IGF 2023
Programme Development
- Preliminary result analysis –

20 February 2023, IGF Secretariat

IGF 2023 Call for thematic inputs

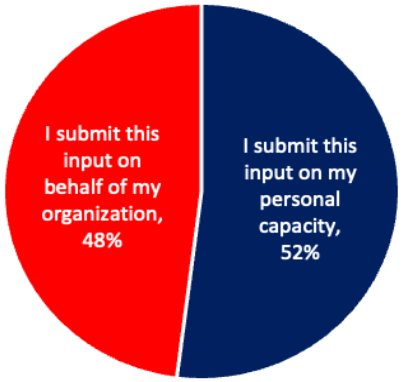
- IGF 2023 Call for thematic inputs was open for almost **4 weeks** (6 – 31 January 2023).
- The community was invited to select up to three themes and up to three issues under each theme. Stakeholders were also asked to comment on ways the IGF could contribute to global initiatives relevant to its work.

- **194 stakeholders marked 524 themes and 945 issues in the IGF online submission system.**

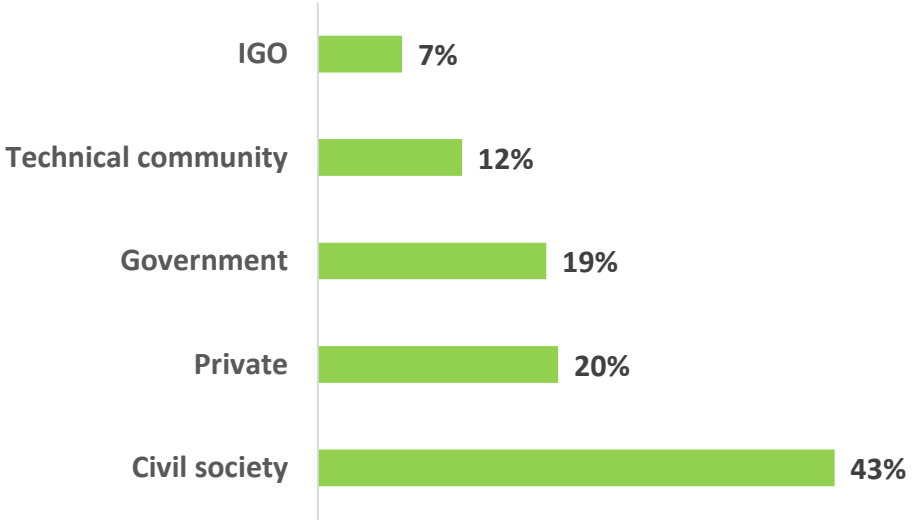
194 STAKEHOLDERS	527 THEMES	953 ISSUES

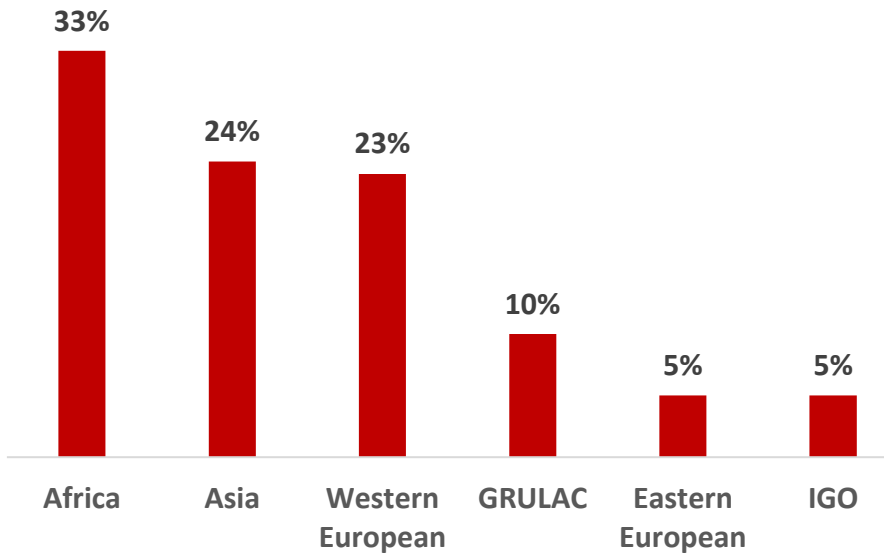
- A full list with all received submissions is available on the IGF website: https://www.intgovforum.org/en/igf-2023-proposed-issues

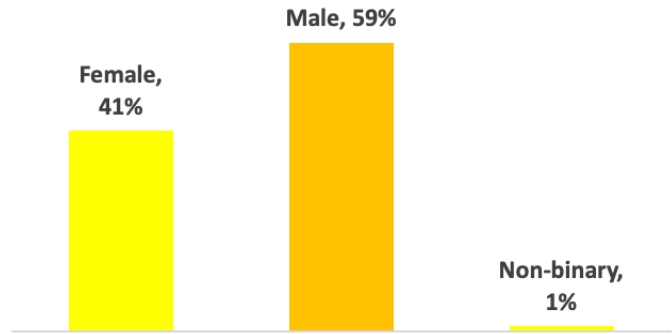
Who submitted?



- Slightly more stakeholders submitted inputs in a personal capacity, than on behalf of their organizations.
- The biggest number of submitted issues came from the African region and civil society stakeholder group.







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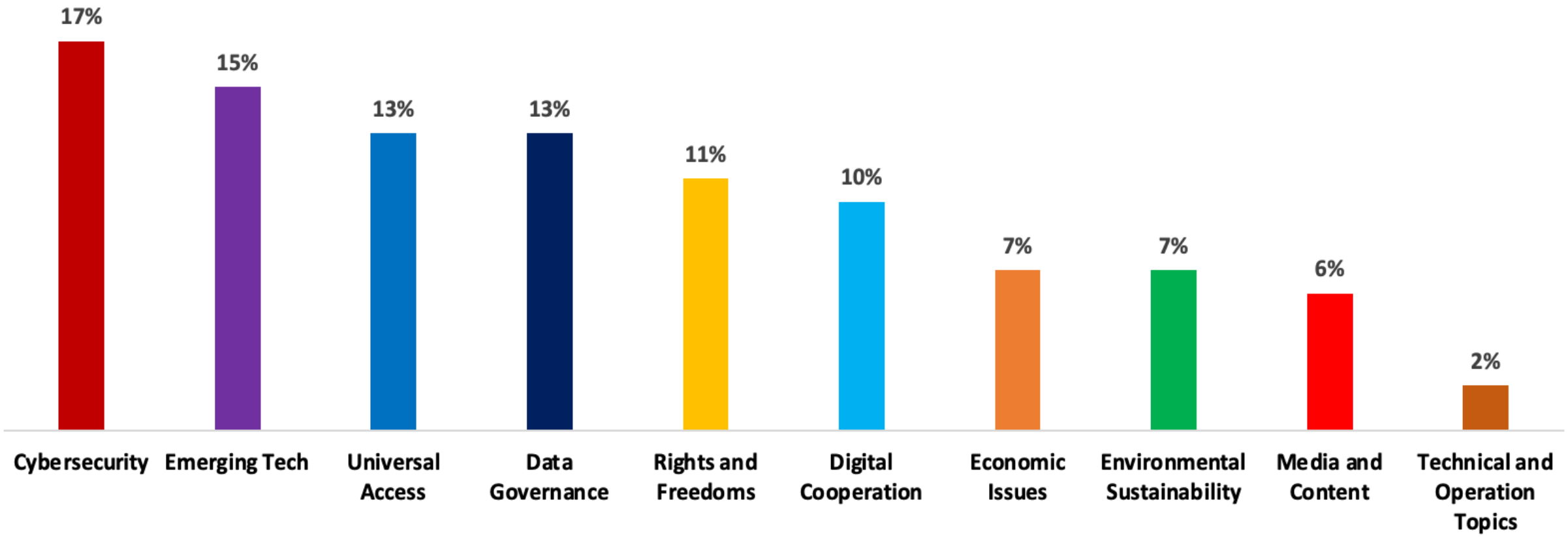

