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# Internet Governance Forum 2026

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Call for Thematic Input  
June 2026

# IGF 2026 Call for Thematic Input

## At a Glance

**232**

Stakeholders

**644**

Selected  
Themes

**1022**

Selected  
Issues

Personal capacity – 36%

On behalf of organizations – 64%

60 % Men

39% Women

1% Non-B

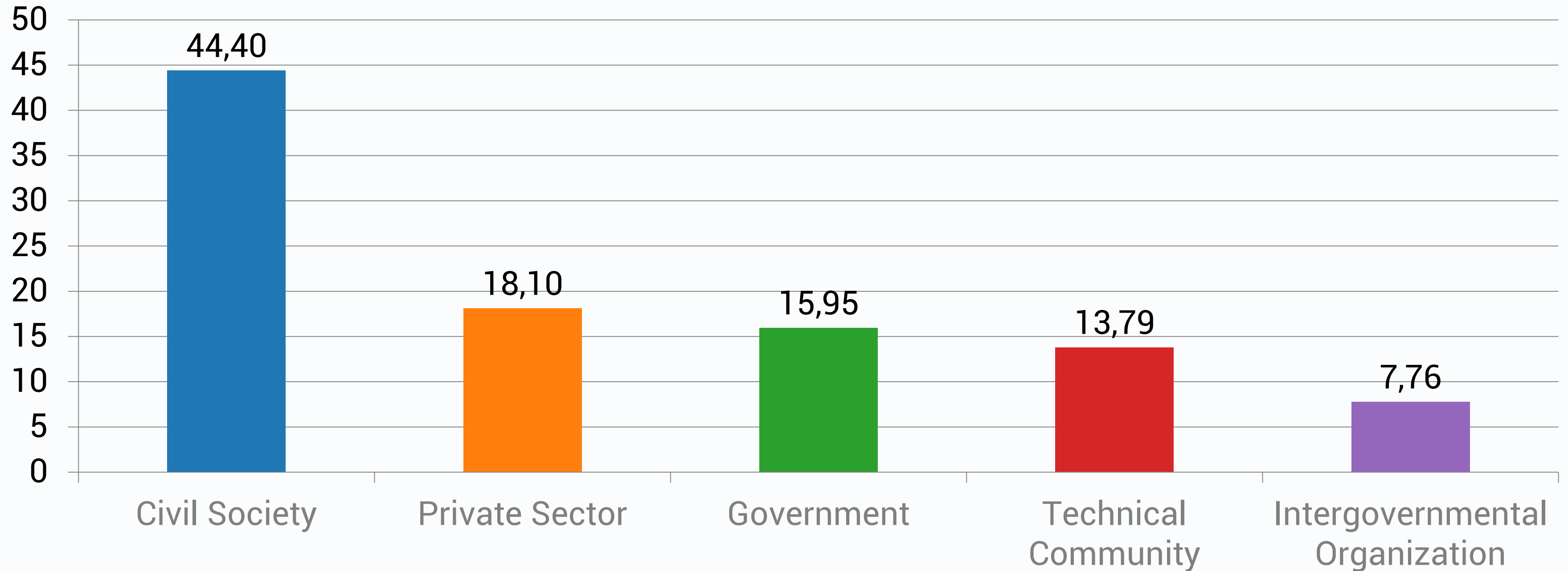
- Open call during five weeks via an IGF online submission system
- Promoted amongst IGF 2025 participants, via IGF mailing lists, social media channels and website
- List of eleven themes, each being assigned a set of specific issues
- The call included a comment section
- All received thematic input is available on the [IGF website](#)



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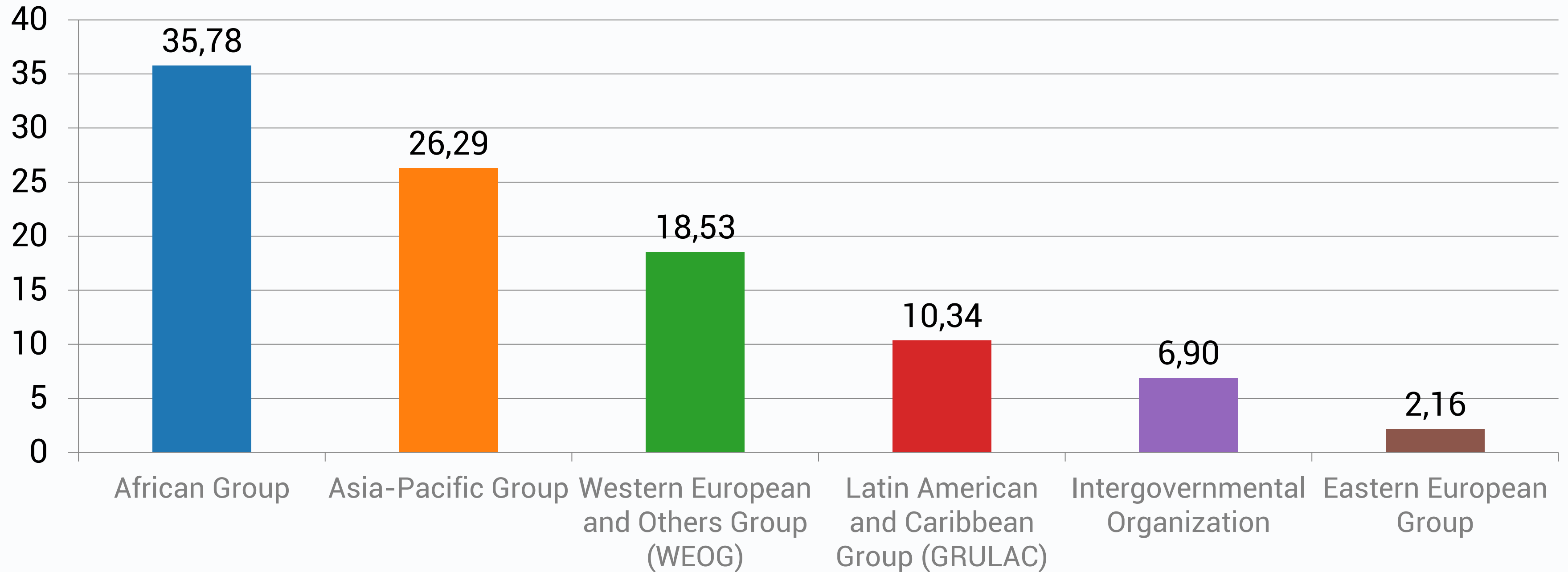
## Stakeholder Groups

### Percentage (%)



## Regional Groups

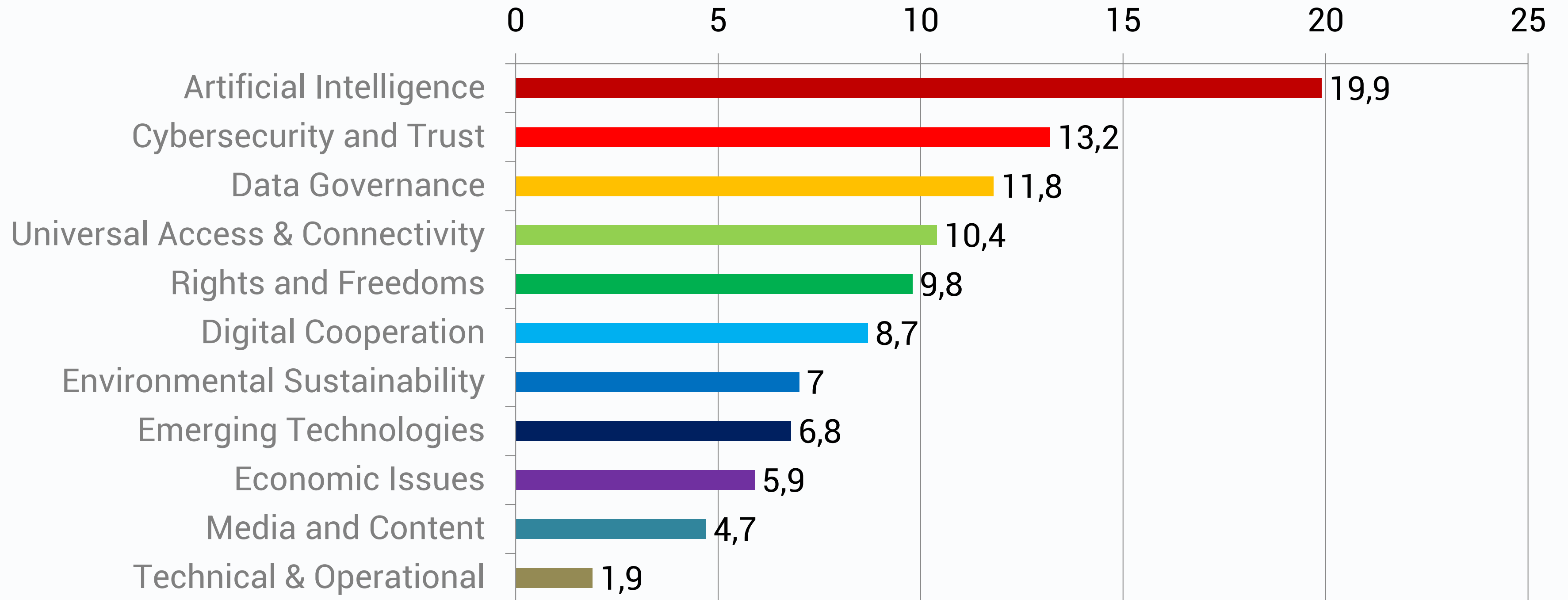
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# Selected Themes

