

The background of the slide features a repeating pattern of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) logo and the text "Internet Governance Forum" in a light blue color. The logo consists of a globe with latitude and longitude lines, surrounded by a laurel wreath.

Internet Governance Forum Multi-Donor Trust Fund

*Information Session
Geneva, 13 June 2017*

IGF Trust Fund 101 – What Is It?

❖ The Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum was established to support the United Nations Secretary-General in carrying out the mandate given to him by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) with regard to convening a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue - the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

❖ The IGF Secretariat is an extra budgetary project. The IGF Trust Fund is a **multi-donor, multi-stakeholder trust fund** managed by the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**.

❖ The Trust Fund covers core financial costs of running the IGF Secretariat, namely: the **staffing of the IGF Secretariat**, including fellowships and consultancies, and associated office expenses; preparatory meetings, such as **MAG meetings; capacity building activities; and travel** as outlined in the **IGF Project Document**.



❖ The fund is administratively aligned with the mandate durations of the IGF. It supported the IGF in its **first and second phases, from 2006 to 2010, and then from 2011 through 2016.** Following the IGF's ten-year mandate renewal by the General Assembly, a **third budgetary phase** will begin in **April 2017 until December 2025.** Residual funds from each phase are transferred into the next phase on the agreement of the current donors .

*We acknowledge the role of the Internet Governance Forum as a multi-stakeholder platform for discussion of Internet governance issues. We support the recommendations in the report of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, which the General Assembly took note of in its resolution 68/198 of 20 December 2013, and we call for their accelerated implementation. **We extend for another 10 years the existing mandate of the Internet Governance Forum as set out in paragraphs 72 to 78 of the Tunis Agenda.** (General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/125, 1 February 2016)*

UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND PROJECT

- Project number: GLO/17/X01
- Project title: Internet Governance Forum
- Start date: April 2017
- End date: 31 December 2025
- Executing agency: UNDESA
- Funding: Multi-donor – extra budgetary

❖ All contributions to the fund are administered and accounted for in accordance with **UN Financial Rules and Regulations.**



United Nations

**Financial Regulations and Rules
of the United Nations**

Secretary-General's bulletin

ST/SGB/2014/4
1 July 2013



Please recycle

Common Misconceptions about the Trust Fund...

"The trust fund pays for the IGF annual meetings"

- The annual meetings are paid for in their entirety by IGF host countries. This arrangement is formalized through a host country agreement entered into by UNDESA and the host government, and is unrelated to the trust fund.

"The UN can cover costs that the trust fund does not"

- All costs arising from the IGF must be covered by the trust fund and if they pertain to the annual meeting, by the host country that year. By agreement of UN member states, the IGF is classified as 'extra budgetary' and the UN's regular budget cannot be used to cover its costs. The functioning of the IGF depends on the trust fund.

"Only governments and major organizations can contribute to the trust fund"

- Any government, any organization, as well as any private individual, can contribute to the trust fund. There is no minimum amount for a contribution or restrictions, as long the contribution comes from a legal source.

"Contributions are not made public"

- All individual contributions by year are available on the IGF website: <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/funding>

Funding in 2017 (Update)

2015 Contributions: \$671,772

China Energy Fund, EU, IGFSa, NRO, Nominet, AT&T, UK, Microsoft, Portugal, Afilias, Danish IGF

2016 Contributions: \$482,762

ISOC, IGFSa, Tides, Verizon, Nominet, Verisign, Microsoft, Netherlands, ICC-BASIS

2017 so far: \$837,000

Received \$370,000

Afilias, ICANN, IGFSa, UK, NRO

Pledged \$467,000

Amazon, AT&T, Brazil cgi, EC, ICC-BASIS, ISOC, Nominet, NRO

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Thank You

Merci

Спасибо

Gracias

...but we are not out of the woods

- Need to provide travel support for IGF 2017
- Need to recreate a reserve, to be able to extend staff beyond 2017
- Need to fill posts

Objective:

Have pledges of \$1,000,000 by October 2017

Making a Contribution to the Trust Fund

1. Contact the IGF Secretariat with your pledge.

~~2. First-time donors will receive the IGF project document.~~


~~3. Review and sign the trust fund agreement (TFA) with UNDESA.~~

~~4. Receive invoice + payment.~~



- Donors and donation amounts are publicly listed on the IGF's website.
- All donors are sent a budget revision in the middle of the year with trust fund expenditures.
- Donors are automatically subscribed to the IGF donors mailing list.
- Donors who have made a contribution within the last three years are invited to attend periodic donors meetings.