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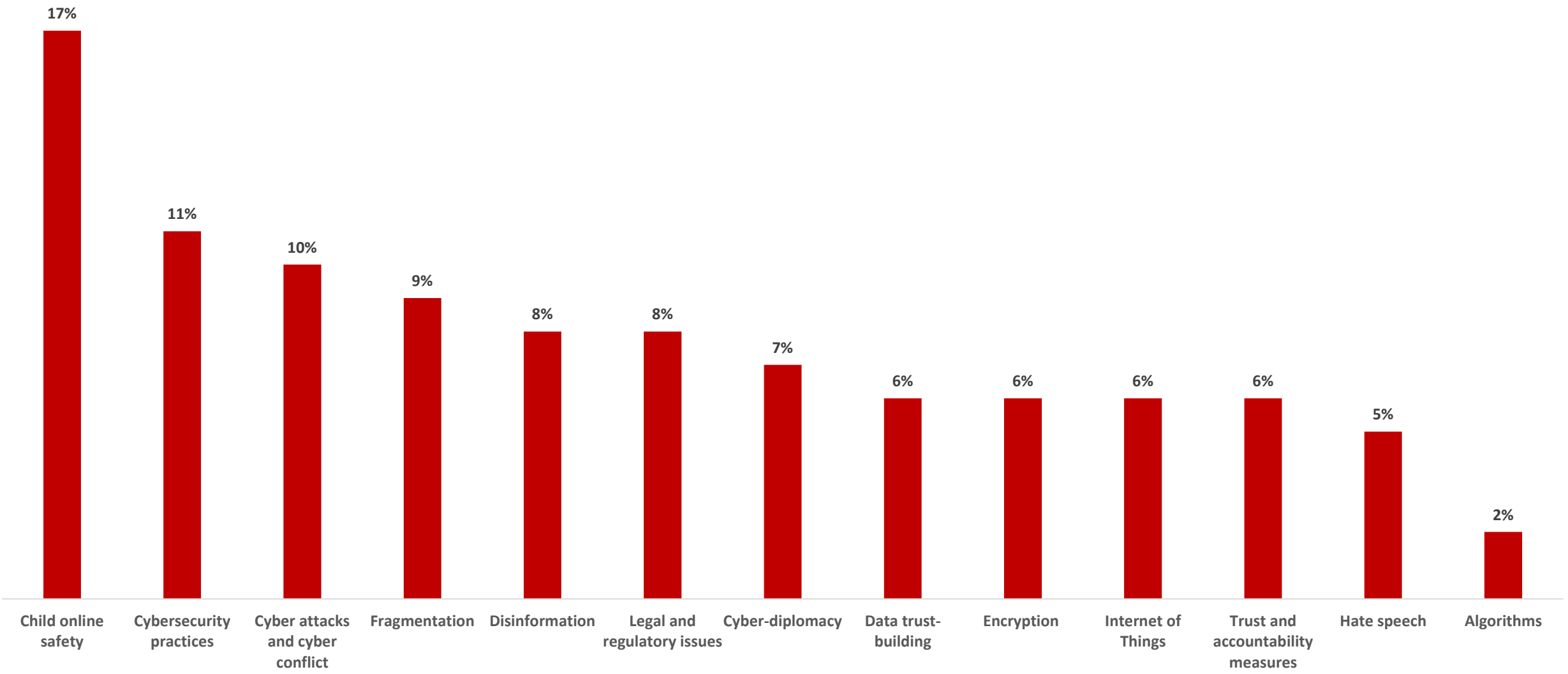
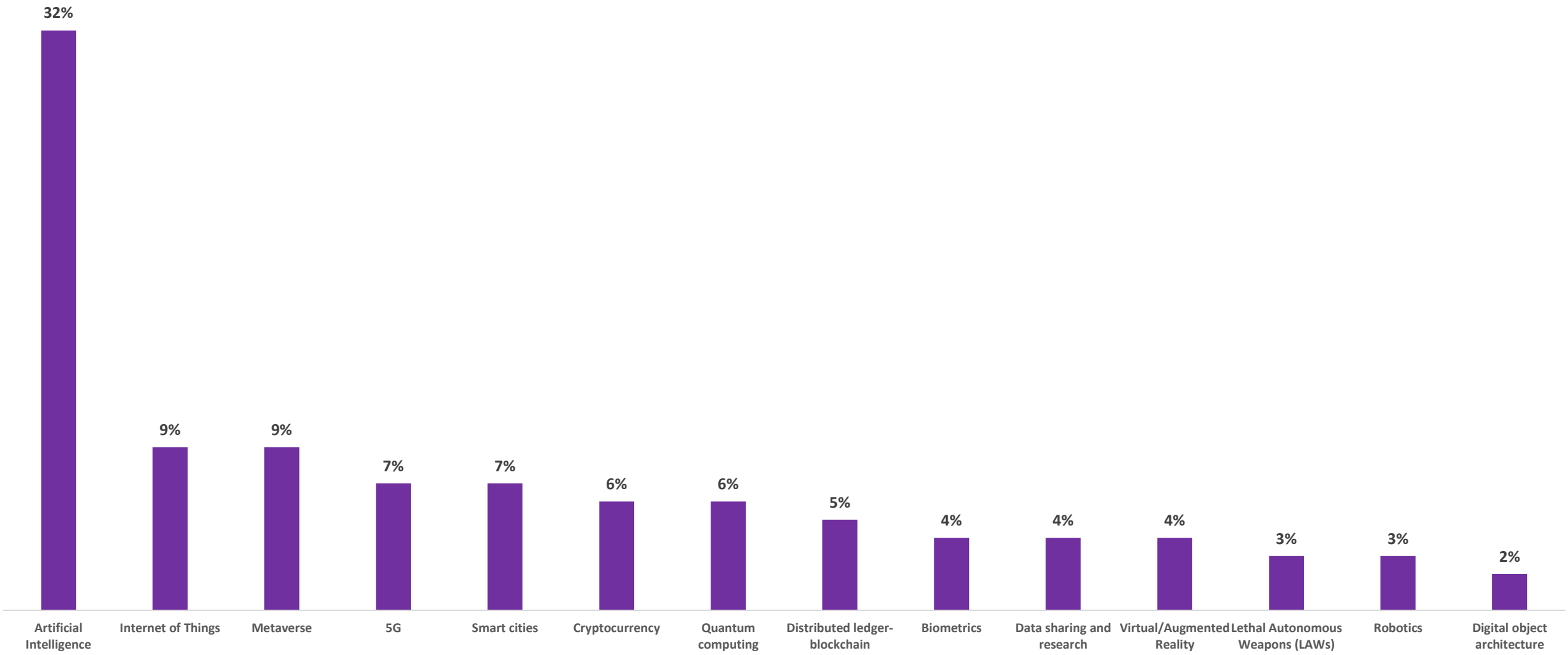
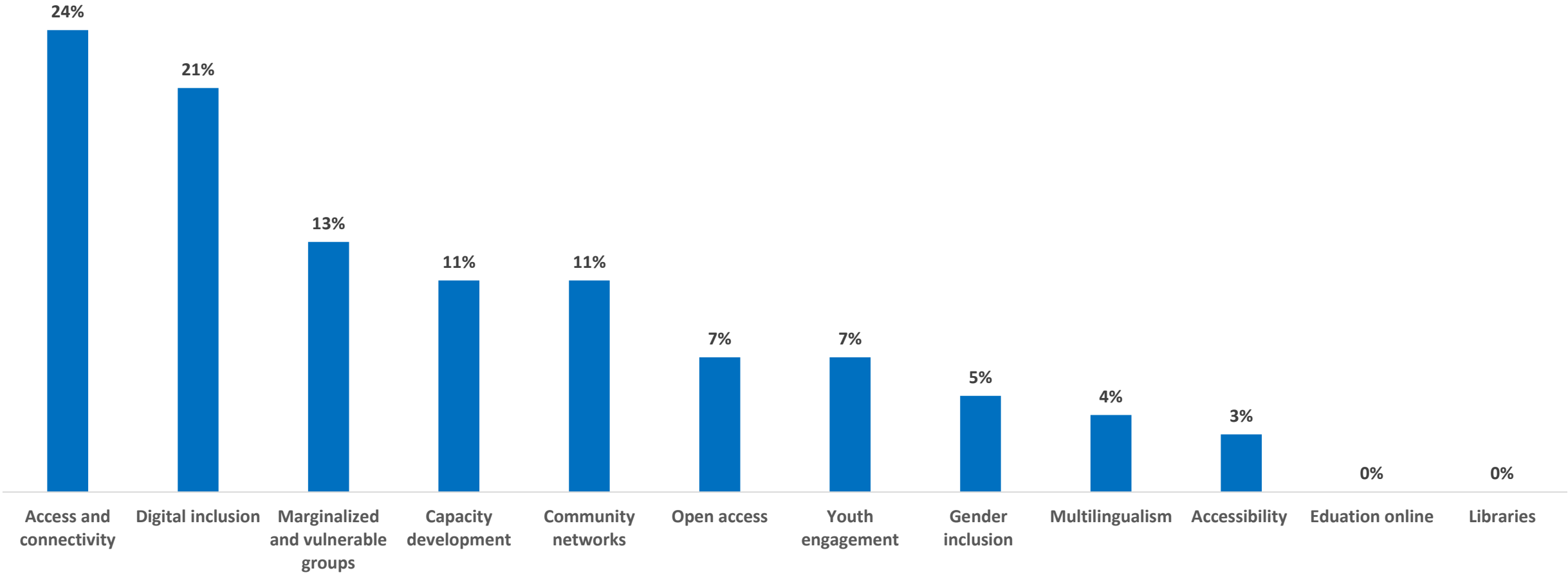