## Overview

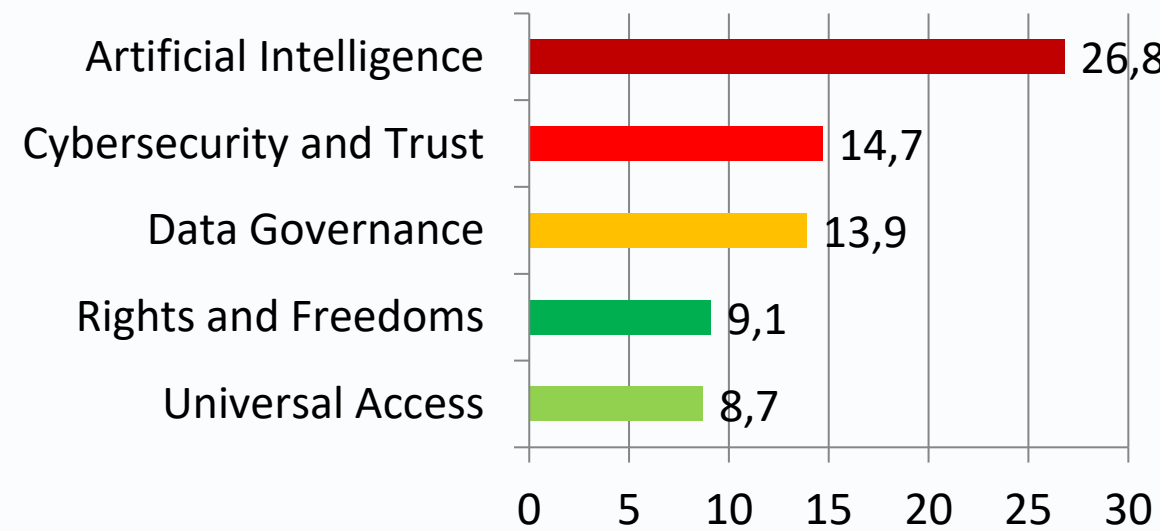
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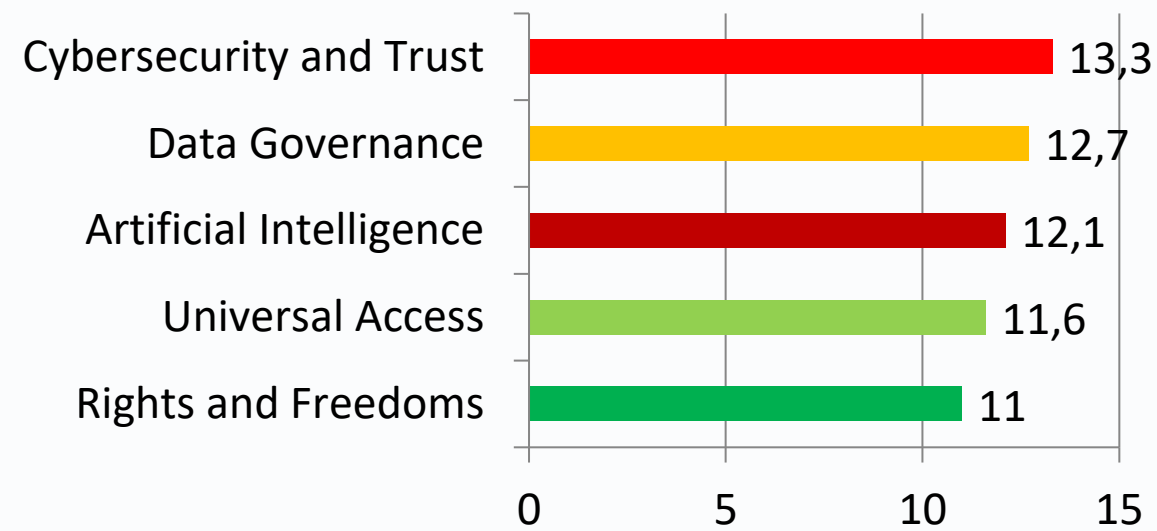
# Selected Themes

## Top 5 Themes per Region

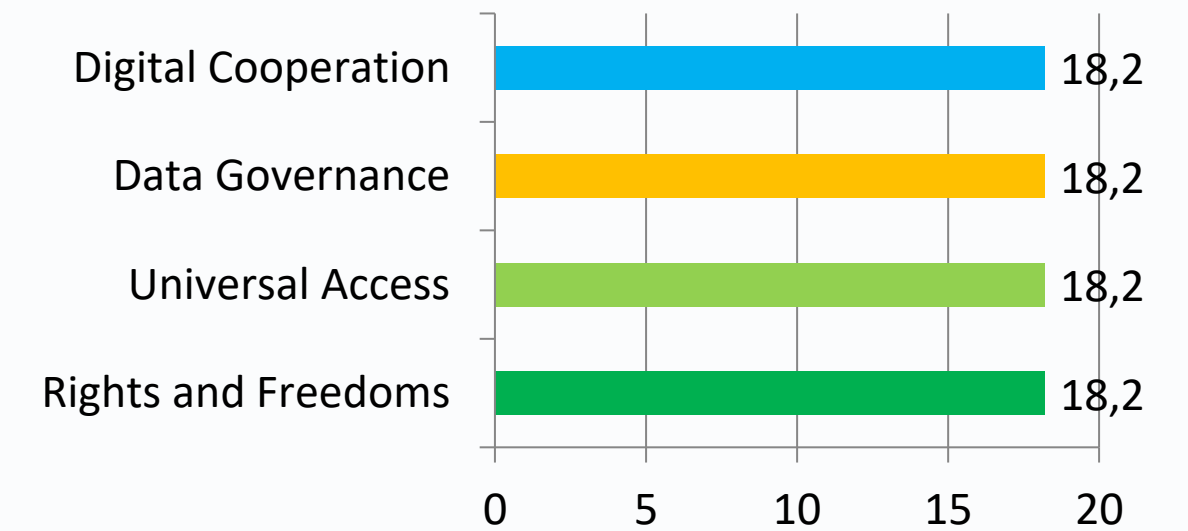
**Africa**  
Percentage (%)



