. Welcome and introductions – 10 min
4. Deciding topics for NRIs Collaborative Sessions – 45 min
5. AoB – 5 min
ANNEX A2
MEETING PARTICIPANTS (in alphabetical order):

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, APriIGF
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. Phy o M., Myanmar Youth IGF
34. Pilar Rodriguez, Youth Spain IGF
36. Riad Hasan Badsha
37. Roberto Zambrano, Bolivia IGF
38. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF
39. Salyou Fanny, Cote d’Ivoire IGF
40. Sam Igonor, Nigeria IGF
41. Samuel Lemma
42. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
43. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
44. Thy Try, Cambodia IGF
45. Tijani Ben Jemaa, North African IGF
46. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, YCIG, Youth LACIGF
47. Wiktor Skwarek, Polish IGF

1 Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.
ANNEX A3
INPUTS

- NRIs 2023 work plan
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yS1zuwLbymbgLBIQUHW2FGl6RsF_Rn8WEOO0skjg4/edit?usp_dm=true