Emerging Technologies and Innovation - issues



Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity - issues



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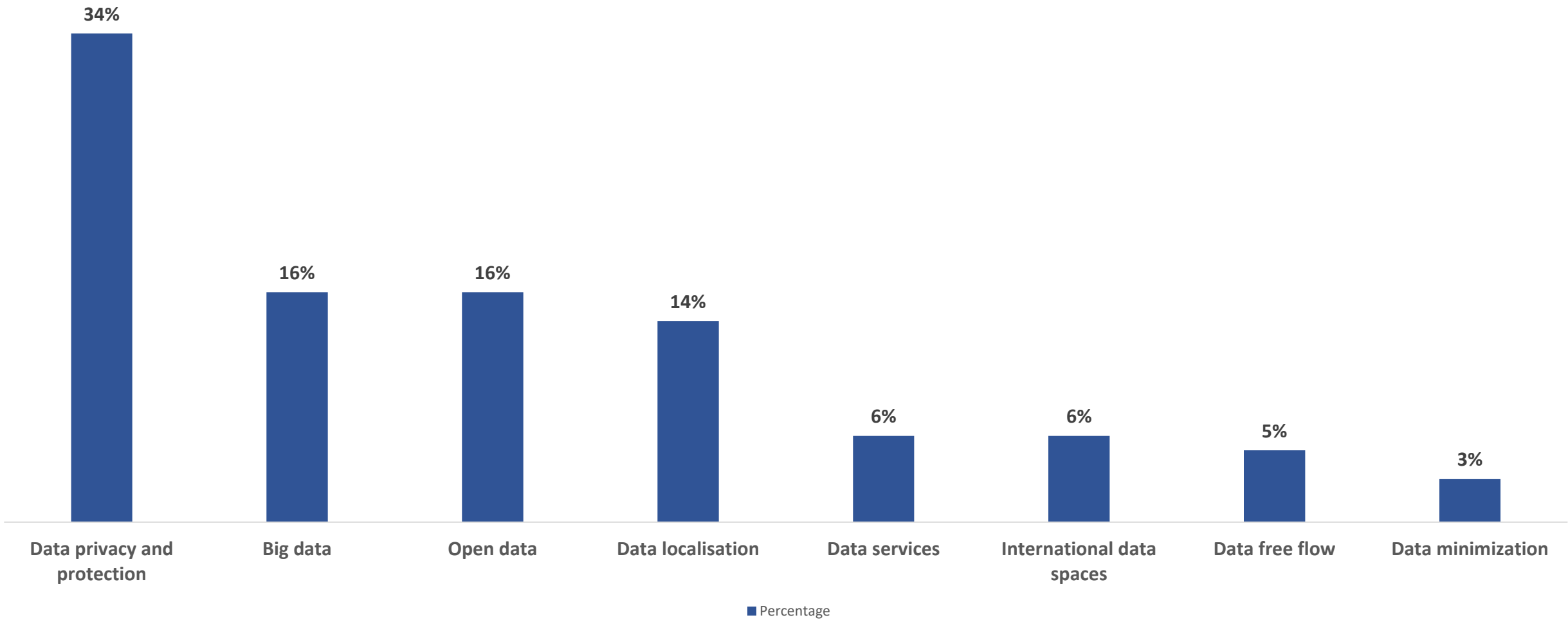

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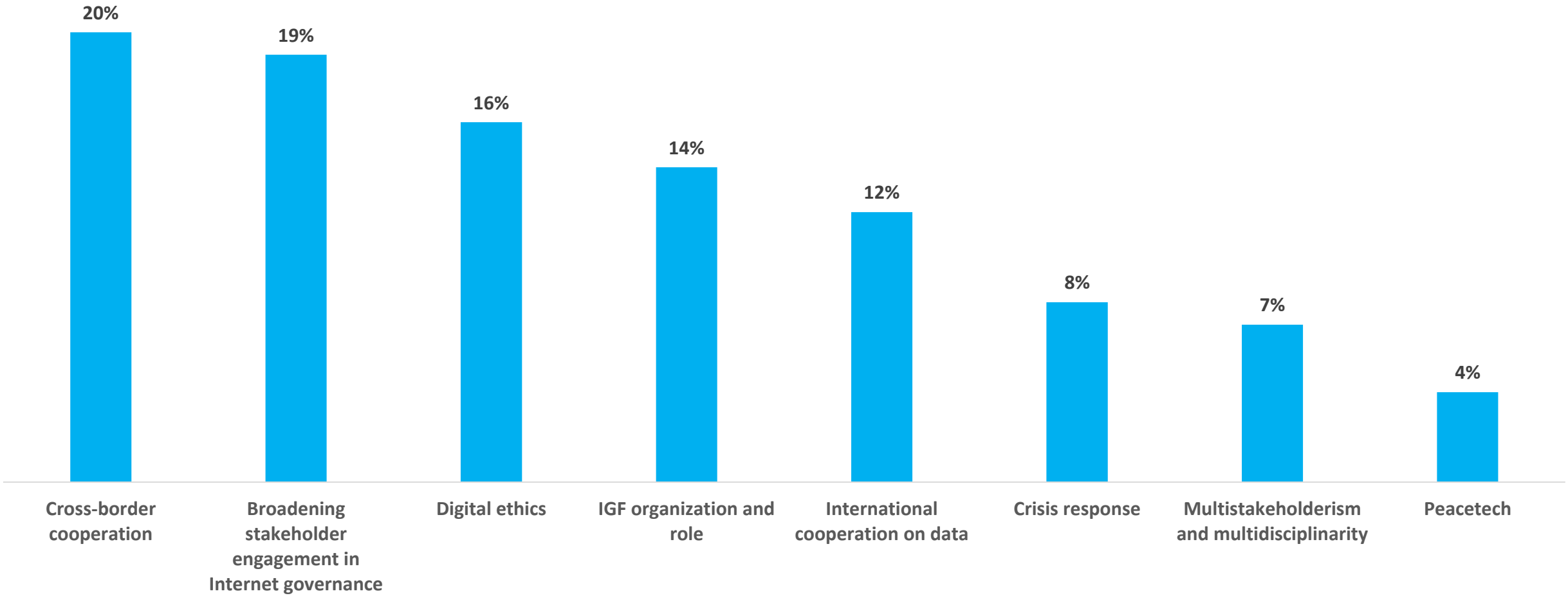

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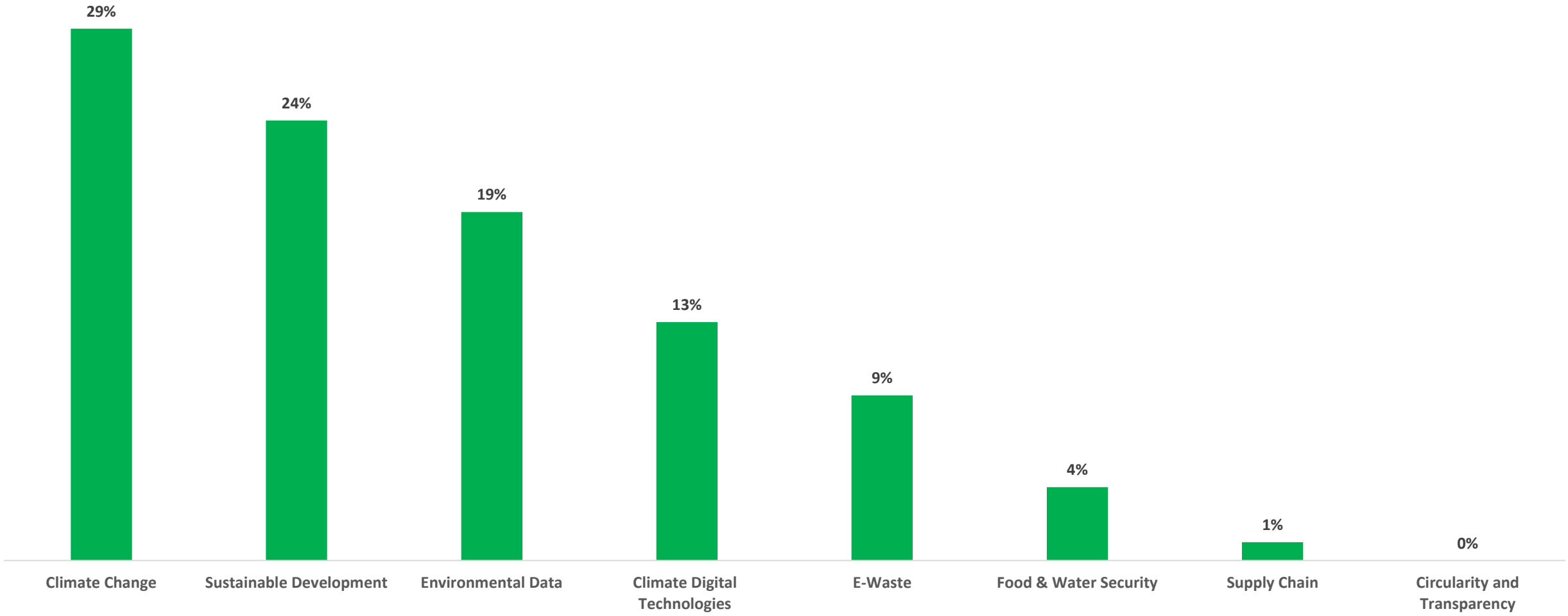