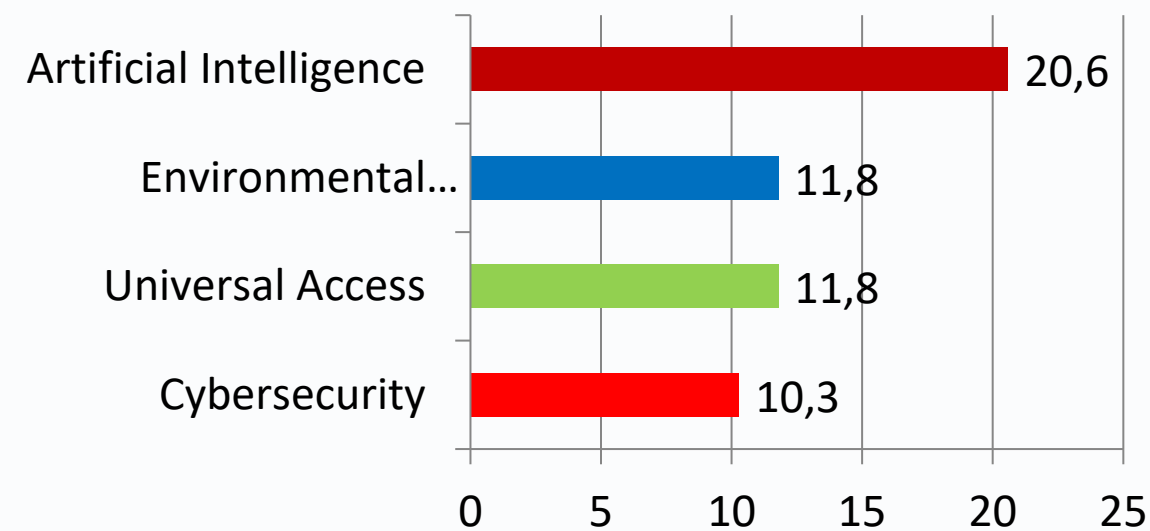
**Asia Pacific**  
Percentage (%)



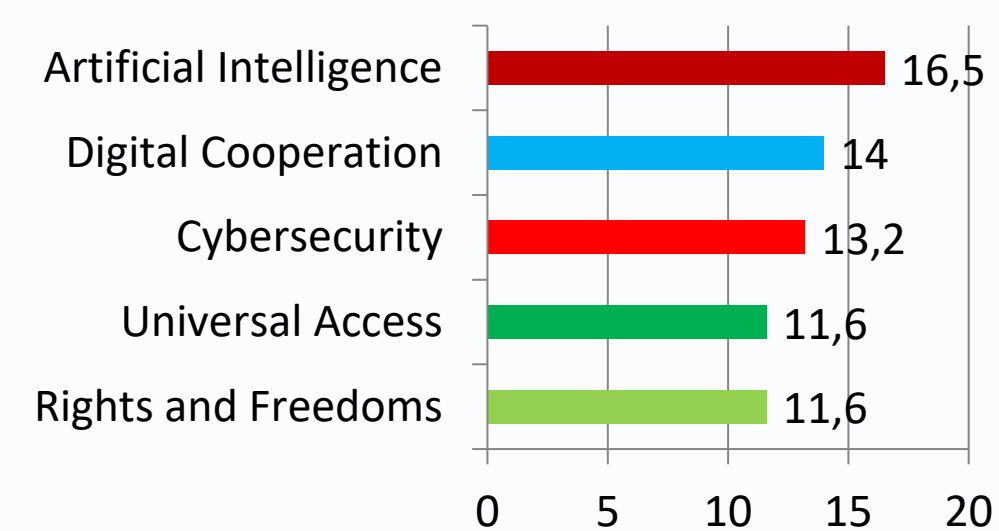
**Eastern Europe**  
Percentage (%)



**GRULAC**  
Percentage (%)



**WEOG**  
Percentage (%)

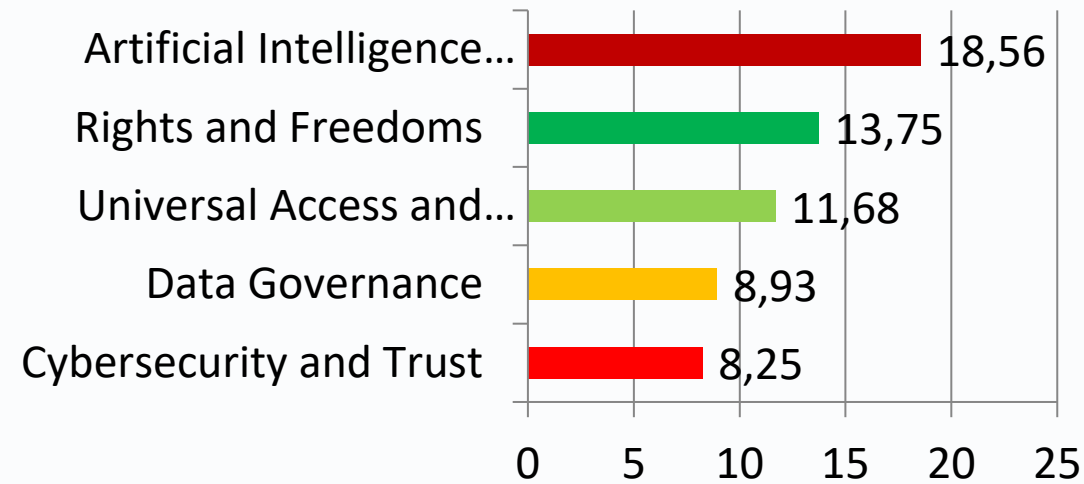


# Selected Themes

## Top 5 Themes per Stakeholders

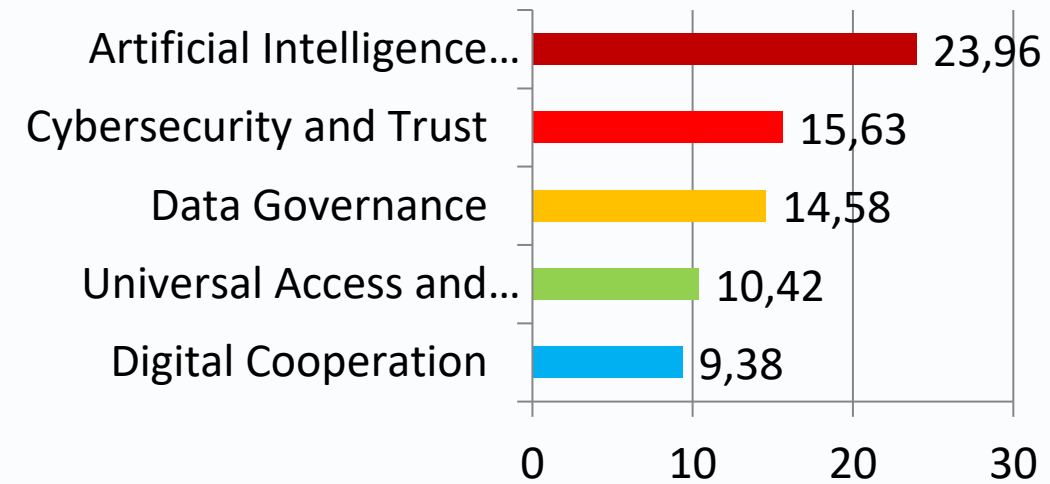
### Civil Society

Percentage (%)



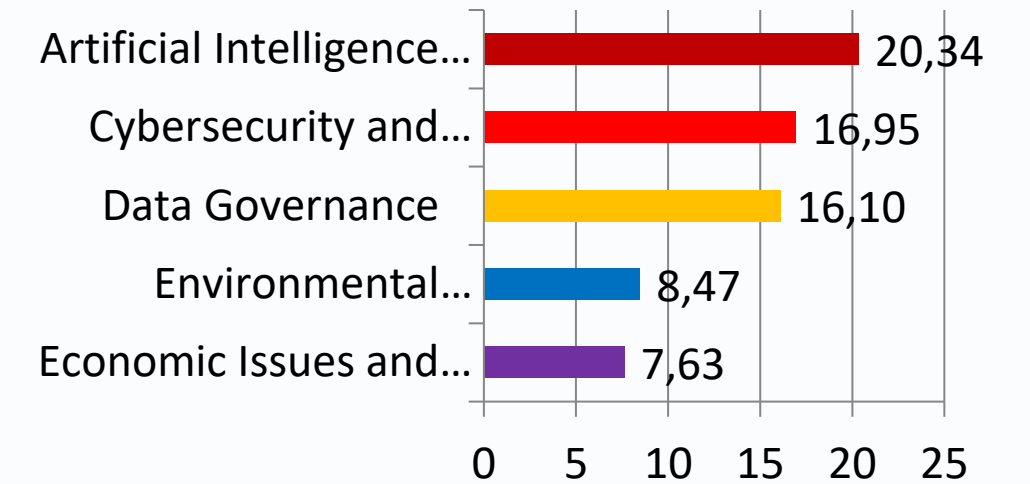
### Government

Percentage (%)



