

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

- Virtual Meeting XI -

25 November 2025 at 13:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- NRIs to review the survey results for further discussion in January 2026.
- IGF Secretariat to send a form to confirm onsite participation at WSIS+20 review.

1. The eleventh virtual meeting of the National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in the IGF 2025 preparatory cycle was held on 25 November 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 results of the NRIs survey focused on NRIs working modalities.

Summary of Discussions

3. The Host opened the meeting by recalling that its purpose was to: (i) update NRIs on the status of the survey on internal structures and working modalities; (ii) present the emerging narrative report and invite feedback on its format and use; and (iii) provide an update on the WSIS+20 process and related engagement opportunities for NRIs.
4. Participants briefly introduced themselves, representing a broad range of national, regional and youth IGFs from all regions. The Host also introduced a new colleague from the IGF Secretariat, Mr. Herman Johansen, who has recently assumed responsibilities for youth engagement and support to youth IGFs.
5. The Secretariat reported on the implementation of the NRI survey. Following an extension of the deadline and individual outreach to non-responding NRIs, over 80 initiatives submitted responses. While almost 30 additional responses were received after the October call, these did not significantly alter the overall percentages or trends previously presented; the graphs shared in October therefore remain valid to a large extent.
6. The Secretariat presented the structure and preliminary content of a draft narrative. It was confirmed that the report includes: (i) an overview of the NRI ecosystem and the number and history of annual meetings; (ii) analysis of multistakeholder organising teams and bottom-up agenda-setting processes; (iii) examples of concrete impact at national level, including on legislation and policy; (iv) patterns of engagement with the global IGF, the Secretariat, the MAG and the wider international community; and (v) findings on under-represented communities and professional sectors, together with a

section on expectations and scenarios for NRIs in light of the IGF's mandate.

7. It was explained that this report is intended to serve as a basis for NRI work in 2026 (and possibly already from late 2025, depending on the decision of the General Assembly on the IGF mandate), and to inform a future review and possible update of the NRI Toolkit. In this context, the Secretariat plans to highlight both good practices and common gaps, including issues such as terms of reference for organising committees, community-endorsement procedures, multistakeholder balance and transparency.
8. Participants welcomed the report and provided suggestions to improve its usability. It was recommended to:
 - convert longer narrative sections into concise bullet-point summaries;
 - include an annex listing all NRIs that responded to the survey;
 - provide, where possible, regional breakdowns of the data;
 - draw specific attention to responses from youth IGFs; and
 - make an anonymised version of the underlying database available to NRIs so that regions, such as LACIGF, can carry out their own regional analyses.
9. The Secretariat confirmed that the database would be made available to the network and undertook to reflect the above suggestions in the next draft, including by integrating the graphs into the narrative report and visually signposting examples of impact and areas for improvement. NRIs were invited to share any further ideas once they have had the opportunity to review the full text.
10. The Host then provided an update on WSIS+20 preparations. It was recalled that registration for the high-level meeting has formally closed; however, NRIs that were unable to register in time and still wish to participate were invited to contact the IGF Secretariat, which can liaise with the WSIS+20 Secretariat regarding late registration. Participants were reminded that both in-person and online participation will be possible, including for several WSIS+20 side events.
11. The Secretariat informed participants that the IGF will organise and support several events during WSIS+20, including:
 - meeting of the IGF Leadership Panel reflecting on the IGF's work and three-year strategy;
 - session on "strong local ecosystems to govern digital tech", where NRIs will feature prominently;
 - session on "bridging generations for an inclusive digital future", focusing on capacity development and youth engagement;
 - session on business engagement for WSIS goals, and
 - session on the future of digital governance beyond 2025 in cooperation with Dynamic Coalitions.
12. Participants were invited to indicate whether they will be present in New York so that they can be actively associated with IGF-led events. The Secretariat proposed to circulate a simple form via the NRIs mailing list to record those NRIs attending in person, as well as the Secretariat staff who will be on site, in order to facilitate coordination.
13. The Chair of the WSIS+20 informal multistakeholder sounding board provided an update on the WSIS+20 negotiation process. It was noted that a first round of informal consultations on Revision 1 of the outcome document has been completed and that further informal negotiations are expected in early December. A subsequent revision of the text is anticipated, with a relatively short window for stakeholder feedback.

Participants were encouraged to monitor the WSIS+20 website and forthcoming communications from the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board concerning joint consultations on the next revision, so that NRI views can continue to feed into the process.

14. In closing, NRIs were invited to continue sharing information on their own annual meetings and WSIS+20-related activities through the NRIs mailing list. The Secretariat reiterated its readiness to support NRIs in using the survey results and in engaging with the WSIS+20 process.

Next Steps

15. The IGF Secretariat will finalise the narrative report on the NRI survey, integrate comments from this meeting, and circulate the draft, together with the updated graphical overview on the NRIs mailing list by around 1 December. The report will also be published on the NRIs section of the IGF website.
16. The Secretariat will provide NRIs with: (i) an anonymised copy of the survey database; (ii) a list of the NRIs that responded; and (iii) regional and youth-specific breakdowns to the extent possible, to support further regional and thematic analysis.
17. A checklist or annex of highlighting good practices and recurrent gaps in NRI governance and working modalities could be developed on the basis of the survey findings, with a view to informing a future update and possible expansion of the NRI Toolkit.
18. The IGF Secretariat will circulate an online form through the NRIs mailing list for coordinators to indicate whether they will attend the WSIS+20 High-Level Meeting in New York and in what capacity, so as to facilitate invitations and coordination around IGF-related events.
19. For any suggestions or questions regarding the NRI survey report or WSIS+20 engagement, NRI coordinators may contact the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. NRIs survey: formatted results overview
3. WSIS+20 review and high-level event - updates
4. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Abdias Zambrano, Panama Youth IGF
2. Alishah Shariff, UK IGF
3. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF

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

4. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
5. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
6. Carlos Vera Quintana, Ecuador IGF
7. Godsway Kubi, Ghana IGF
8. Herman Johansen, IGF Secretariat
9. Janne Hirvonen, Finland IGF
10. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF, IMSB Chair
11. Jorge Pérez, Spain IGF
12. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
13. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
14. June Parris, Barbados IGF
15. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
16. Lilian Chamorro, LACIGF, Colombia IGF
17. Lillian Nalwoga, Uganda IGF, East Africa IGF
18. Mare Vahtre, Estonia IGF
19. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
20. Mary Uduma, West African IGF, Nigeria IGF
21. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
22. Nancy Carter, Canada IGF
23. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
24. Poncelet Ileleji, Gambia IGF, West African IGF
25. Rita Wehbe, UN ESCWA, Lebanon IGF, Arab IGF
26. Sabrina Heber, German IGF
27. Sandra Hoferichetr, EuroDIG
28. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
29. Suzete Centeio Pereira, Cabo Verde IGF
30. Tijani Ben Jemaa, North African IGF
31. 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