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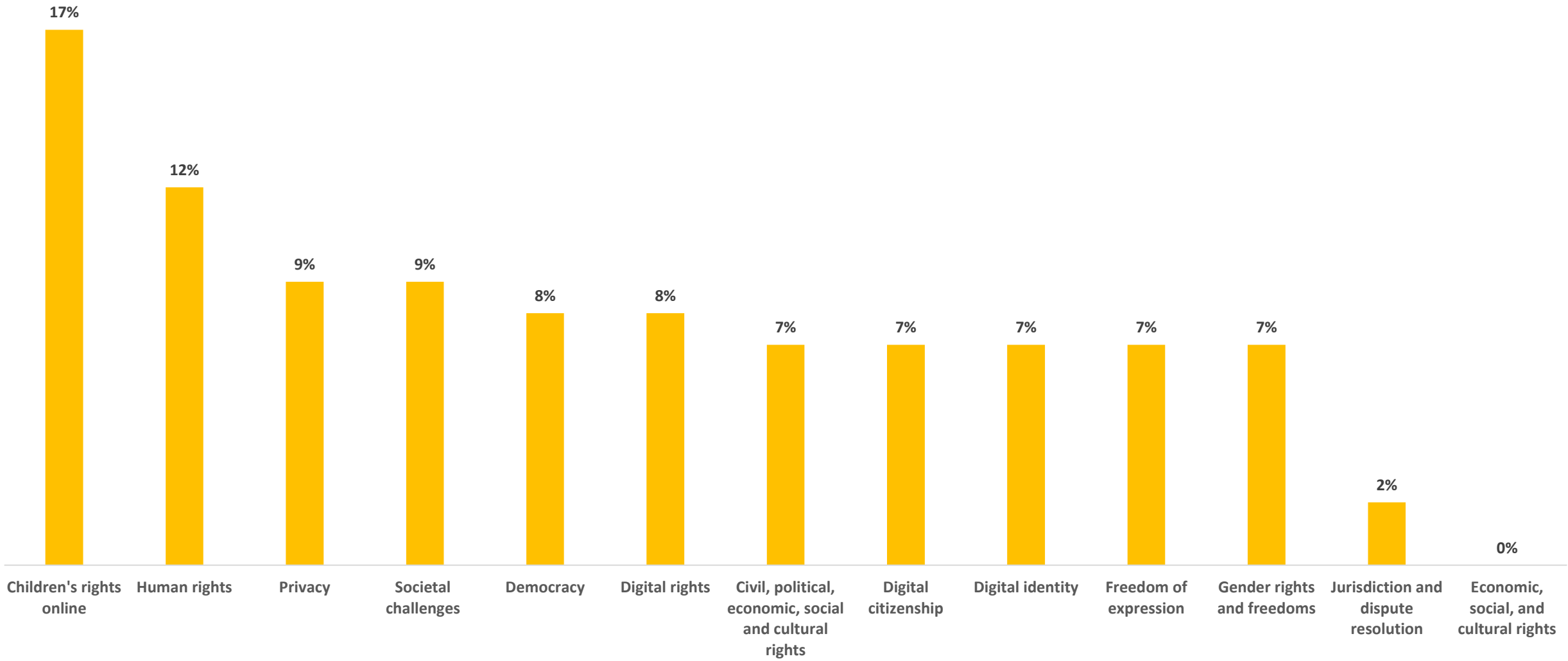

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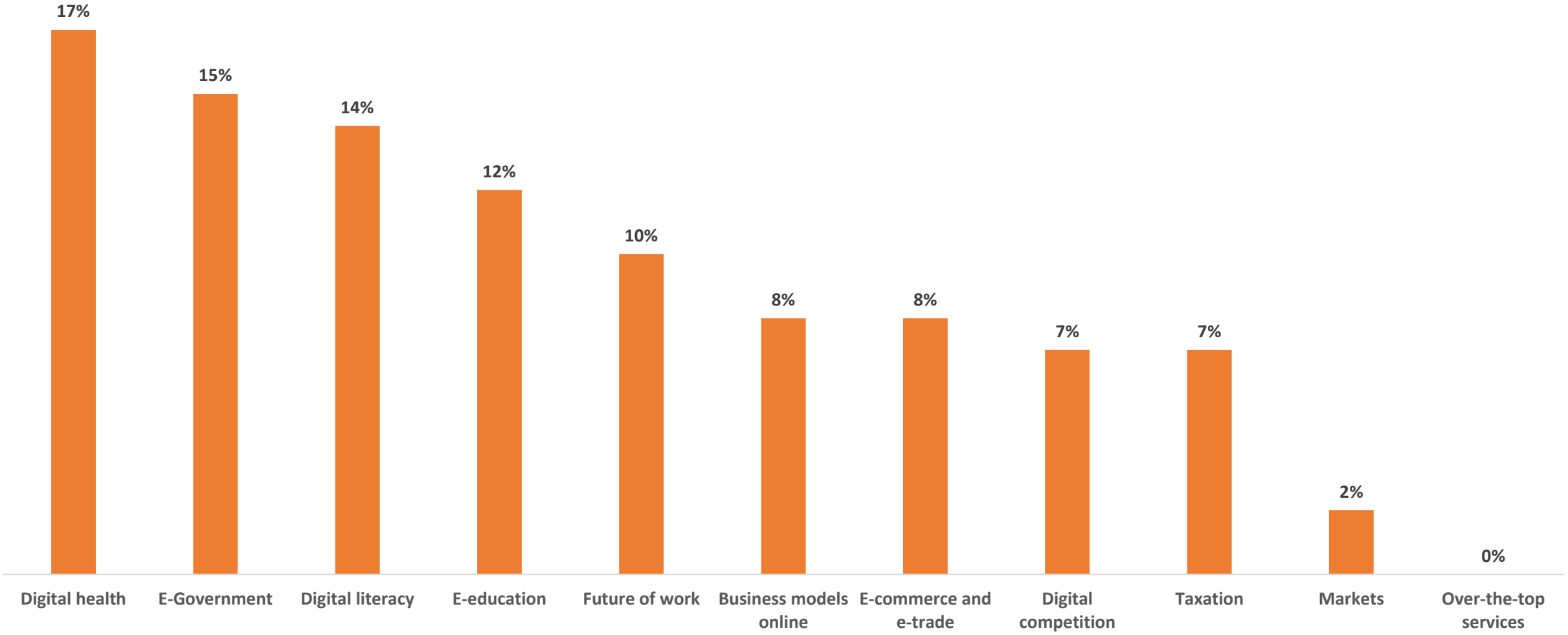

