



IGF NRIs Meeting II

9 February 2022 | 16:00-17:00 UTC

Hosted by the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction
2. About IGF 2022 EGM
3. NRIs nominations of participants for EGM
4. AoB

Input: <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-expert-group-meeting-egm>

WHAT IS IGF EGM?

- 2-3 days expert-level working retreat proposed by the United Nations Secretariat for the period between 30 March - 1 April 2022 at the UNHQ in New York to consider how the IGF can contribute to advancing digital cooperation* and implementing proposed initiatives in this area, within the broader context of the ongoing process on strengthening and improving the IGF as a space for global multistakeholder discussion on Internet policy issues.
- This would be the second IGF Retreat, following the one in 2016 in Glen Cove.

**In light of the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and Our Common Agenda.*

EGM OBJECTIVE

The expected outcomes of the retreat include (but are not limited to):

A. Recommendations on how the IGF can “adapt, innovate and reform” its work and contribute to implementing proposed initiatives dedicated to advancing digital cooperation and creating an ‘open, free and secure digital future for all’. These recommendations – which should take into account the availability of resources – could cover:

- 1. What improvements can be made to the format and work of the Forum in order to strengthen focus, relevance and improve links with decision-making fora, and develop effective and influential outputs?*
- 2. How to improve the alignment of IGF activities with the action lines included in the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation (para 93a)?*
- 3. What role could the IGF play in ensuring multistakeholder engagement and providing inputs in developing the Digital Compact proposed in Our Common Agenda report?*
- 4. How the IGF should work with various decision-making and discussion fora in the expanding field of digital development.*

B. Recommendations on how to operationalise recurring proposals regarding IGF strengthening and improvement, in areas such as:

- 1. Implementing the IGF Leadership Panel*
- 2. Growing the engagement of those stakeholders who are currently unengaged, with a view to expanding and diversifying participation in the IGF processes;*
- 3. Ensuring sustained and regular funding to support the IGF and the IGF Secretariat.*

EGM PARTICIPANTS

In view of space limitations and social distancing requirements, the total number of participants is estimated at **thirty-two [32]**. **Participants will be drawn from:**

- Relevant stakeholder groups such as governments, private sector, civil society and technical community.
- Relevant international intergovernmental organizations.
- Past, current and future IGF host country representatives.
- Past and current chairs of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG).

NRIs (6)

To ensure that regional perspectives will be reflected in the discussions, the community of national, regional and youth IGF initiatives will be invited to submit the names of six [6] participants. The selection process will be carried out through the NRIs coordination meetings.

Selection of participants

The final list of participants in the proposed retreat will be composed of individuals designated through community processes as well as appointed by the UN Secretariat, largely based upon nominations received from the multistakeholder community. The final participants list will be constructed to assure balanced participation and broad diversity across a number of considerations (region, stakeholder groups, gender, etc.) and to include expertise on the impact of the Internet on SDGs and wider public policy.

Travel support

Limited funding is available to facilitate travel of participants from developing countries.

SHAPE THE EGM

CALL FOR INPUT (FOR EGM AGENDA)

All stakeholders are invited to send inputs **commenting on areas that will be discussed at the Expert Group Meeting (EGM)**, with reference to the background documentation*. Inputs can be submitted through the webform or emailed to the IGF Secretariat at egm@intgovforum.org.

1. What concrete changes/improvements would you propose making to the IGF in order to:

- a. strengthen and improve its focus and relevance;*
- b. expand and diversify participation;*
- c. build links with other decision-making processes and fora concerned with digital and wider public policy issues;*
- d. develop and promote effective outputs?*

2. How can IGF activities be aligned more effectively with the action lines included in the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation?

3. What role could the IGF play in convening the multistakeholder digital technology track and in developing the Digital Compact proposed in Our Common Agenda report?

4. How do you see the future of the IGF after 2025?

**Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, Report of the CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (2012), United Nations Secretary-General's Roadmap on Digital Cooperation (2020), United Nations Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda (2021), IGF Retreat Proceedings (2016).*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (FOR EGM PARTICIPANTS)

All stakeholders from all regions and disciplines are invited to nominate candidates to participate in the EGM, through the nomination webform. Governments are invited to submit names for consideration through official communication to the IGF Secretariat at egm@intgovforum.org.

.Relevant international intergovernmental organizations (treaty-based) interested in participating are also invited to contact the IGF Secretariat expressing their interest.

Nominator Details

Family Name / Given Name / E-mail / Gender / Organization / Job Title / Contact Telephone (please indicate the country code) / Stakeholder Group / Regional Group (to find the explanation of the regional groups, please click here)

Nominee Details

Family Name / Given Name / E-mail / Gender / Other Names / Organization(s) / Job Title(s) / Stakeholder Group / Regional Group / Nationality(ies) / Country of Residence / City of Residence / Birth Date (if available) / Background Information - Please, justify your nomination, providing relevant background information about the nominee (using no more than 300 words)

DEADLINE: 28 FEBRUARY 2022, 23:59 UTC

WHAT COULD BE THE PROCESS FOR NRIs to NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES?

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Factors which could be consider for the NRIs Network to endorse 6 participants:

- ✓ *Regional/country diversity (5 UN regions + youth)*
- ✓ *Level of quality engagement in the NRI processes*
- ✓ *Overall contribution to the NRI processes*
- ✓ *Experience with relevant UN processes in regard to the IGF (Roadmap, CSTD Recommendation, Our Common Agenda, Tunis Agenda etc.)*
- ✓ *Gender and age balance*
- ✓ *Coordinators to nominate candidates until 28 Feb, 23:59 UTC*
- ✓ *Other?*

Given the timeline, simple, inclusive and transparent process needed



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