

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
BEST PRACTICE FORUM ON GENDER & DIGITAL RIGHTS**

- Virtual Meeting I | 06 June 2022 at 13:30 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

Action items and next steps

- Invite BPF community to access the approved work proposal for 2022 and reflect on 2-3 key policy areas to develop this year's activities and report.
- Understand the key thematic priorities for IGF 2022 and propose a more connected approach to them.
- Actively encourage BPF members to share reports, processes, consultations and other actions that are already happening in this space.
- Issue a short consultation with support from the IGF Secretariat on previous processes or work on the impact of digital-linked regulation on gender-diverse communities (e.g., ask for contributions of legislation that address the issue of Gender and Technology throughout the world).
- The BPF Co-Facilitators invite all interested parties to express interest in the consultation above.
- The UN-IGF Consultant will start a mapping of well-known legislative initiatives on the issue of Gender and Tech
- Establish outreach to social media platforms and governments, including invitations for meetings with BPF
- BPF calls to be scheduled on Mondays every 2-3 weeks, initially at 15:00 UTC; the time slot will be adjusted depending on where most of the participants are based.
- Next meeting: **27 June 2022, 15:00 UTC** – zoom link to follow.

Participants

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Notes

0. The first meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Best Practice Forum on Gender and Digital Rights (BPF Gender) was hosted online on 06 June 2022 at 13:30 UTC. The meeting's purpose was to kick-start the activities for this year, by reviewing the 2022 Proposal

approved by MAG and giving shape and direction to the work. The discussion followed the agenda shown below:

1. Introductions
2. BPF Proposal
3. Scope
4. Meeting Slots

1. **Introductions:** there was a tour de table for introductions. At the end, the coordinators explained the BPF is always open to welcoming new members and encouraged those present at the meeting to spread the word to those who would be a good engagement addition.
2. **BPF Proposal:** this year's approved proposal was a great collective work and lists down several focus areas. Within those, there is the need to select 2-3 primary policy areas to hone in on, which will then guide the production of this year's report. Since IGF thematic focus this year is on regulation, one option is to discuss it under a gender perspective, with historical approach. The two options would be to a) resend the proposal to the BPF list and ask for synchronous feedback; and/or b) align our policy priorities with the MAG determinations, focusing the work on e.g., The Global Digital Compact.
 - Agreed to consult the community on what is already known on the field.
 - Agreed to work at the BPF similarly to last year, with the presence of specialists in calls for discussions.
3. **Scope:** to define priority policy areas, the BPF needs to define this year's scope first. As guide, members can have a look at the UN Secretary General "Our Common Agenda" Report and its instance on gender. Initial suggestions from the community encompass a) link gender regulation with gender disinformation; b) tackle legislation bias; c) ask for community contributions of legislation that addresses the gender issues in technology policy, either in a positive or negative way, so to produce a scenario mapping.
 - Agreed that regardless of scope chosen, it is important to develop a methodology for collection and processing of this data, choosing proper aspects from gender in digital rights that could be taken into evaluation (e.g., indicators). This will also protect the community from criticism.
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