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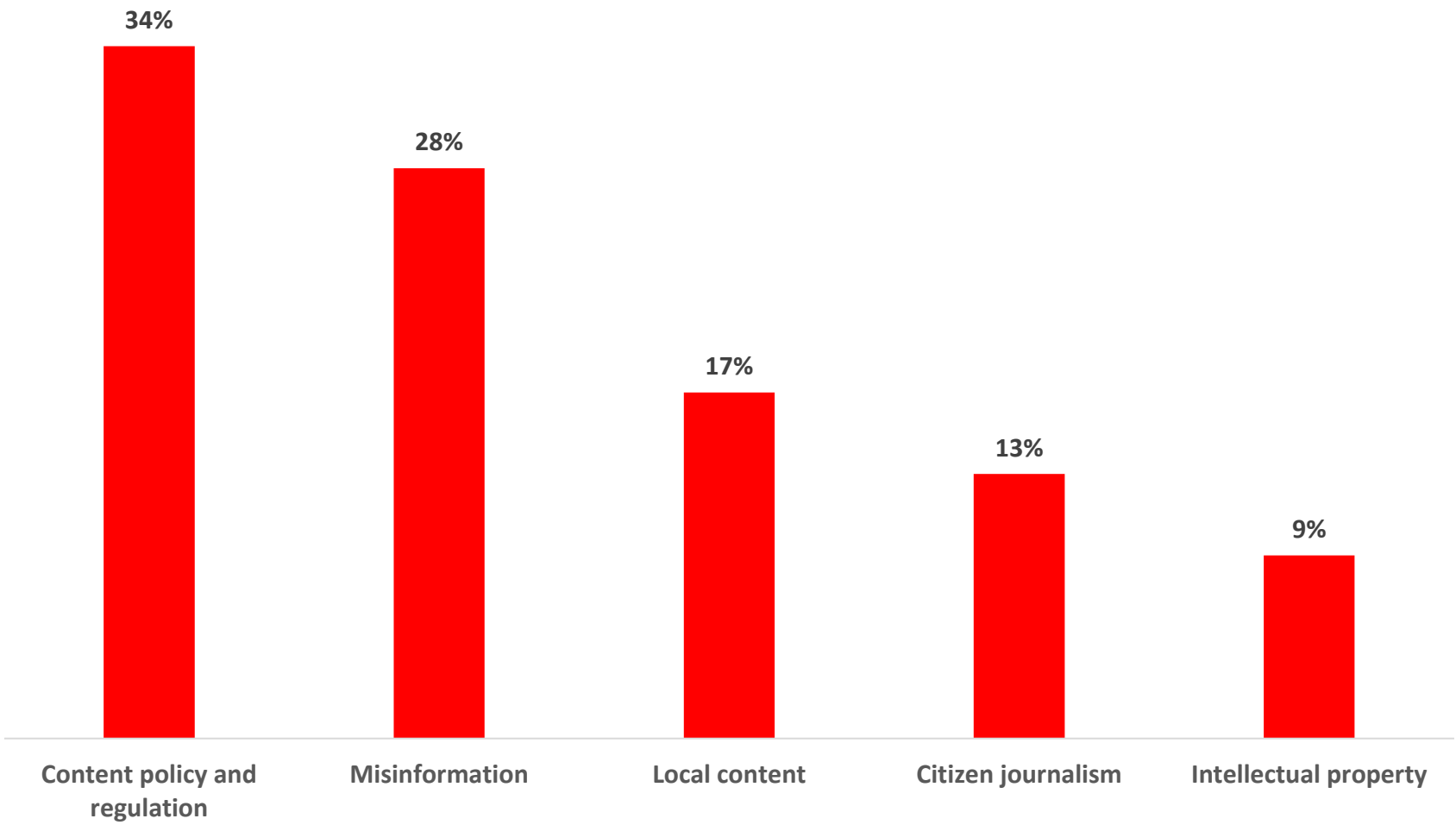

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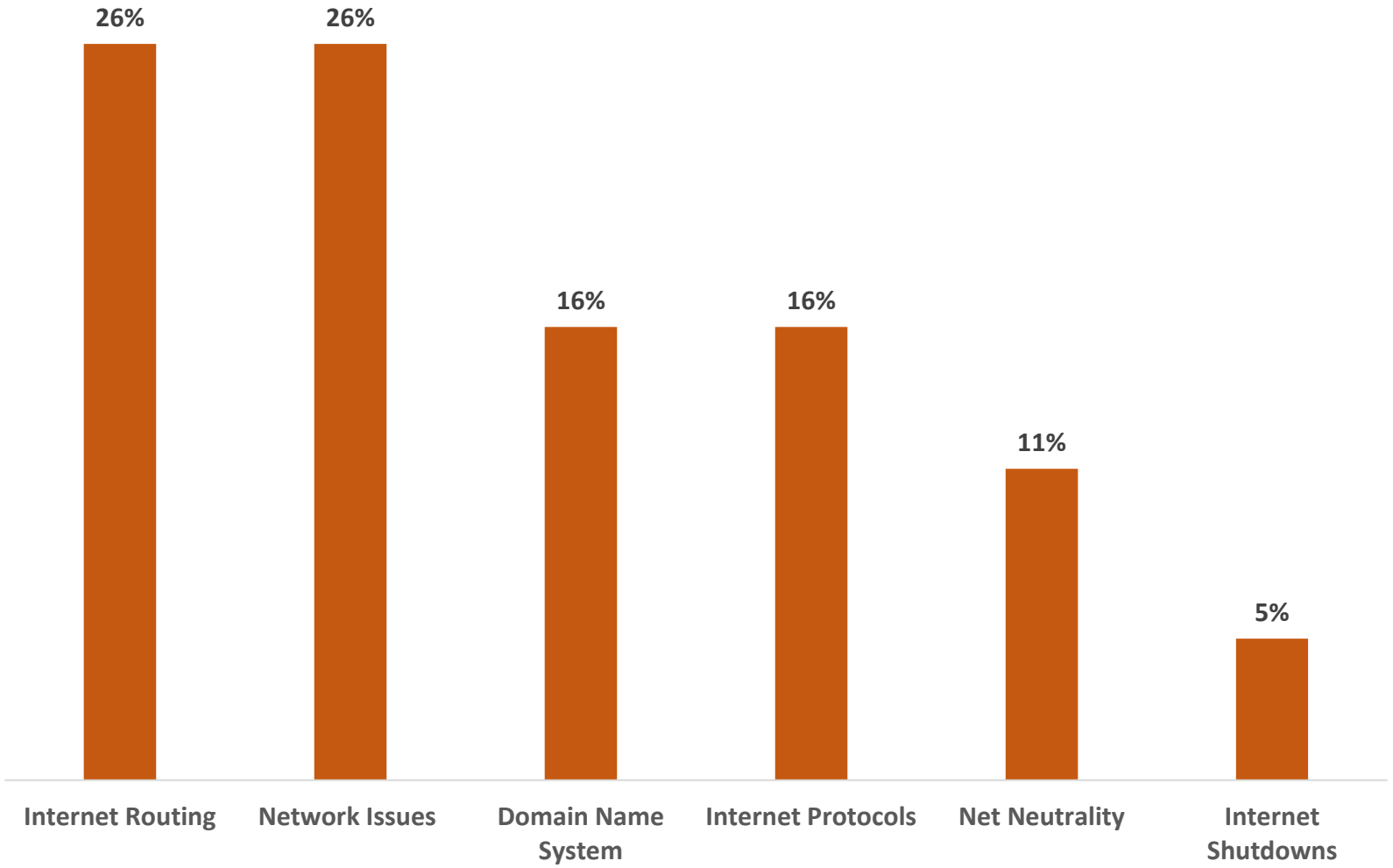

