



Report to the IGF NRI Secretariat

**2023 Canadian Internet Governance Forum (CIGF): The Future We
Want**

***2023 Forum canadien sur la gouvernance de l'internet: L'avenir que
nous voulons***

Ninth meeting of the CIGF

Meeting date: October 4th, 2023

Centre de recherche informatique de Montreal

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INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Internet Governance Forum (CIGF) – previously operated as the Canadian Internet Forum from 2011-2016 – is the National Initiative for Canada. The CIGF held its first conference in 2019. The CIGF offers the Canadian internet community a chance to discuss the most pressing and timely public policy issues facing the internet and empowers the community by ensuring their priorities are shared on the global stage at the United Nations global IGF.

This report provides operational and planning details for the 2023 CIGF: The Future We Want, held on October 4th at the Centre de recherche informatique du Montreal (CRIM). A subsequent policy report will be published detailing the discussion insights and policy priorities of the Canadian internet community from the event.

The 2023 CIGF was organized by the following members of the multistakeholder All-Hands Committee:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	STAKEHOLDER GROUP
Nancy Carter	CANARIE Inc.,	Technical community
Alyssa Quinn	End-user community	
Hosein Badran	Internet Society	Civil society
Josh Tabish	CIRA/Secretariat Support	Technical community
Georgia Evans	CIRA/Secretariat Support, Chair	Technical community
David Fewer	CIPPIC	Academia
Joe Catapano	ICANN	Technical community
Giose McGuinty	ICANN	Technical community
Michel Lambert	eQualitie	Civil society
Jason Meritt	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Government
Rida Tahir	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Government
Matt Hatfield	OpenMedia	Civil society
Philippe-Andre Rodriguez	Global Affairs Canada	Government
Marita Moll	Telecommunities Canada	End-user community
Dr. Catherine Boivie	End-user community	
Kyle Loree	End-user community	
Dana Cramer	Toronto Metropolitan University	Academia
Jacob Glick	TELUS	Private sector
Aaron Deane	CIRA/Secretariat Support	Technical community
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PREPARATORY PROCESS

The preparatory process for the 2023 CIGF involved nearly a dozen meetings from the multistakeholder All-Hands Committee, work by the Secretariat, CIRA, and support from an events management firm. It is open, inclusive and non-commercial in organizational structure and process development. These are the highlights of the preparatory process:

- **# of All-Hands Committee meetings:** 10
- **Outreach with wider community:** the All-Hands Committee includes representatives from each of the Canadian internet community's stakeholder groups. Members draw on their individual networks to inform the program design.
 - The CIGF's website has a form for the public to recommend topics, which are tabled by the Secretariat to the All-Hands Committee.
 - Post-event surveys from the #CIGFTalks speaker series from 2021 – 2023 provided a chance for the broader community to provide input on desired topics for future meetings.
- **Topics discussed by All-Hands Committee:**
 - Topics for annual meeting
 - Programming and content
 - Speakers
 - Sponsorships
 - Communications and promotion
 - Day-of logistics
 - Coordination with Quebec IGF
 - Theme for CIGF 2023
 - Format of event: hybrid vs. in-person

MEETING DAY

CIGF is a free event, open to all. Summaries, discussion insights and outcomes of the keynotes, panels and breakout sessions will be communicated in the subsequent policy report. Photos, the full session agenda and speaker information will be provided in this report.

Live accounting of the meeting day can be found via #CIGF2023 and #FCGI2023 on X and LinkedIn. Photos can be found [here](#).

Recordings of CIGF’s plenary room can be found on YouTube [here](#).