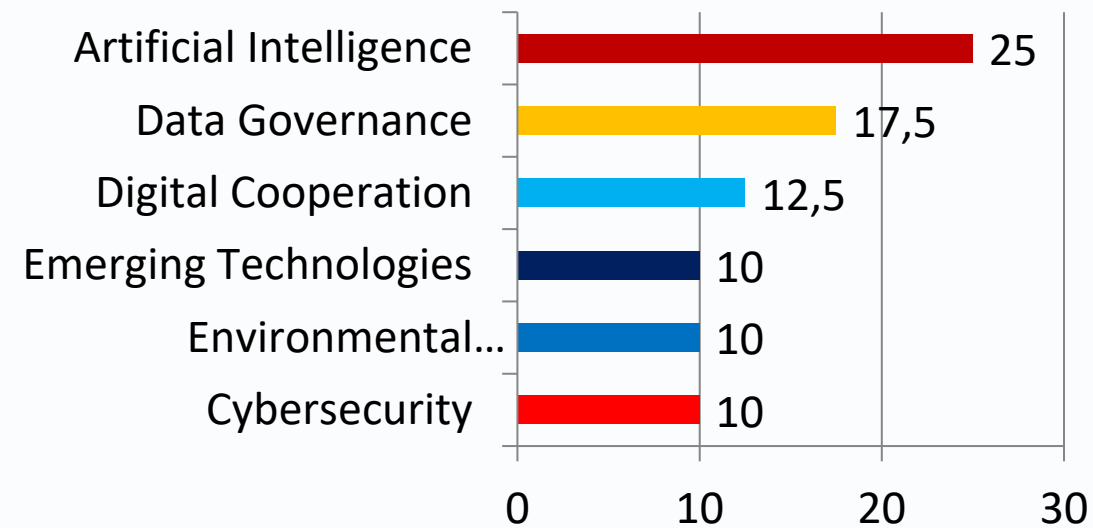
### Private Sector

Percentage (%)



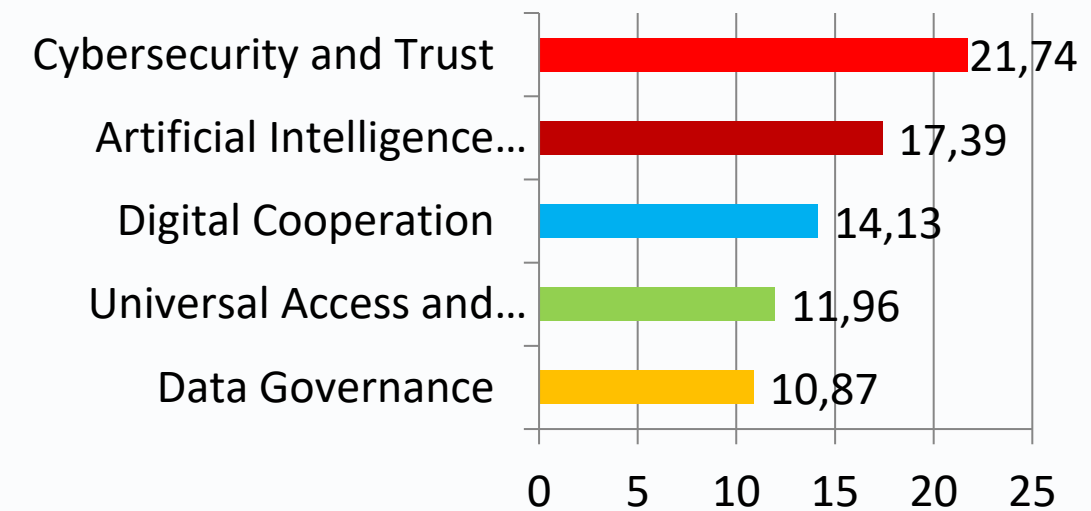
### IGOs

Percentage (%)



### Technical Community

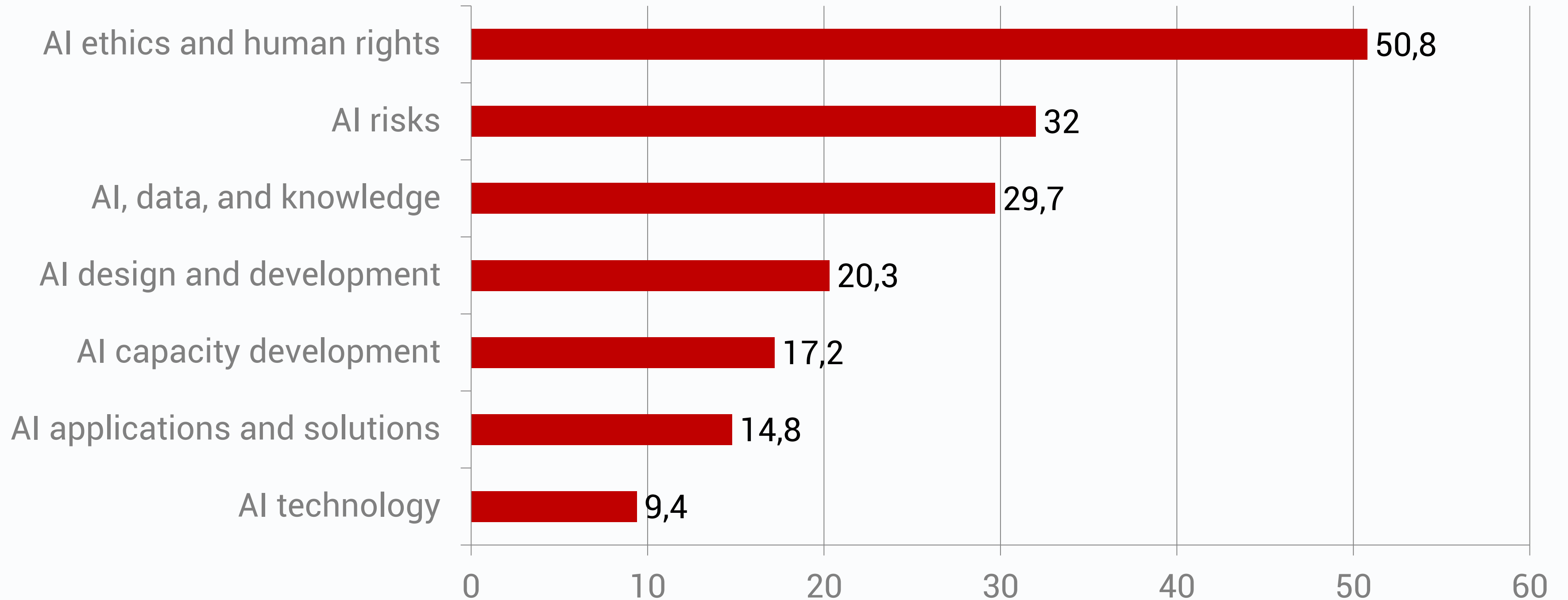
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# Selected Issues

