

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2026
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES**

- Virtual Meeting II -

18 February 2026 at 12:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- *NRIs are invited to agree on a common methodology for collecting metrics to be included in NRI outreach materials.*
- *The IGF Secretariat will invite NRIs to provide inputs for updating the content of the NRI brochure ahead of the next NRIs meeting.*
- *The IGF Secretariat will share first drafts of visual materials on NRIs ahead of the next NRIs meeting.*
- *NRIs to share feedback via NRIs mailing list on the proposals received from the Italian IGF and Ghana IGF.*

1. The second virtual meeting of the National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in the IGF 2026 preparatory cycle was held on 18 February 2026 at 12:00 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 endorse the NRIs annual work plan.

Summary of Discussions

3. The IGF Secretariat presented the proposed work plan, outlining key objectives including supporting the implementation of the WSIS+20 Resolution, enhancing awareness of NRIs across the United Nations system, strengthening NRI engagement in the annual IGF meeting, and fostering more direct communication between NRIs, and with the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) and the Leadership Panel (LP) through their respective Chairs.
4. Participants expressed general support for the proposed work plan and endorsed it, while noting that further refinements may be introduced as implementation progresses.
5. Participants highlighted the importance of prioritizing activities within the work plan and ensuring regular updates to reflect evolving needs and opportunities.
6. It was noted that additional proposals, including the one from the French IGF related to the NRIs potential contributions to the WSIS Forum and UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), could be integrated into the work plan, subject to further consultation with the NRI network.

Outreach and Visibility of NRIs

7. Participants discussed the need to update existing NRI outreach materials, including the [brochure](#)¹, to better reflect the impact and diversity of NRIs.
8. It was suggested that updated materials include concrete metrics, such as the number of individuals trained/participated and engaged through NRI activities. In this regard, the importance of standardizing data collection methodologies across NRIs was highlighted, in order to ensure consistency and accuracy in reporting impact.
9. The two existing case studies could be revisited to ensure that the most up-to-date and impactful examples are presented.
10. Participants emphasized the importance of including testimonials and quotes from NRI coordinators to highlight tangible outcomes and good practices.
11. The need to ensure accessibility of outreach materials, including compliance with relevant accessibility standards, was underscored.
12. Participants also proposed the development of additional visual materials, such as flyers and e-cards, to support outreach efforts and improve understanding of NRIs and their role.
13. It was further suggested that outreach materials be translated into multiple languages to enhance inclusivity and reach.
14. Participants also proposed updating the materials to include contact information and website links for all NRIs.
15. The Secretariat informed participants that it is responding positively to calls from NRIs to enhance awareness of their work across the UN. In this regard, a formal communication is being prepared for UN entities at the country level, including UNDP, to further raise awareness of NRIs, in line with the WSIS+20 Resolution. Attached to this communication can be the visual outreach materials.
15. To support the development of outreach materials, the Secretariat introduced new colleagues who will contribute to their design and implementation. It was noted that, by the next NRIs meeting in March 2026, examples of graphical illustrations and a first updated draft of the content will be shared for further discussion.

Proposals for NRI Collaboration

16. To advance cooperation among NRIs and facilitate the exchange of good practices, with a view to strengthening meaningful contributions to local and global digital policy processes, two proposals related to NRI-to-NRI collaboration were presented for consideration by the network:
 - a) A [proposal](#)² by the Italian IGF to establish an “NRIs Lab” was introduced, aiming to create a collaborative space for NRIs to share best practices, develop tangible outputs, and strengthen linkages between national, regional and global processes.

¹ <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/nris-brochure-to-support-engagement-with-parliaments-and-governments>

² <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17KfaiCqn8wRHE3b0Pqj6O9VFT4VQIARi/edit>

- b) A second [proposal](#)³ by the Ghana IGF introduced a regional approach to organizing NRI main sessions at the global IGF.
- 17. Participants expressed general interest in the “NRIs Lab” proposal and noted its potential to foster practical collaboration and knowledge exchange. It was suggested that a pilot approach could be explored.
- 18. Due to time constraints and technical issues, detailed discussion of the Ghana IGF proposal was deferred to the next NRIs meeting, scheduled for March 2026.
- 19. It was agreed that both proposals would be further discussed on the NRI mailing list and revisited at the next meeting.

