

IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum on Gender and Access Online meeting VIII | 20 August 2020

Summary report

The eighth online meeting of the IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Gender and Access was dedicated to discussing the next steps in the BPF work.

1. BPF survey

The BPF has launched its [public survey](#), with an initial deadline for input set for 6 September 2020. At the date of the meeting, some 20 answers had been received.

Participants discussed what else can be done to promote the survey and ensure more input is received. It was agreed to start reaching out to organisations and individuals on a 1:1 basis and encourage them directly to respond to the survey. To this aim, a [shared document](#) is available indicating potential organisations and individuals to contact; **BPF volunteers are invited to go through the list and**

- **indicate if they can contact anyone listed there, and/or**
- **suggest other entities to reach out to with an invite to contribute to the survey.**

The BPF co-facilitators were reminded that they can write blog posts for the IGF website as a way to further promote the BPF work. Should anyone be interested in this, the details can be discussed with the BPF consultant and the IGF Secretariat.

2. BPF report

The BPF has previously agreed that a section of this year's report will include an overview of whether and how the IGF has tackled this year's BPF focus issues (violence, harm, pleasure and consent online, from a gender-diversity perspective) since its 2016 meeting. The BPF consultant gave an update on the work carried out in this regard and noted that the draft overview will be shared for comments as soon as finalised.

A question was raised during the discussions on whether the BPF report could also include a case study on the work being done to advance feminist approaches to technical protocols in the context of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). It was agreed to make a decision on this in early September, to allow for enough time for the case study to be written.

Next steps

- BPF meeting IX will take place on **3 September 2020, from 13:00 UTC**.
- Everyone is invited to help promote the survey. Please use [this shared document](#) to indicate what organisations/individuals you can reach out to.