## Artificial Intelligence

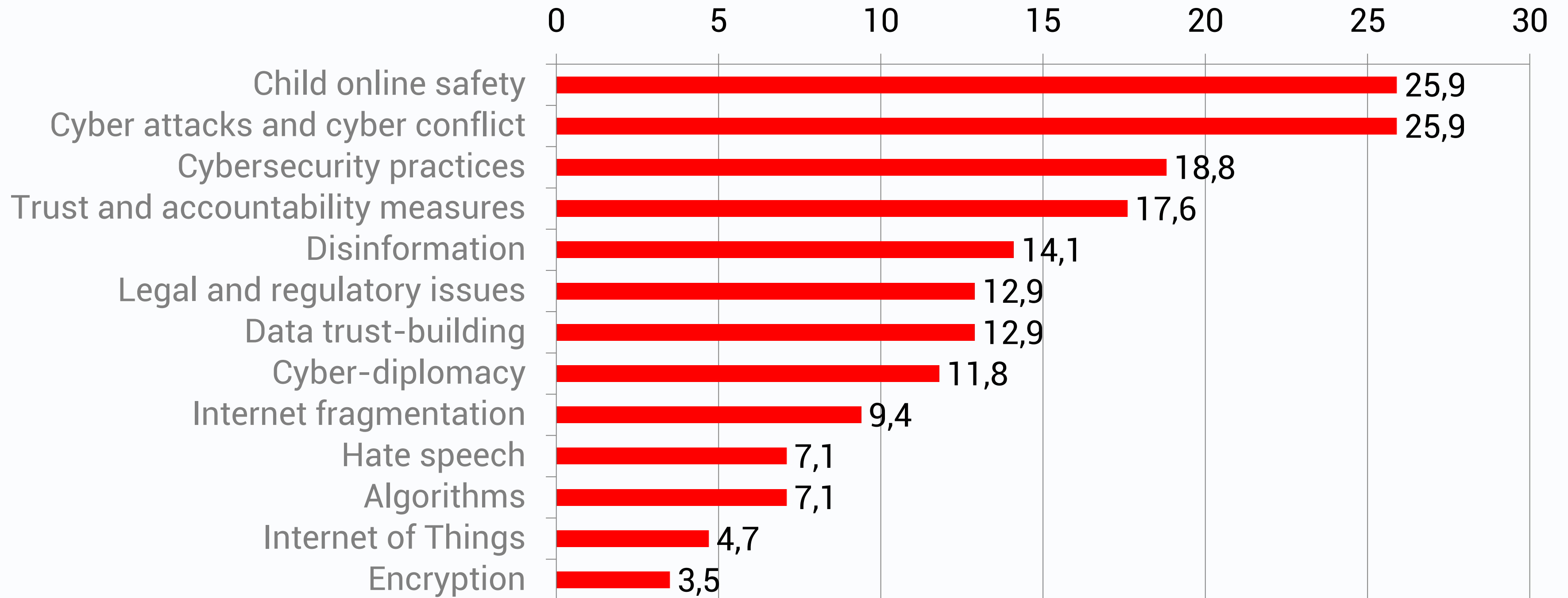
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# Selected Issues

## Cybersecurity and Trust

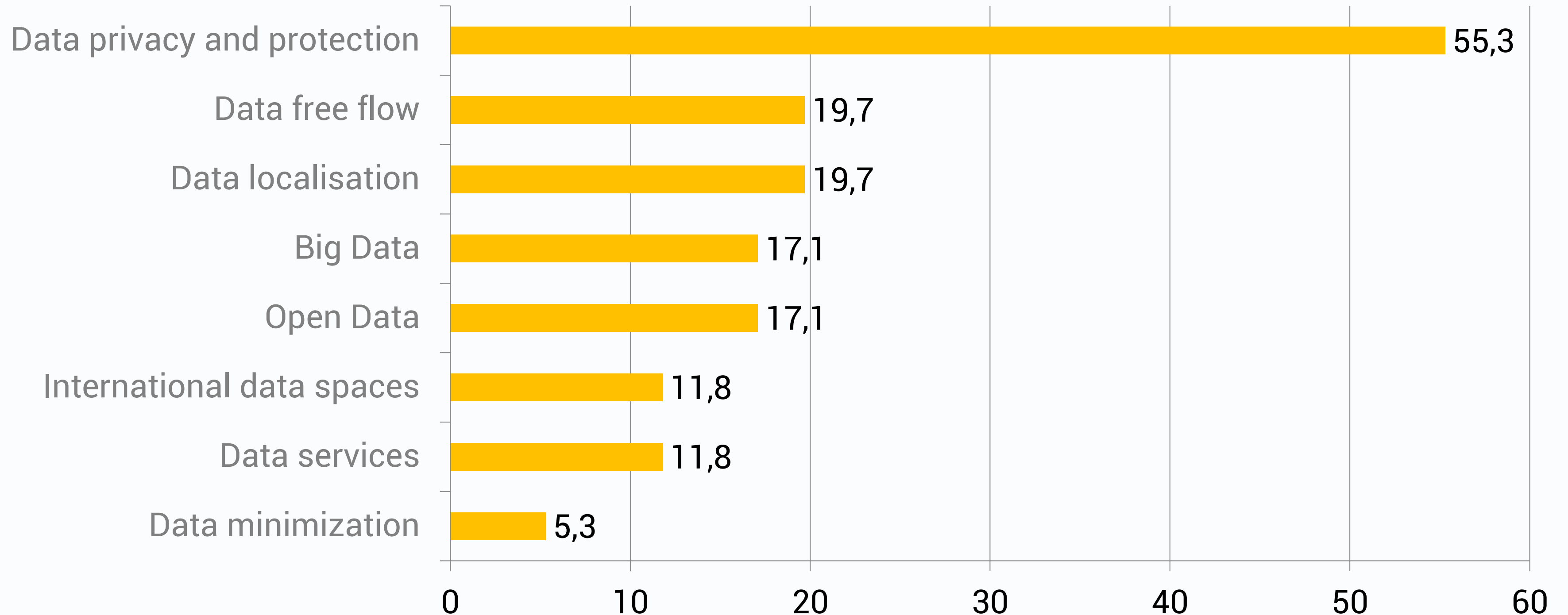
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# Selected Issues

## Data Governance

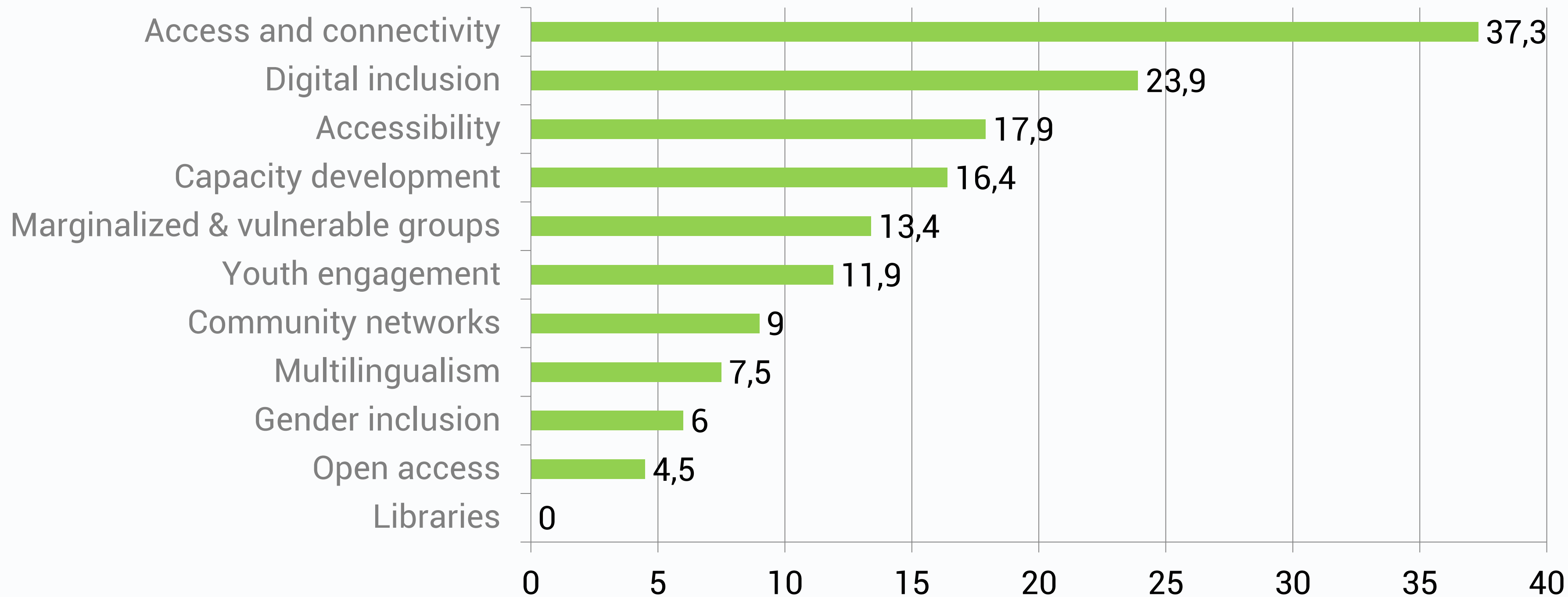
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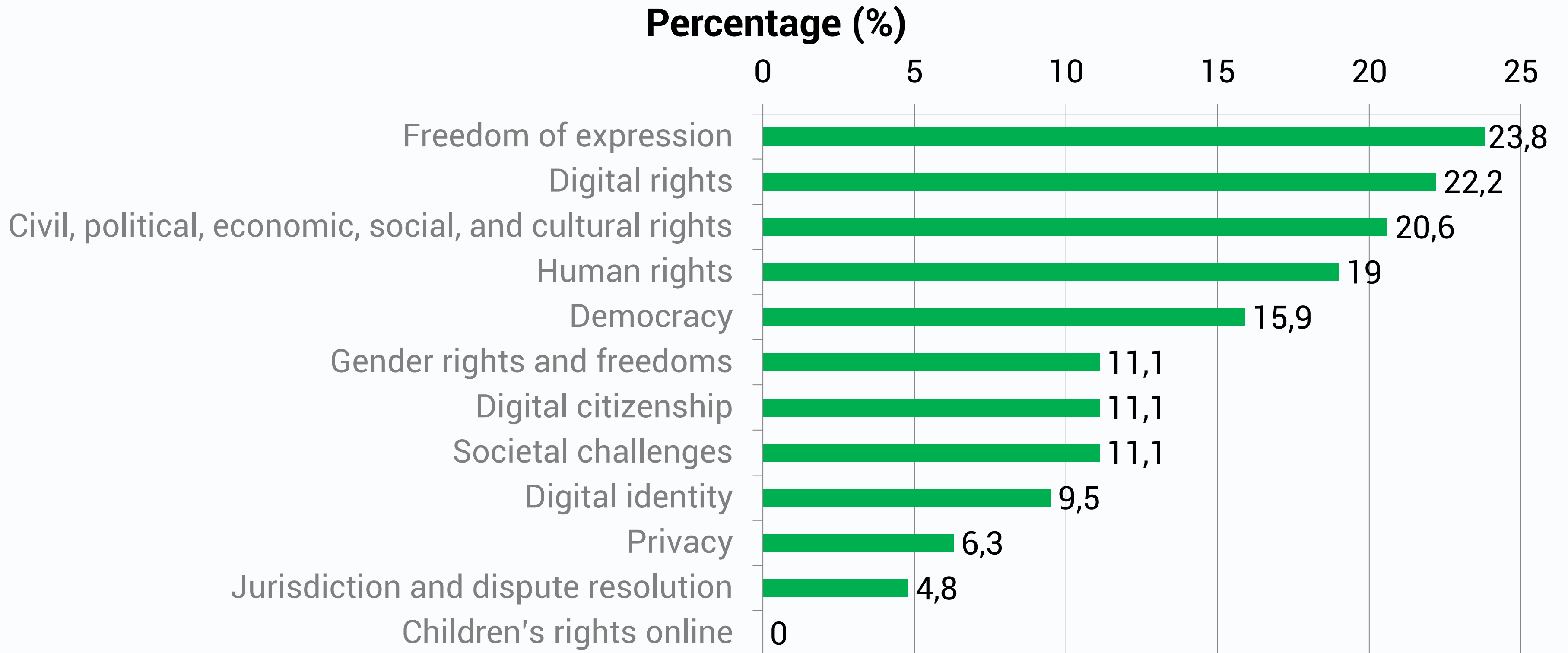
## Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity