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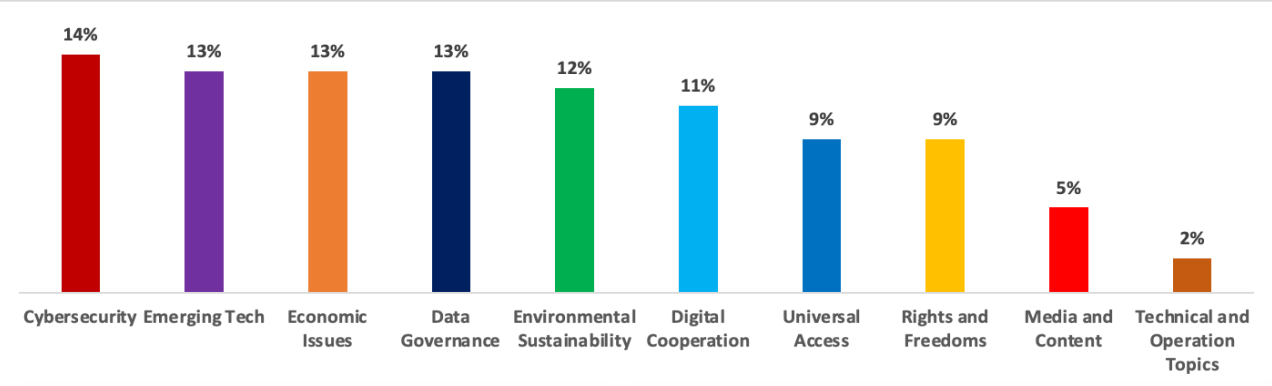
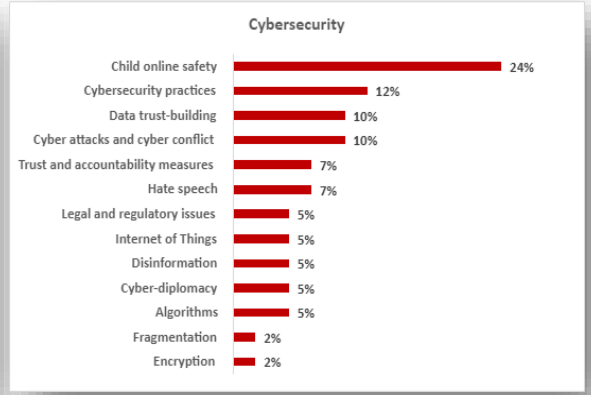
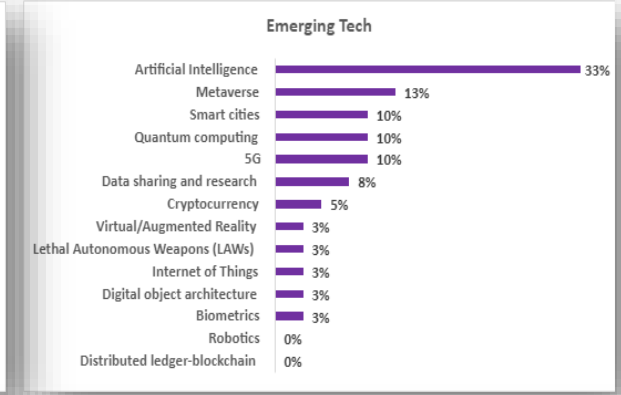
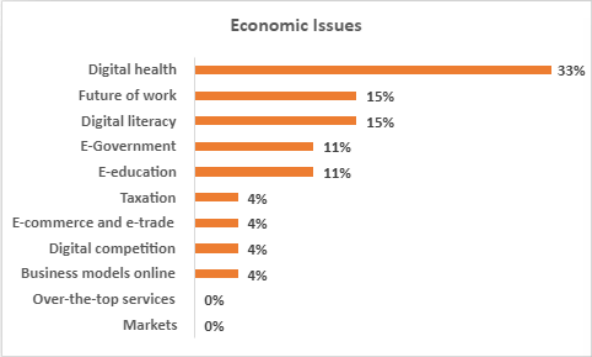
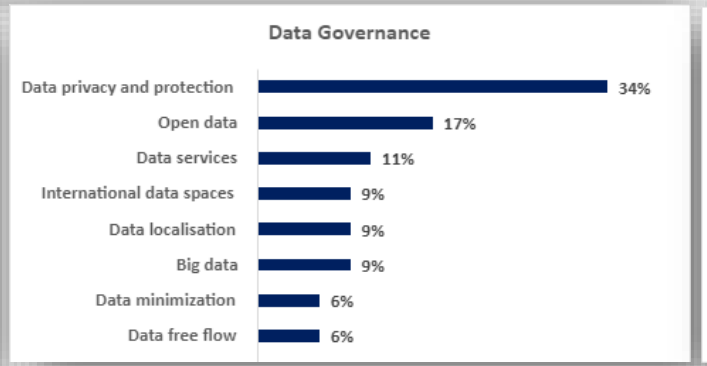
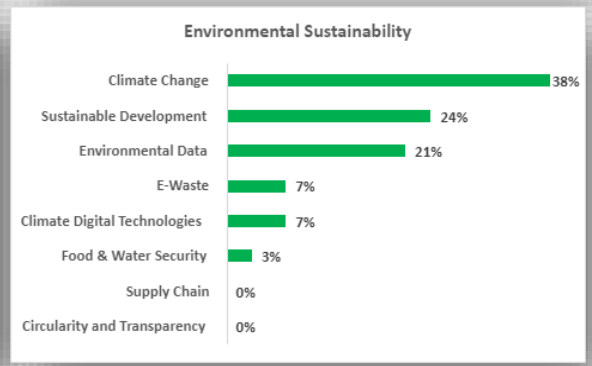


