

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2025
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES**

- Virtual Meeting IX -

24 September 2025 at 13:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- NRIs to review the proposals for the NRIs survey by 29 September.
- NRIs to inform if they plan to contribute inputs to the WSIS+20 Zero Draft and attend in person the high-level meeting in December.
- IGF Secretariat to circulate WSIS+20 review updates on NRIs mailing list.

1. The ninth virtual meeting of the National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in the IGF 2025 preparatory cycle was held on 24 September 2025 at 13:00 UTC. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final adopted version of the agenda is attached as Annex A1, the list of participants as Annex A2, and the list of meeting inputs as Annex A3.
2. The meeting was convened to confirm the NRIs workplan activities for the remainder of the IGF 2025 cycle.

Summary of Discussions

3. The Host opened the meeting by noting that its purpose was to review the status of the WSIS+20 preparations and NRIs' contributions, and to agree on the design of the NRIs survey aimed at measuring the network's impact and supporting improvements to its working modalities.
4. The Host recalled the current status of the Zero Draft and the plans for the upcoming high-level meeting in December.
5. Participants were reminded that NRIs are encouraged to respond to the WSIS+20 call for written inputs on the Zero Draft. The deadline has been extended to 3 October. Several NRIs confirmed they have submitted or are considering submissions, including the Caribbean IGF, Italy IGF, and Youth IGF Ukraine. Youth NRIs noted the importance of strengthening language on youth participation in the Zero Draft and may contribute accordingly. All NRIs were encouraged to inform the NRIs mailing list of their submissions for shared awareness, as well as if they plan to attend WSIS+20 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly, taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 16–17 December 2025, with side events beginning 15 December.
6. NRIs were also encouraged to participate in the WSIS+20 consultations on 13–14 October, pending time zone alignment. The Secretariat will issue a reminder with key deadlines and links for reference. More information on the WSIS+20 process is available on the UN DESA website.

7. Participants discussed the importance of documenting the NRIs' impact. The Secretariat proposed preparing a survey to gather information from all NRIs. Participants agreed that the survey should be focused and concise. It was suggested that the survey explore:
 - Integration of NRIs at local, regional, and global levels and expectations for future roles;
 - Examples of tangible impact at national and global levels, including influence on public policy and legislation;
 - Substantive contributions beyond participation, including agenda-setting and youth involvement;
 - The extent of NRIs' engagement with government branches (executive, legislative, judiciary);
 - How NRIs foresee their continuity in a scenario of the IGF's institutional uncertainty, including whether they would continue work if the IGF mandate is not renewed after 2026.
8. Regarding the survey, participants agreed on the following next steps:
 - NRIs may share additional suggestions by 29 September, end of day;
 - The Secretariat will circulate one or more draft survey versions by the end of next week for review and endorsement; and
 - A tentative launch date of mid-October was discussed, with the survey remaining open for two weeks to allow sufficient time for data collection and analysis.
9. Participants were informed of upcoming engagement opportunities where NRIs can contribute to WSIS+20 discussions, including APrIGF (11–14 October) and LACIGF (5–6 November). Coordinators will share detailed information with the NRIs mailing list as it becomes available.
10. Consultations on these matters will continue through the NRIs mailing list. The Secretariat will ensure the network remains updated on key developments and submission timelines.

Next Steps

11. The IGF Secretariat will circulate the action points for feedback on the NRIs mailing list.
12. A doodle poll will be sent for scheduling a call in the second half of October.
13. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, NRIs coordinators can contact the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs and WSIS+20 – next steps
3. Survey to document NRIs' impact
4. Any other business (AoB)

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Ahmed Farag, North African IGF
2. Alex Marciuc, Moldova IGF
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Bakary KOUYATE, Mali IGF
5. Bakary KOUYATE, Mali IGF
6. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
7. Celine Bal, IGF Secretariat
8. Christine Arida, Arab IGF
9. Dana Cramer, Canada Youth IGF
10. Declan, IGF Ireland IGF
11. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
12. Emmy Okwir Ogule
13. Eyob Esatu, Uganda IGF
14. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF
15. Heidrun Weiglhofer, German IGF
16. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
17. Jorge Pérez, Spain IGF
18. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
19. June Parris, Barbados IGF
20. Kaelo More, IGF Secretariat
21. Kasun Tharaka, Sri Lanka IGF
22. Laura Margolis, Uruguay IGF
23. Letsatsi Lekhooa, Lesotho IGF
24. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u, African IGF
25. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
26. Mary Uduma, West African IGF, Nigeria IGF
27. Moamin Hamad, did not identify
28. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
29. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
30. Nancy Carter, Canada IGF
31. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
32. Peter Koch, German IGF
33. Phyo Thiri Lwin, Myanmar Youth IGF
34. Rabie Bouyahiaoui, did not identify
35. Rani Retmono, APrIGF
36. Sabrina Heber, German IGF
37. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
38. Sophia Longwe, German IGF

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

39. Suada Hadzovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF
40. Friederike von Franque, German IGF
41. Yao Amevi A. Sossou, Benin Youth IGF
42. Zdravko Jukic, Croatia IGF
43. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF

ANNEX A3

INPUTS

- WSIS+20 review <https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/wsis20>
- Draft IGF 2025 NRIs workplan
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NoT1Wn6Olekox8nuAqtceTPfrL-dHF635oVZ3ULTI6Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Draft IGF 2025 timeline
https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/335/28650