

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

- Virtual Meeting IV -

28 April 2026 at 12:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- *The IGF Secretariat will finalize the short and long versions of the NRIs brochure, incorporating feedback received during the meeting and allow NRIs 48 hours for final review.*
- *The Secretariat will produce both digital and print-ready versions of the brochure for use in online dissemination and at events.*
- *IGF Secretariat to invite NRIs to sign up to support translation of the brochure into multiple languages.*
- *IGF Secretariat to share the IGF Retreat report with the NRIs, once finalized, for their views on a way forward.*

1. The fourth virtual meeting of the National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in the IGF 2026 preparatory cycle was held on 28 April 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 finalize the development of the NRIs promotional brochure, outreach strategies, and next steps in implementation of the 2026 NRIs workplan.

Summary of Discussions

3. The IGF Secretariat informed participants that the NRIs network continues to grow and now includes over 180 recognized initiatives across all regions. Participants welcomed this milestone and acknowledged the continued expansion and strengthening of the network. The recognition of new initiatives, including the Slovakia IGF and Libya Youth IGF, was noted.
4. The main part of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the development of the NRIs brochures.
5. Participants expressed overall support for the current structure and visual layout, noting that the brochure is clear, well-structured, and suitable for promotional purposes. It was emphasized that the brochure should remain concise and accessible, complementing more detailed outputs such as the NRIs annual reports.
6. Participants proposed several improvements:
 - Include clearer reference to the WSIS+20 context and the IGF's permanent mandate;
 - Reference the NRIs Toolkit as a key resource;

- Ensure accuracy of visual elements (e.g. maps and photo captions);
 - Add alternative text descriptions for accessibility purposes;
 - Produce
 - both a digital version for online dissemination; and a print-ready version for use at events and national meetings. Participants highlighted the importance of having a printable version for outreach at local, regional and global events.
7. NRIs expressed strong willingness to support translation of the brochure into multiple languages. Offers were made for translations into, among others: Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Italian, Arabic, French, Bangla, Swahili, Sinhala, Tamil, Hindi and Dutch. It was agreed that the Secretariat will collect expressions of interest for translation and share an editable version of each brochure. All translations will be posted on a dedicated webpage at the IGF website.
 8. The Secretariat briefed participants on the recently held retreat focused on strategizing the implementation of the IGF permanent mandate. While the final report is pending publication, it was noted that NRIs featured prominently in the discussions. Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback once the official report is issued in the coming days.
 9. The Secretariat also invited reflections on the role of regional IGFs in fostering cooperation and engagement across the NRIs network. As an example, it was noted that the upcoming EuroDIG will include an assembly bringing together NRIs from the region. Similarly, LACIGF continues to facilitate dialogue within and across NRIs. It was agreed that this discussion will continue at the next NRIs meetings given the specificities of each IGF initiative.
 10. The Secretariat shared updates on the NRIs Workplan 2026 progress. Participants emphasized the importance of focusing on the implementation of agreed activities, strengthening coordination across NRIs, and enhancing linkages between national, regional and global processes. In this regard, it was noted that the IGF Secretariat is working with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to ensure that communication on the value of NRIs reaches UNDP offices worldwide and encourages cooperation. The NRIs brochures, once finalized, will form part of this communication effort.
 11. As part of the workplan, it was agreed that the next meeting will focus on communication with UNDP, the role of regional IGFs as platforms for strengthening cooperation across the NRIs network, and a review of the NRIs Toolkit after ten years of implementation.

Next Steps

19. The Secretariat will continue refining the brochure content and design, incorporating feedback received during the meeting. Updated versions will be shared with NRIs for final review in the current week.
20. The next NRIs meeting is expected to take place in approximately 3–4 weeks, at later UTC hours.
21. 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 introduction
2. IGF Retreat debrief
3. NRIs brochures – final review
4. NRIs workplan next steps
5. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Mr. Michel Arnaud, Quebec IGF
2. Mr. Fabrice Moro, did not identify
3. Mr. Ahmed Farag, North African IGF
4. Mr. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Uruguay IGF, DC-IS3C
5. Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
6. Ms. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
7. Ms. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
8. Ms. Sabrina Heber, German IGF
9. Ms. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
10. Mr. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
11. Ms. Tatiana Jereissati, Brazil IGF
12. Mr. Peter Koch, German IGF
13. Ms. Gertrude Koné Douyéré, Côte d'Ivoire IGF
14. Mr. Bakary Kouyate, Mali IGF
15. Mr. Ludovic Kouakou, Côte d'Ivoire IGF
16. Mr. Geoffrey Karegeya, Rwanda IGF
17. Mr. Nazar Kirama, Tanzania IGF
18. Mr. Godsway Kubi, Ghana IGF
19. Mr. Julian Casasbuenas, Colombia IGF
20. Ms. Rita Wehbe, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Arab IGF
21. Ms. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
22. Mr. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
23. Ms. Emmy Okwir Ogule, Uganda IGF
24. Ms. Suzete Centeio Pereira, Cabo Verde IGF
25. Ms. June Parris, Barbados IGF
26. Mr. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
27. Mr. Michel Tchonang, Central African IGF
28. Ms. Amrita Choudhury, India IGF
29. Ms. Mary Uduma, Nigeria IGF
30. Ms. Nana Khadijah, did not identify
31. Ms. Dorijn Boogaard, Netherlands IGF
32. Ms. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
33. Mr. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF, EuroDIG
34. Ms. Laura Margolis, Uruguay IGF
35. Mr. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF

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

36. Mr. Moumen Fennira, Tunisia IGF
37. Ms. Aminata Sanogo, Côte d'Ivoire IGF
38. Ms. Zeina Bouharb, Lebanon IGF
39. Ms. Titti Cassa, Italy IGF
40. Ms. Nancy Carter, Canada IGF
41. Ms. Dana Cramer, Canada IGF
42. Mr. Moujib Errahman, Chad IGF
43. Ms. Maria Mendes, Sao Tome and Principe IGF
44. Mr. Bendjedid Rachad Sanoussi, Benin IGF
45. Mr. Carlos Vera Quintana, Ecuador IGF
46. Mr. Kasun Tharaka, Sri Lanka IGF
47. Ms. Stela Rugongo, Tanzania IGF
48. Ms. Shanea Lewis, Caribbean IGF
49. Ms. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
50. Mr. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
51. Mr. Poncelet Ileleji, Gambia IGF
52. Ms. Mirna Barbar, Lebanon IGF
53. Ms. Thoko Miya, Malawi IGF

ANNEX A3

INPUTS

- Updated NRIs brochures (short and long version) and draft designs:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iBN9UDWOnl9iDEtvOgK-qH4srP7kKPsx>
- WSIS+20 review UNGA resolution and actions
<https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/ws20>
- 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