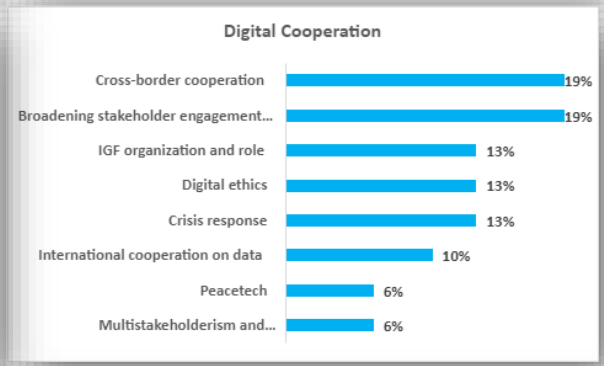


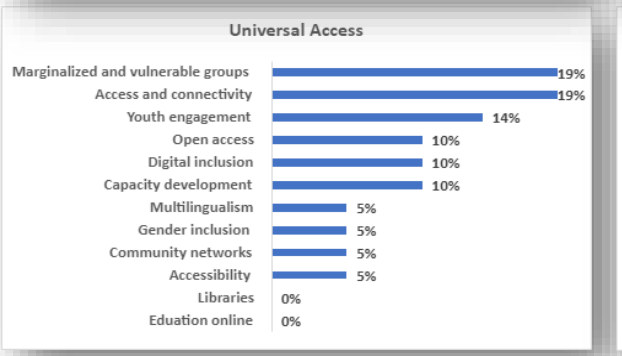


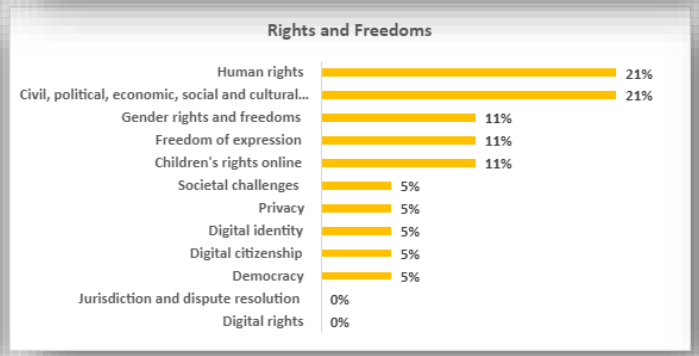


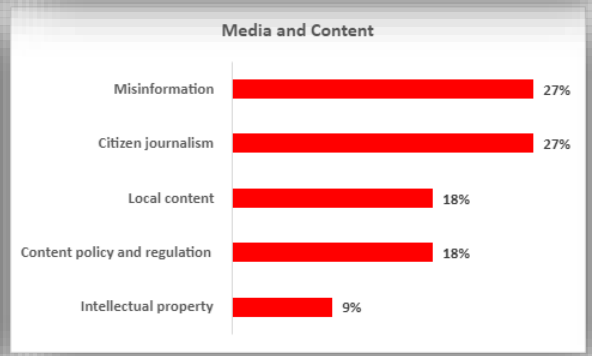


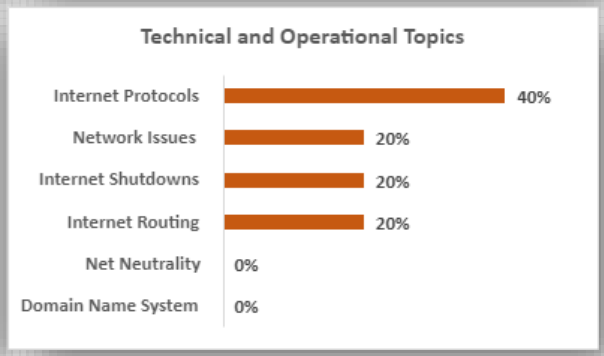




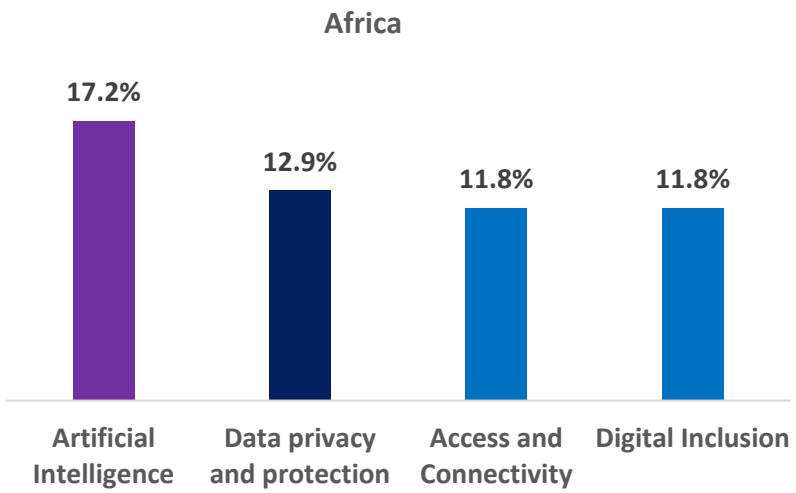


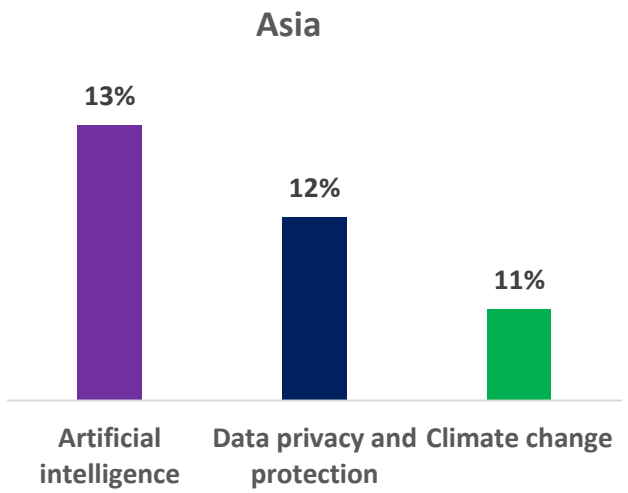


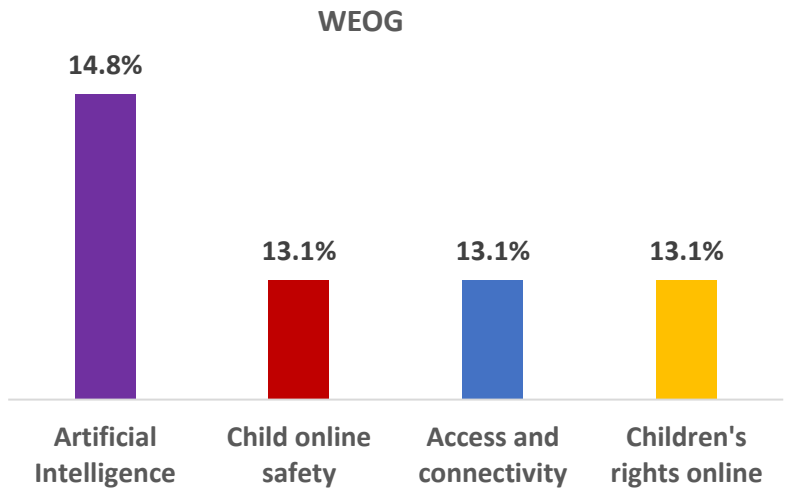


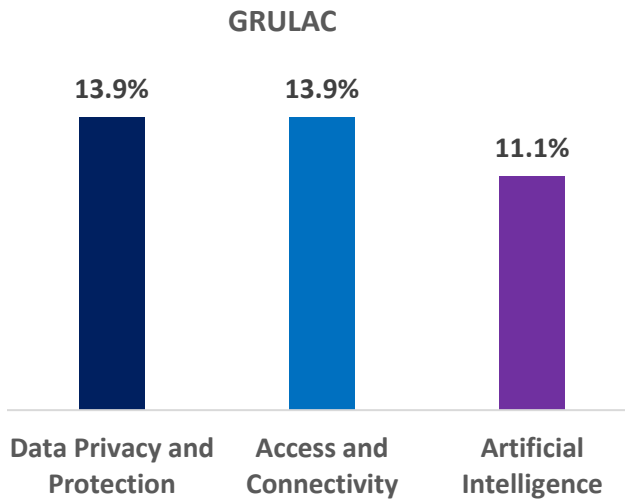


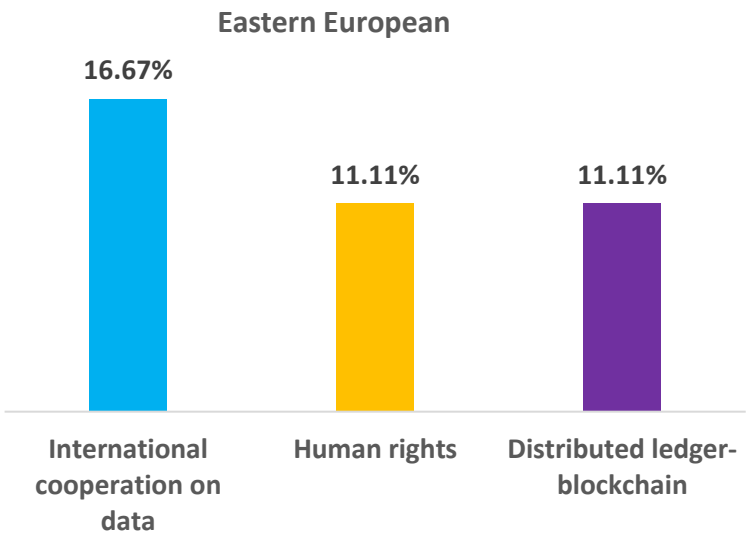
Most Selected Issues by Region

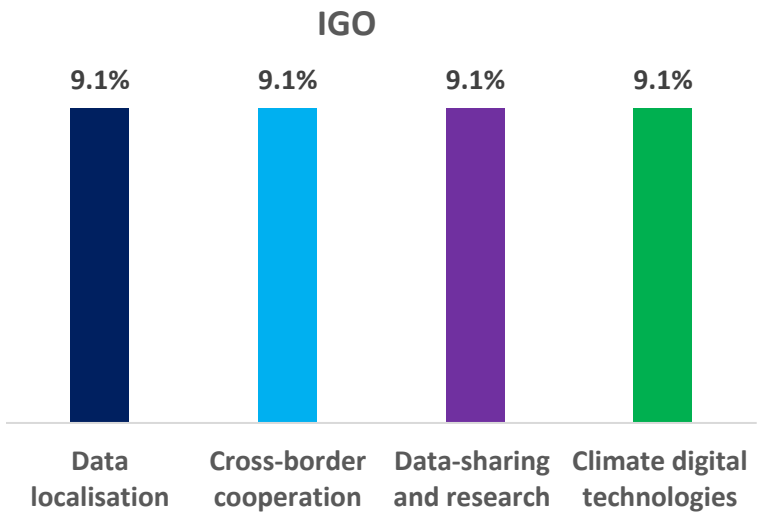












The IGF also relates to major global initiatives and agendas. How can the IGF annual meeting and its intersessional work better reflect or contribute to the following?

United Nations Secretary General's Our Common Agenda

United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

How can the IGF better reflect and contribute to the United Nations Secretary General's Our Common Agenda and its 12 commitments, including how it relates to the 'Summit of the Future' in 2024?

- **Maximize and make use of the work already being done intersessionally** by identifying alignments with Our Common Agenda (OCA) and the 12 commitments
- **Take the lead in organizing joint UN contributions to OCA in matters of Internet governance and digital policy**, continuing to engage UN entities intersessionally and at the annual IGF
- **Ensure NRI and youth inputs are front and centre in contributions to OCA**, including more dedicated space for youth at the annual meeting
- **Work towards practical governance recommendations and digital cooperation** (related to Commitment #7) in policy areas that have matured or been consistently addressed at IGF, e.g. social media, including Metaverse; blockchain technologies; Internet of Things (IoT)
- **Draw a strong link between digital issues and the environment**, ensuring IGF plays a visible role in urgent climate areas relevant to OCA
- **Address in a clear way rapidly developing technologies**, especially generative AI ("ChatGPT"-like technologies), outlining both potential for harm and transformative benefits
- **Re-emphasize core IGF policy positions**, especially on data privacy
- **Spotlight other topics that could be important for OCA and that may be overlooked**, such as digital health, children's rights online, the future of education and the gains that can be achieved through tools like Open Educational Resources
- **Hold regular virtual multistakeholder consultations** to gather recommendations for implementing the 12 commitments
- **Organize dedicated 'Summit of the Future' track and/or sessions at IGF 2023** that go beyond digital policy to consider the IGF's contributions in terms of youth engagement, gender inclusivity, boosting partnerships and building trust
- **Organize intersessional capacity building sessions on the Summit for IGF stakeholders** as well as focus sessions at IGF 2023 led by the Summit's implementers
- **Maintain the IGF's alignment with the Global Digital Compact (GDC)** by being engaged with its formulation process between June 2023-July 2024; using the IGF platform to discuss the outcomes of the GDC ministerial meeting in September 2023; committing to the implementation of the GDC's high-level principles

How can the IGF better reflect and contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2023 SDG Summit (September 2023)?