MEETING RECORDS

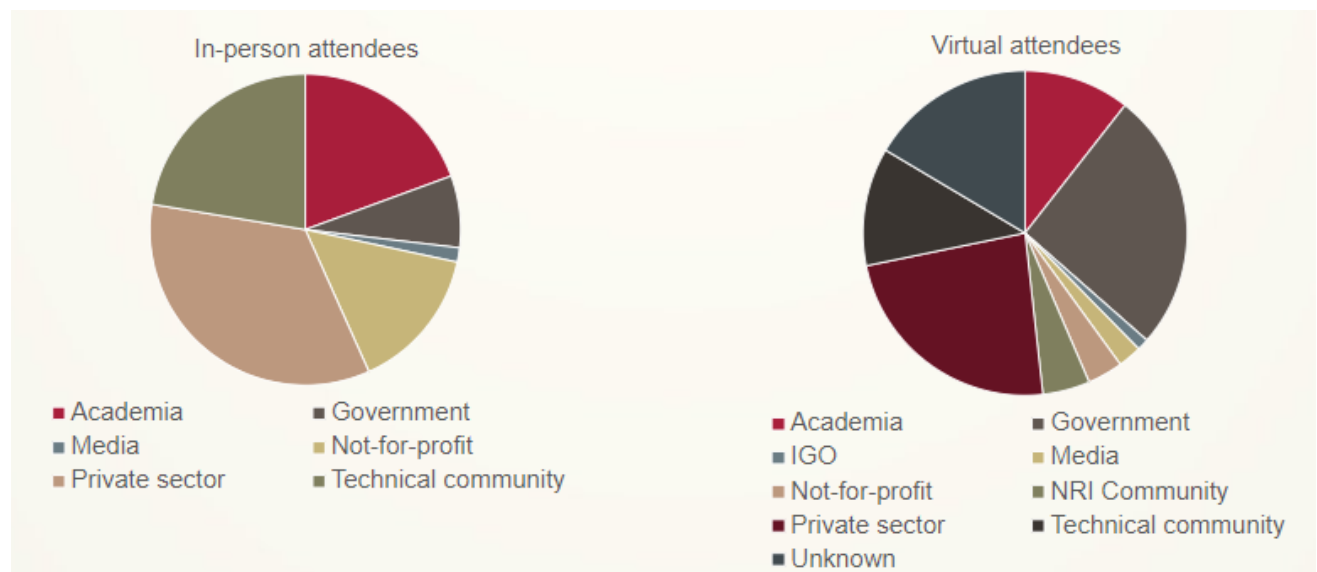
AUDIENCE BREAKDOWN

Total attendees: 155

In-person: 70

Virtual: 85

Breakdown by sector:



The CIGF did not collect gender data.

AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

Audience feedback for the 2023 CIGF was overwhelmingly positive. It was collected orally on the day of, through social media engagement and via Survey Monkey in the week following the event.

Attendees rated the speakers as informative, authoritative and engaging. They viewed the sessions as timely and interesting. They also reported enjoying the networking opportunities across sectors.

Government stakeholders were appreciative of CIGF's convening power to provide input on key internet policy issues.

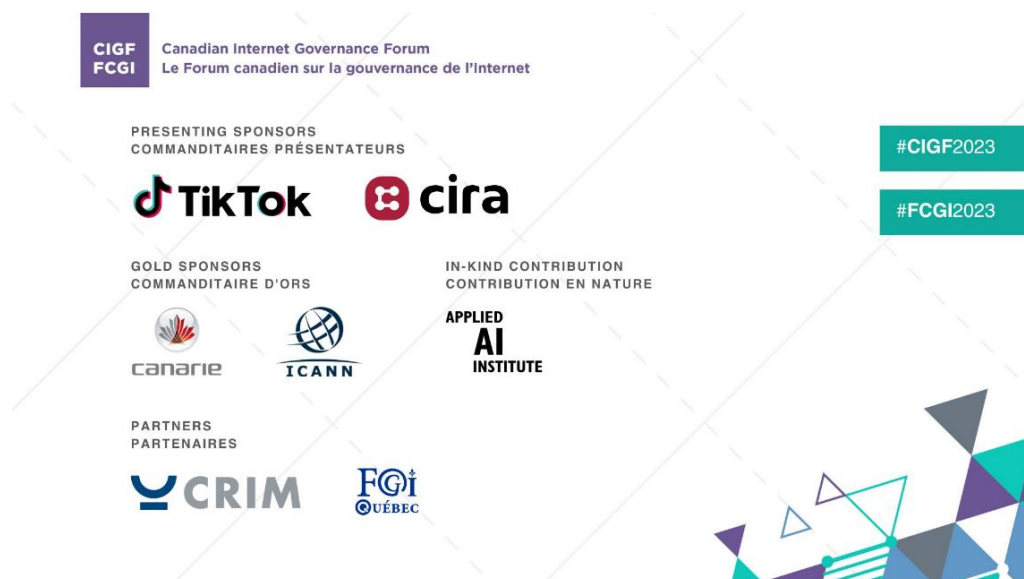
The Committee and its partners were pleased to convene the Canadian internet community in person for the first time after three years of online-only events and are keen to grow it ahead of consequential global internet governance dialogues, such as the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20.

The committee agreed that the 2024 (and subsequent) CIGFs can be improved by modernizing the conference website and communicating key conference details (including the date and location) earlier.

BUDGET

The CIGF is funded through a sponsorship model. It is largely funded by its Secretariat and historic presenting sponsor, CIRA. This year, the CIGF was also sponsored by TikTok Canada, ICANN and CANARIE. The Applied AI Institute provided an in-kind contribution of two note-takers, whose notes help inform the subsequent policy report. CRIM was a partner for providing the venue at a discounted rate.

The Quebec IGF was also a partner for co-promotion, liaising and coordinating on agenda, and sharing the CRIM venue.



REVENUES	EXPENSES
CIRA: \$45,000	Event management: \$18,490
TikTok: \$15,000	Venue: \$1,500
ICANN: \$6,155	Catering: \$13,270
CANARIE: \$5,000	Simultaneous interpretation: \$4,480
	A/V: \$27,000
	Printing: \$426
	Coms: \$750
	Report: \$6,800
Total: \$71,755	Total: \$72,716

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 - **X:** <https://twitter.com/CanadianIGF>
- **Video recordings:** <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLty4W45u9IlvqxUIW86HS-h0OQ63NOUH9&si=v3a6WIDTUI0Woyy8>
- **Meeting agenda:** <https://canadianigf.ca/agenda-2/>