

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

- Virtual Meeting X -

30 October 2025 at 13:00 UTC

### SUMMARY REPORT

#### Action Items:

- IGF Secretariat to finalize the narrative report of the survey results.
- IGF Secretariat to send a form for WSIS+20 review meeting at UNHQ attendance.

1. The tenth virtual meeting of the National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in the IGF 2025 preparatory cycle was held on 30 October 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 focused primarily on reviewing the preliminary results of the global NRIs survey, as well as outlining next steps in preparation for the WSIS+20 Review process and future NRIs work.

#### Summary of Discussions

3. Participants reviewed the initial findings of the NRIs survey circulated earlier this month. As not all NRIs were able to submit responses by the indicated deadline, the group agreed to extend the deadline by one week, until 6 November.
4. The IGF Secretariat will circulate a reminder to all NRIs, encouraging additional submissions. Several participants noted that language accessibility may be a challenge for some communities. It was therefore agreed that, if needed, the Secretariat will explore translating the survey into local languages, at minimum into the six official UN languages, to facilitate broader participation.
5. While reviewing the preliminary results, strong engagement and examples of good practices were highlighted, as well as some challenges related to working modalities, sustainability, and measurable impact across NRIs.
6. Once all responses are received by the extended deadline, the Secretariat will:
  - Prepare a visual graphical report consolidating quantitative findings;
  - Draft a concise narrative report, capturing qualitative insights, emerging trends, and examples of good practices submitted by NRIs;
  - Possibly share both reports with the WSIS+20 Review co-facilitators as an input to their process.

7. The consolidated findings will also shape the NRIs' collective work for IGF 2026 and inform the development of good practices and recommendations for strengthening NRIs operations going forward.
8. Any survey findings that refer specifically to the IGF Secretariat's support to individual NRIs will be followed up bilaterally with the respective respondents.
9. The meeting held a short exchange on whether nationality should influence the selection of members of NRIs' multistakeholder organizing committees. Most colleagues stressed that nationality is not a predetermined requirement, and that what matters is:
  - Understanding the local context;
  - Responding to the needs of the local community;
  - Supporting capacity-building and inclusive participation.
10. A few NRIs shared that nationality is *one* of several factors they consider, but not a strict or universal criterion.
11. Participants agreed to hold the next NRIs coordination meeting in the third week of November. A Doodle poll will be circulated shortly to confirm the date and time.

### **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](mailto:anja.gengo@un.org).

## **ANNEX A1**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introduction
2. NRIs Survey preliminary results
  - a. Final formatting and use of findings
  - b. NRIs and UNESCO IUI
  - c. National IGFs establishment: background of multistakeholder organizing committee
3. AoB

## **ANNEX A2**

### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS** *(in alphabetical order<sup>1</sup>):*

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

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<sup>1</sup> Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

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/1NoT1Wn6OIekox8nuAqtceTPfrL-dHF635oVZ3ULTI6Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Draft IGF 2025 timeline  
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