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# Selected Issues

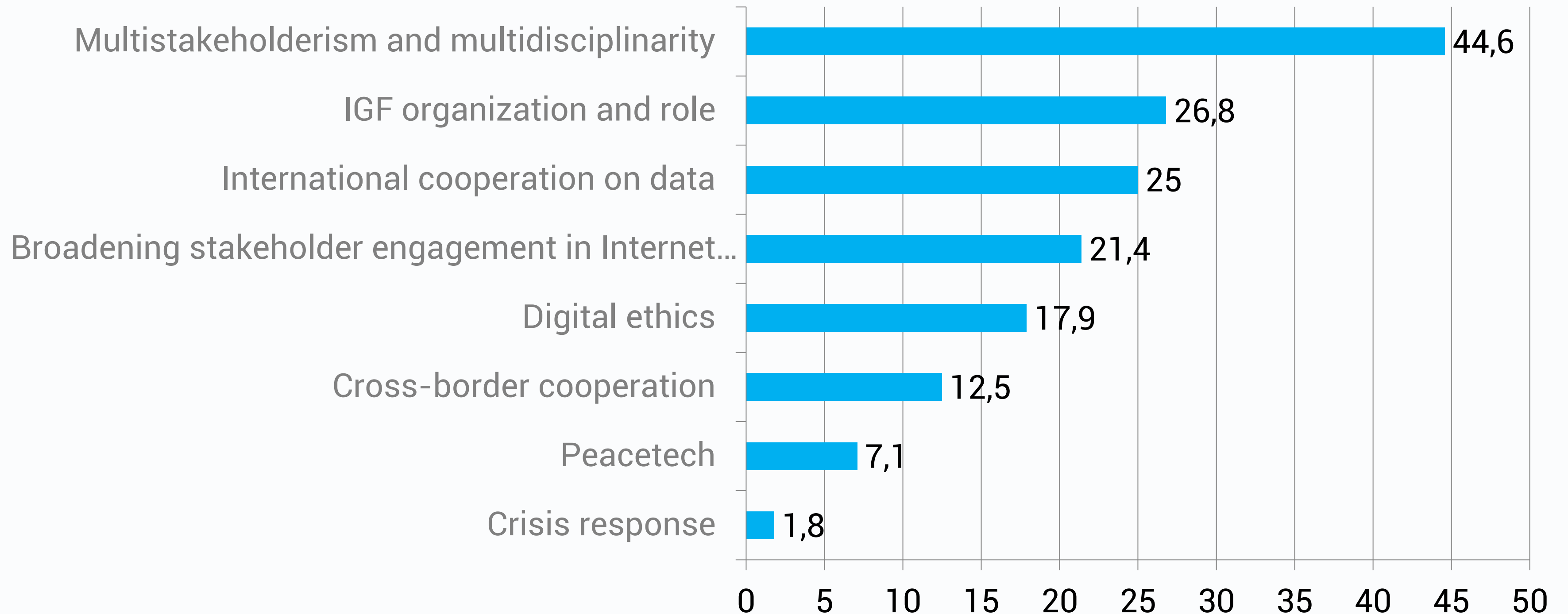
## Rights and Freedoms



# Selected Issues

## Digital Cooperation

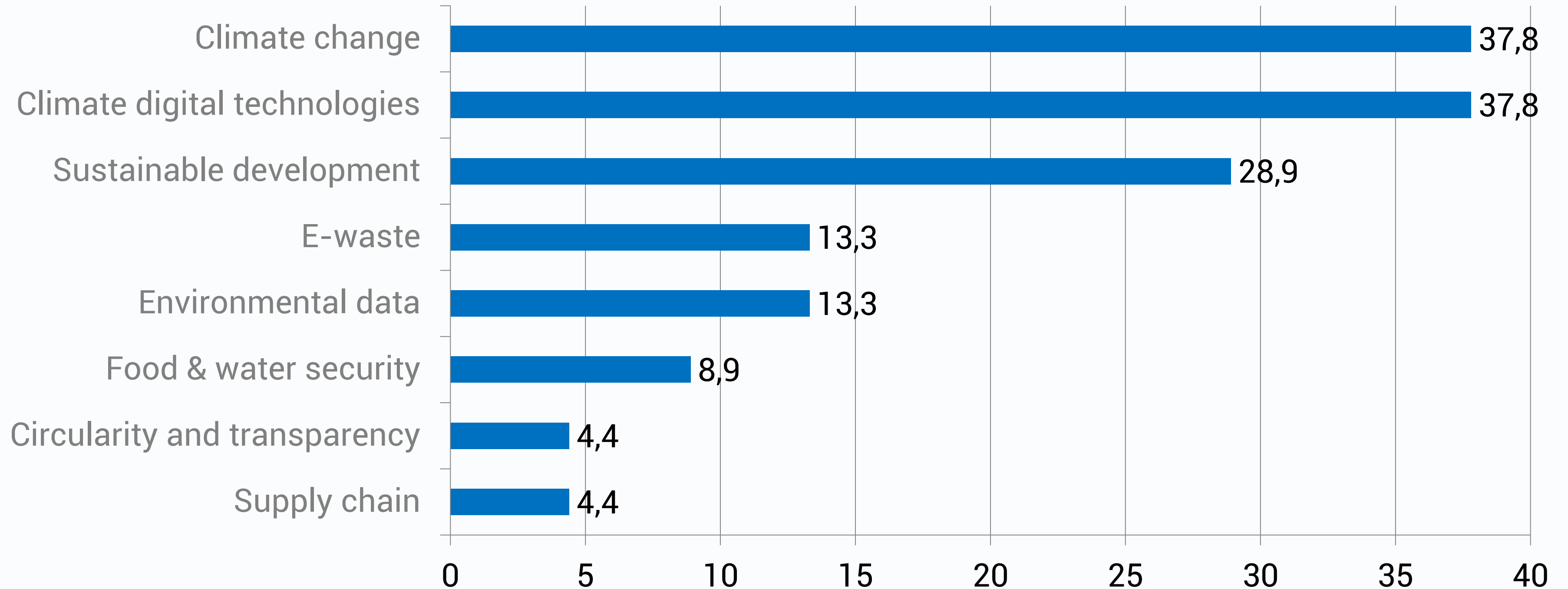
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# Selected Issues

## Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

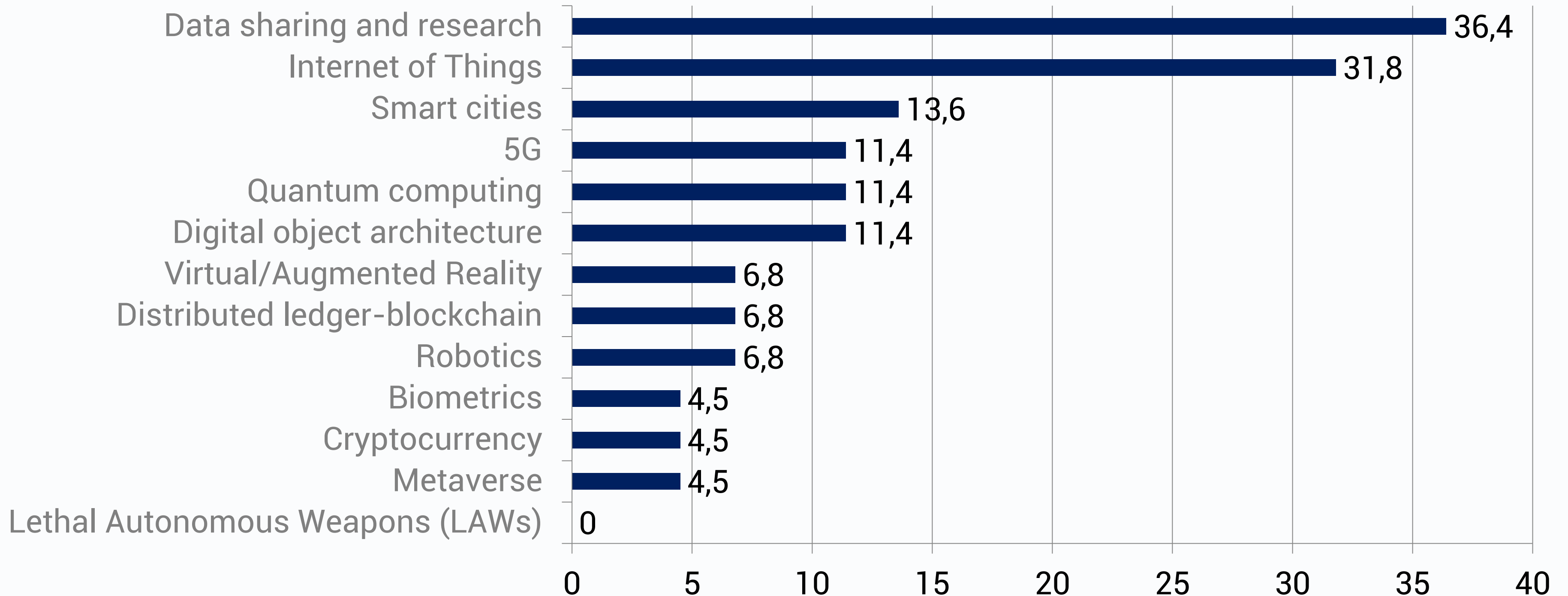
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# Selected Issues

## Emerging Technologies and Innovation

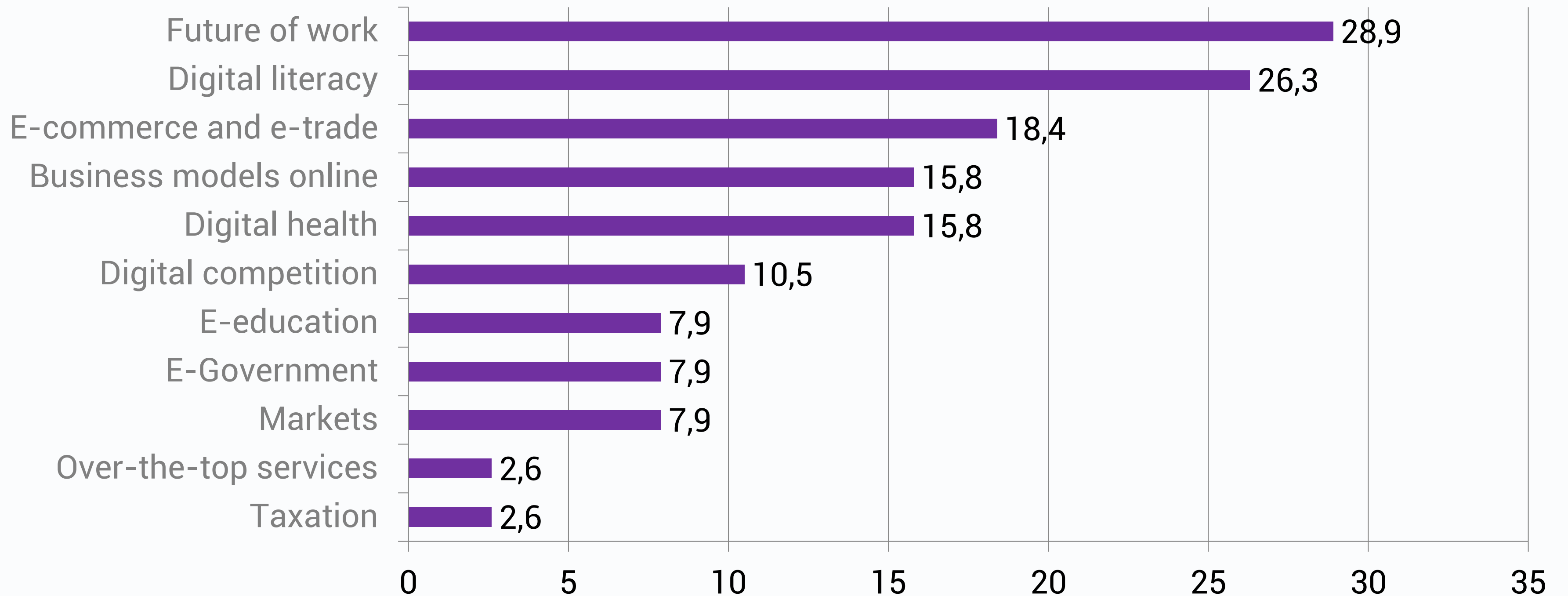
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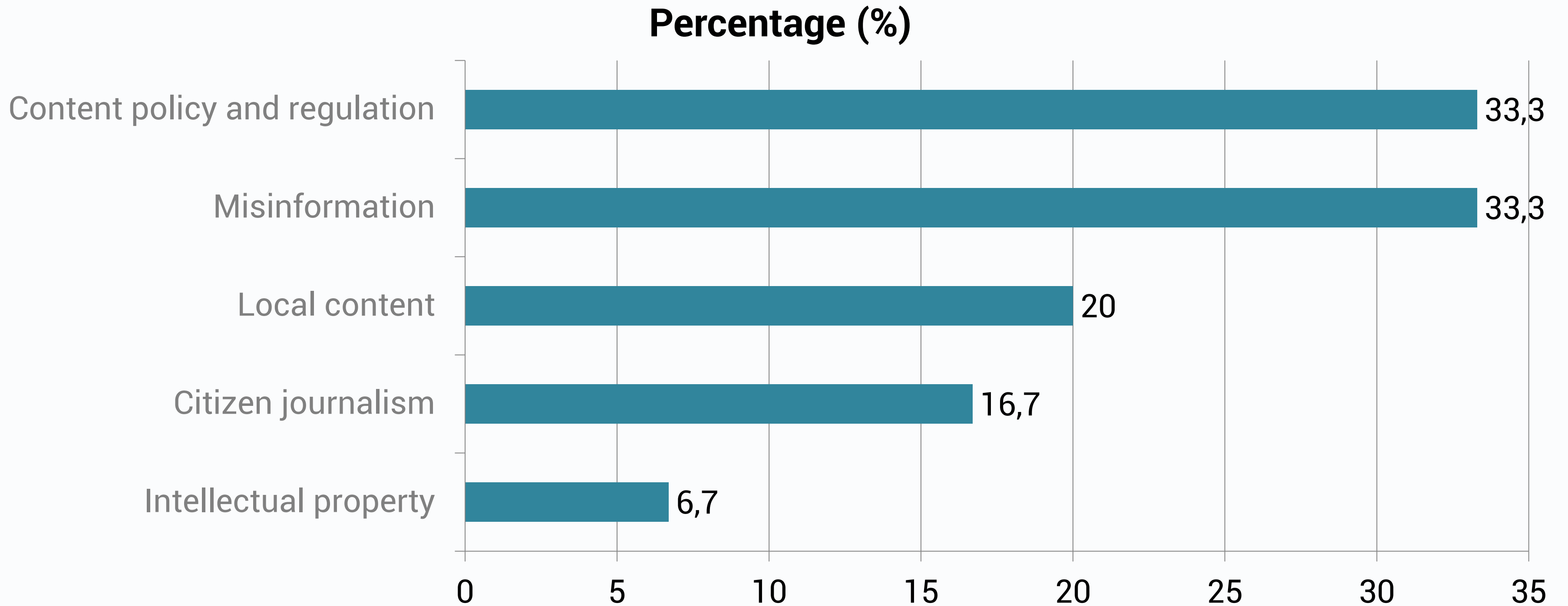
## Economic Issues and Development