UNITED NATIONS FUNDS-IN-TRUST PROJECT DOCUMENT		
Project number:	GLO/11/X01	
Project title:	Internet Governance Forum	
Country/area:	Global	
Start date:	1 April 2011	
End date:	31 December 2015	
Executing agency:	UNDESA	
Funding:	Multi-donor – extrabudgetary	
Budget:	Long-term project framework – budget "A"	
Purpose		
<p>The issue of Internet governance was one of the most controversial issues at the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), which was held in two phases in Geneva, 2003, and in Tunis, 2005. Cognizant of the need for development of public policy on matters related to key elements of Internet governance by governments in consultation with all stakeholders, WSIS requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue – called the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The mandate and terms of reference of the IGF are set out in paragraphs 72 to 80 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, attached as Annex 1.</p> <p>The initial mandate was for five years, from 2006 to 2010. Recognizing the importance of the Forum to fostering the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet, as well as its role in building partnerships among different stakeholders, the United Nations General Assembly decided to renew the mandate of the IGF under the patronage of the Secretary-General for a further five years, from 2011 to 2015 (resolution 65/141 of 20 December 2010).</p> <p>A small Secretariat was established in 2006 under the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), to provide a support structure for the IGF including the preparation of its yearly meetings. The Secretariat, which is located at the United Nations Office of Geneva (UNOG) is funded through extra-budgetary contributions.</p> <p>This project document describes the work programme and activities to be undertaken by the Secretariat effective 1 April 2011, with the commencement of the next 5 year cycle of the IGF mandate. Resources remaining under the first phase project, GLO/06/X01, as at 31 March 2011 will be transferred to this project.</p>		
Agreed on behalf of the Donors:	Donor Name _____	Date _____
Agreed on behalf of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs:	<p>YUWANG ZHU Director DSD/UNDESA</p>	Date _____

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<small>HEADQUARTERS • SIEGE NEW YORK, NY 10017 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</small>	
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND (NAME OF DONOR)	
<p>Whereas the (NAME OF DONOR), (hereinafter referred to as DONOR) is prepared to support the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (hereinafter referred to as UNDESA) by contributing an amount equivalent of (AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION) towards UNDESA's project GLO/11/X01 entitled Internet Governance Forum (IGF), and this amount will be utilized towards the operation and management of the Secretariat supporting this process; and</p> <p>Whereas the United Nations, represented by UNDESA, is prepared to receive the contribution for the project.</p> <p>Now therefore, DONOR and UNDESA agree as follows:</p>	
1.	The contribution from DONOR to UNDESA will be in the amount equivalent to (AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION).
2.	Funds due to the United Nations under this agreement will be transferred in one installment. The transfer should be made to the UNDESA Technical Cooperation Activities Account No. ABA No. Swift: at the JP Morgan Chase Bank, International Agencies Banking, after receipt of this signed Agreement.
3.	UNDESA shall administer and account for the contribution in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules and other applicable directives, procedures and practices. The activities financed by the contribution of DONOR shall be implemented in accordance with the project document, attached herewith as Annex A. An annual progress report along with a mandatory budget revision reflecting actual expenditures as at 31 December for the current and past reporting periods and future budgetary requirements, in the format reflected in Annex A, will be provided to DONOR by 30 June of the year following the reporting period. The project expenditure will also be contained in the biennial Financial Report and audited Financial Statements of the United Nations.

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1. *Contact the IGF Secretariat with your pledge.*
2. Donors write a pledge letter to IGF Secretariat
(can be submitted electronically, but needs to be signed by authorized person)
Sample letter will be posted on the IGF Website
3. DESA replies with an acceptance letter (contains banking info)
This is considered an invoice
4. Donor transfers funds.
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