- **Help re-energize 2030 Agenda by illustrating the power of ICTs and digitalisation**, particularly public sector digitalisation, to accelerate action on the Goals
- **Hold SDG-related high-level or special sessions at IGF 2023** and regularly every year, perhaps alternating topics
- **Use dedicated sessions to demonstrate current, ongoing and potential multistakeholder collaborations in service of the Goals facilitated by the IGF**
- **Launch explicitly SDG-related intersessional work**
- **Focus beyond SDG 9 ("Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure")** and on Goals 16 ("Strong Peace and Justice Institutions") and 17 ("Partnerships for the Goals") where IGF also has a clear link
- **Stress the potentially transformational role of ICTs i**n promoting women's empowerment
- **Highlight the role of community networks in contributing to the Goals**
- **Focus on data justice issues**, including data-intensive proprietary algorithmic systems and data use in the Global South
- **Consider sustainable automation as a primary theme,** as sustainable development is not possible without distributed growth
- **Discuss sustainable business models** in the context of digital transformation
- **Transparently present virtues and harms of relationship of digital technologies to climate change**
- **Continue to build capacity around issues of Internet governance, digital policy and functioning of the Internet**

Do you have any ideas to share about the overall format and design of the IGF (including thematic tracks or treating themes in a different way)?

- **Provide for continuity of outcomes** between annual meetings
- **Limit the number of thematic tracks** in favor of a more focused agenda in which important cross-cutting themes (like environmental sustainability and rights) are present throughout
- **Highlight main sessions and schedule them without parallel events,** potentially having them act as culminating/outcome sessions
- **Devote one theme per day instead of parallel tracks,** ending the days with thematic outcomes
- **Seek to bring together themes and constituencies that are seemingly in opposition with each other** to break down barriers and disciplinary walls
- **Introduce innovative events and formats:** hackathons or “code sprints”; a “marketplace of solutions”; use of AI in the course of sessions; citizens’ assemblies or “policy juries”; “fishbowl” format workshops and scenario-discussion formats, where participants are divided into groups to discuss a scenario
- **Increase the participation of youth,** including in IGF decisionmaking processes and the process to structure the meeting, such that they are leading session and implement an IGF “Teen Track”
- **Engage more notable tech entrepreneurs and high-profile Internet personalities**; the international media, both as journalists of the event and as digital stakeholders; and absent communities, like the sports communities
- **Improve virtual participation and accessibility for persons with disabilities**
- **Provide interpretation for more languages**
- **Ensure transparency of the “Messages” process**
- **Increase the focus on themes of emerging technologies and mass surveillance**
- **Create and preserve strong linkages with the WSIS+20 and Global Digital Compact (GDC) mechanisms**

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ANNEX – IGF 2023 Call for Thematic Issues Heatmap

ISSUE	Asia-Pacific	Africa	Eastern Europe	GRULAC	WEOG	IGO	OVERALL	ISSUE	Asia-Pacific	Africa	Eastern Europe	GRULAC	WEOG	IGO	OVERALL
Data privacy and protection	4.63%	4.04%	0.00%	5.49%	4.87%	3.23%	**22.26%**	Cybersecurity practices	1.93%	2.02%	0.00%	2.20%	1.77%	1.61%	**9.53%**
Artificial Intelligence	5.02%	5.39%	0.00%	4.40%	3.98%	3.23%	**22.02%**	Climate Change	4.25%	2.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.88%	1.61%	**9.43%**
International cooperation on data	1.16%	0.34%	14.29%	1.10%	0.88%	3.23%	**21.00%**	Youth engagement	1.16%	0.34%	4.76%	0.00%	0.88%	1.61%	**8.75%**
Digital inclusion	0.77%	3.70%	4.76%	3.30%	3.10%	0.00%	**15.63%**	Marginalized and vulnerable groups	1.54%	1.35%	0.00%	2.20%	1.77%	1.61%	**8.47%**
Access and connectivity	1.54%	3.70%	0.00%	5.49%	3.54%	0.00%	**14.27%**	Fragmentation	0.39%	1.01%	0.00%	2.20%	3.10%	1.61%	**8.31%**
Human rights	1.54%	0.34%	9.52%	1.10%	1.77%	0.00%	**14.27%**	Open access	0.77%	1.01%	4.76%	1.10%	0.44%	0.00%	**8.08%**
Open data	2.32%	2.36%	4.76%	1.10%	1.77%	1.61%	**13.92%**	International data spaces	1.16%	0.00%	4.76%	1.10%	0.88%	0.00%	**7.90%**
Digital ethics	1.54%	1.68%	4.76%	1.10%	1.33%	3.23%	**13.64%**	IGF organization and role	1.54%	1.35%	0.00%	0.00%	1.77%	3.23%	**7.89%**
Cross-border cooperation	2.32%	1.35%	0.00%	3.30%	1.77%	4.84%	**13.58%**	Internet of Things	0.39%	1.68%	0.00%	3.30%	0.88%	1.61%	**7.86%**
Content policy and regulation	0.77%	1.35%	4.76%	0.00%	3.10%	3.23%	**13.21%**	Capacity development	0.77%	1.68%	0.00%	2.20%	1.33%	1.61%	**7.59%**
Big data	1.16%	3.37%	4.76%	0.00%	2.21%	1.61%	**13.11%**	Misinformation	1.16%	1.68%	0.00%	0.00%	1.33%	3.23%	**7.40%**
Environmental Data	2.32%	1.01%	4.76%	1.10%	0.44%	3.23%	**12.86%**	Trust and accountability measures	1.16%	0.00%	0.00%	1.10%	1.77%	3.23%	**7.26%**
Distributed ledger-blockchain	0.00%	1.01%	9.52%	1.10%	0.44%	0.00%	**12.07%**	Climate Digital Technologies	0.77%	1.35%	0.00%	1.10%	0.44%	3.23%	**6.89%**
Disinformation	0.77%	1.35%	4.76%	2.20%	1.33%	1.61%	**12.02%**	Community networks	0.39%	2.69%	0.00%	3.30%	0.44%	0.00%	**6.82%**
Legal and regulatory issues	0.77%	1.68%	4.76%	2.20%	0.88%	1.61%	**11.90%**	Cyber attacks and cyber conflict	1.54%	2.69%	0.00%	1.10%	1.33%	0.00%	**6.66%**
Children's rights online	0.77%	1.68%	4.76%	1.10%	3.54%	0.00%	**11.85%**	Internet of Things	0.77%	1.35%	0.00%	2.20%	0.44%	1.61%	**6.37%**
Metaverse	1.93%	0.00%	4.76%	2.20%	1.33%	1.61%	**11.83%**	5G	1.54%	1.01%	0.00%	1.10%	0.44%	1.61%	**5.70%**
Child online safety	3.86%	3.37%	0.00%	0.00%	3.54%	0.00%	**10.77%**	Encryption	0.39%	0.67%	0.00%	3.30%	1.33%	0.00%	**5.69%**
Data localisation	1.16%	2.69%	0.00%	1.10%	0.88%	4.84%	**10.67%**	Digital citizenship	0.39%	0.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.88%	3.23%	**5.17%**
Data sharing and research	1.16%	1.68%	0.00%	1.10%	1.77%	4.84%	**10.55%**	Societal challenges	0.39%	0.34%	0.00%	2.20%	2.21%	0.00%	**5.14%**
Cyber-diplomacy	0.77%	0.67%	4.76%	2.20%	1.77%	0.00%	**10.17%**	Local content	0.77%	1.01%	0.00%	1.10%	0.44%	1.61%	**4.93%**
Sustainable Development	2.70%	2.36%	0.00%	1.10%	0.44%	3.23%	**9.83%**	Democracy	0.39%	1.35%	0.00%	1.10%	0.44%	1.61%	**4.89%**
Broadening stakeholder engagement in Internet	2.32%	2.36%	0.00%	2.20%	1.33%	1.61%	**9.82%**	Smart cities	1.54%	1.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.61%	**4.83%**