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# Selected Issues

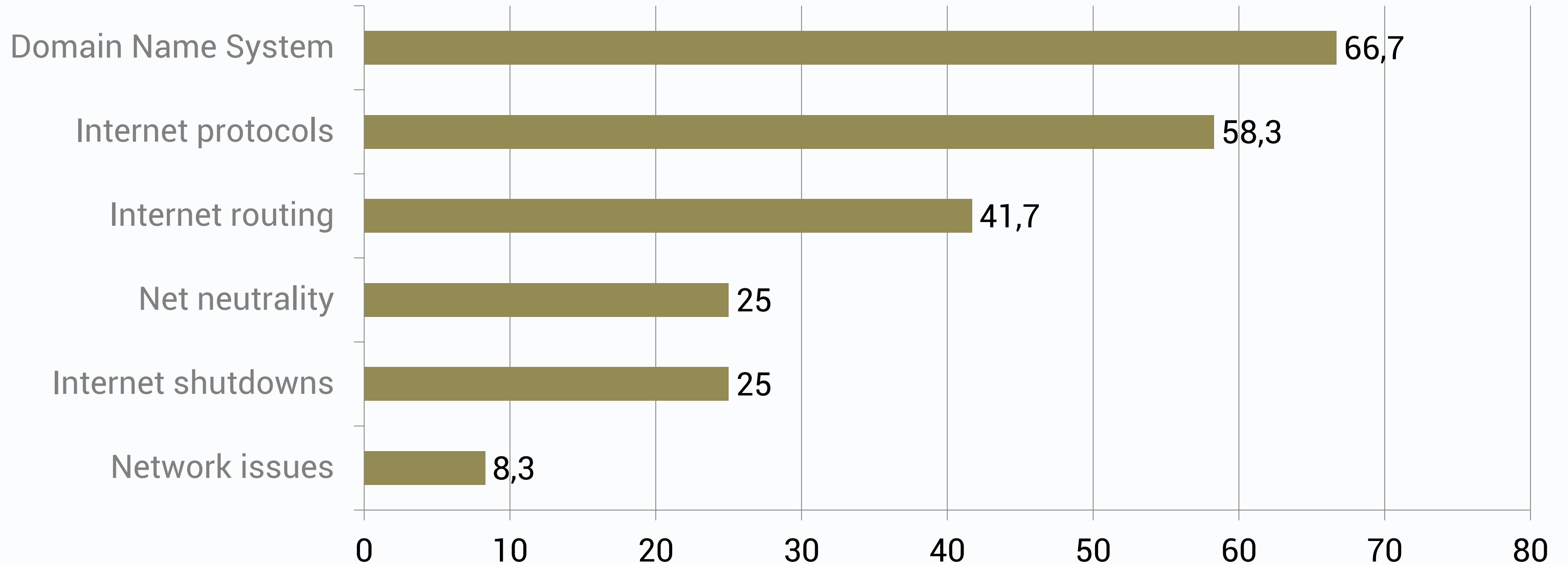
## Media and Content



# Selected Issues

## Technical and Operational Topics

### Percentage (%)



# Selected Issues

## Top 15 Selected Issues

### Number of Issue Selections



# Comment Section

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## Additional Input

- **Stronger focus on implementation:** Shift from dialogue to actionable outcomes, including policy toolkits, measurable commitments, and real-world impact
- **DPI and Technical infrastructure relevance:** Emphasis on digital identity, interoperability, resilient public systems, renewed focus on DNS, & Internet fragmentation
- **Global South & fragile contexts:** Need for solutions adapted to low-resource environments, including infrastructure, capacity, and language gaps, greater attention to marginalized groups
- **Advancing AI governance:** Beyond ethics, addressing bias, accountability, real-world deployment, & institutional use (e.g. judiciary)
- **Enhancing IGF impact & continuity:** Calls for stronger links between global IGF and NRIs, multi-year thematic focus, and implementation follow-up
- **Media ecosystem & platform governance:** Growing concerns around misinformation, power of digital platforms, & protection of media freedom
- **Youth, children & digital well-being:** Focus on safe, inclusive digital environments & AI literacy for younger users
- **Sustainability & digital footprint:** Addressing environmental impact of AI, data infrastructure, and e-waste

# Comment Section

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## IGF's Contribution to Major Global Initiatives

- **Improve integration, continuity and follow-up** with global processes & UN reporting mechanisms by developing ongoing tracking, annual progress reviews, and multi-year thematic coherence.
- **Move beyond discussions** to support practical, measurable outcomes aligned with WSIS Action Lines, GDC commitments, & SDGs.
- **Position IGF** as a space to track progress, assess commitments, identify gaps across digital initiatives.
- **PNs, BPFs, & DCs** should produce toolkits, best practices, and implementation guidance.
- **Leverage NRIs for local implementation** translating global commitments into local action.
- **Position IGF as a “knowledge-to-action”** platform connecting policy, technical expertise, and on-the-ground solutions.



# Comment Section

## Overall Format and Design of the IGF

### Overarching Theme

- Strong preference to emphasize **implementation, impact, and accountability**
- Frequent mentions of **trust, resilience, and sustainable digital futures**
- Recognition of a **critical global moment** (AI, fragmentation, geopolitical tensions)
- Calls for **human-centric and Global South–inclusive framing**

### Thematic Tracks

- **Core priority areas:** AI governance (more practical/operational focus), Digital inclusion & connectivity, Cybersecurity, trust & resilience, Data governance & cross-border cooperation, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
- **Emerging / suggested additions:** AI infrastructure & economics (compute, energy), Climate & sustainability / “green digital”, Judiciary & institutional roles, Youth, children, and vulnerable groups

### Format & Design

- **Shift toward more interactive and action-oriented formats:** Policy labs, roundtables, simulations, implementation workshops
- **Demand for fewer but deeper sessions** (reduce duplication & overlap)
- **Stronger integration across tracks and session types** (less fragmentation)
- **Calls for evidence-based and solution-focused discussions** (not just panels)

### Participation & Inclusion

- **Greater inclusion of:** Youth, Global South, marginalized communities, indigenous, rural, and underrepresented voices
- **Improve multilingual access** (through AI?) **and accessibility**
- **Encourage intergenerational and cross-stakeholder dialogue**

### Programme

- **Better link between:** Annual meeting ↔ intersessional work and Global IGF ↔ NRIs (bottom-up inputs)
- **Suggestions for:** Multi-year themes for continuity, a dedicated track that focuses on implementation, new formats (thematic days, innovation labs...)



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# Thank you

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Access all proposed issues [here](#)