Next steps

- 20. Participants were informed that the next NRIs meeting would take place in approximately four weeks and would be scheduled at earlier UTC hours.
- 21. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, NRI coordinators may contact the IGF Secretariat.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introductions
- 2. NRIs 2026 workplan - review and endorsement
- 3. NRIs outreach materials
- 4. NRI Lab (proposal from Italian IGF) – review
- 5. AoB (discuss the proposal from Ghana IGF)

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order⁴):*

- 1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
- 2. Ahmed Farag, North African IGF
- 3. Alex Marciuc, Moldova IGF
- 4. Aminata Sanogo, Côte d’Ivoire IGF
- 5. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
- 6. Andrey Aleinikov, Russia IGF
- 7. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
- 8. Athanase Bahizire, DR Congo IGF
- 9. Bakary Kouyate, Mali IGF
- 10. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
- 11. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
- 12. Celine Bal, IGF Secretariat
- 13. Dorijn Boogaard, Netherlands IGF
- 14. Elizabeth Yisa, Nigeria IGF

³ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11xgg6eeDp2vUhg0ISlpDQ2JFa-bDtYR/view?usp=sharing>

⁴ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

15. Emmy Okwir Ogule, did not identify
16. Eyob Esatu, ISD Africa
17. Fanny Salyou, Côte d'Ivoire IGF
18. Geoffrey Karegeya, Rwanda IGF
19. Gesune, Mongolia IGF
20. Godsway Kubi, Ghana IGF
21. Herman Johansen, IGF Secretariat
22. Jennifer Chung, APriGF
23. Jeremy, Myanmar Youth IGF
24. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
25. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
26. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF, LACIGF
27. June Parris, Barbados IGF
28. Kasun Tharaka, Sri Lanka IGF
29. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
30. Keith Andere, Kenya IGF
31. Khadijah Sani, Nigeria IGF
32. Krisna Diastama, IGF Secretariat
33. Laura Margolis, Uruguay IGF
34. Letsatsi Lekhooa, Lesotho IGF
35. Lia Hernandez, Panama IGF
36. Lillian Chamorro, Colombia IGF, LACIGF
37. Lillian Nalwoga, Uganda IGF
38. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
39. Lucien Castex, France IGF
40. Mare Vahtre, Estonia IGF
41. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u, independent
42. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
43. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
44. Moumen Fennira, IGF Secretariat
45. Nazar Kirama, Tanzania IGF
46. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Uruguay IGF
47. Nicolas Zahn, Swiss IGF
48. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
49. Olanike Fatodu, Nigeria IGF
50. Omar Shuran, Libya IGF
51. Oussama Elmerrahi, Morocco Youth IGF
52. Peter Koch, Germany IGF
53. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF
54. Phuthego Chere, Botswana IGF
55. Poncelet Ileleji, Gambia IGF, West Africa IGF
56. Priyatosh Jana, India IGF
57. Qasim Pirzada, Pakistan Youth IGF
58. Rita Wehbé, UN-ESCWA
59. Sabrina Heber, Germany IGF
60. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
61. Shanea Lewis, Caribbean IGF
62. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
63. Suada Hadzovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF
64. Suzete Centeio Pereira, Cabo Verde IGF
65. Tariq Mohammed, Caribbean Youth IGF
66. Thokozile Miya, South Africa IGF
67. Titti Cassa, Italy IGF
68. Try Thy, Cambodia IGF

69. Wiktor Skwarek, Poland IGF
70. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
71. Yao Amevi A. Sossou, Benin Youth IGF
72. Zeina Bouharb, Lebanon IGF

ANNEX A3

INPUTS

- WSIS+20 review UNGA resolution and actions
<https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/wsis20>
- Results of NRIs survey (2025)
https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/52/30221
- NRIs 2026 draft work plan draft workplan https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v5-Wv0uWyp_04Jc3n4X3vQUDBhZZDlzONfK1_So4pCA/edit?usp=sharing
- NRIs brochure from 2021 <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/nris-brochure-to-support-engagement-with-parliaments-and-governments>
- NRI Lab proposal from Italian IGF
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17KfaiCqn8wRHE3b0Pqj6O9VFT4VQIARi/edit>
- Proposal Ghana IGF <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11lxgg6eeDp2vUhq0ISlpDQ2JFa-bDtYR/view?usp=sharing>