

Questions for MAG 1st Meeting Intervention:

1. What are the most significant developments, priorities or implementation activities within your organization over the coming year, and what opportunities do you see for collaboration with the IGF?
2. In the context of WSIS+20 follow-up, implementation of the Global Digital Compact, and other relevant digital governance processes, including processes on AI, what opportunities do you see for collaboration between your organization and the IGF to help support implementation efforts?
3. Looking ahead to IGF 2026, what issues, policy questions or stakeholder communities would you encourage the IGF to address in order to strengthen the annual IGF programme and advance shared objectives across the digital governance ecosystem?

Answers, accordingly to ISOC Colombia Chapter work:

The Internet Society Colombia Chapter is dedicated to building, promoting, and defending an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet for everyone in the country. Over the coming year, aligned with the 2026 Action Plan, our primary focus is on reducing digital inequality and building trust in the Internet. We are actively prioritizing projects that support community networks and digital inclusion, especially targeting rural areas, women entrepreneurs in regions like Cauca, and indigenous communities in La Guajira and the Pacific coast of Colombia. We see opportunities to collaborate with the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), particularly as we prepare to host the Colombia IGF annual meeting in Bogotá in October 2026. The IGF provides an invaluable, open platform to share our local success stories in community-led connectivity, engage with diverse voices across the public and private sectors, and coordinate regional efforts to make the Internet a more accessible resource for all.

In the context of the twenty-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20), the Global Digital Compact, and the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence, our organization aims to turn global principles into practical local solutions. While the global Internet Society awaits further details on the Global Digital Compact's structural implementation, we remain committed to its objectives of closing digital divides, advancing equitable data governance, and fostering a safe digital space that protects human rights. We see a significant opportunity to collaborate with the IGF to ensure that the Global South actively participates in shaping AI governance and safety, rather than just importing models from abroad. By participating in regional efforts and leveraging the IGF's collaborative dialogue, we want to help develop ethical guidelines that address local regulatory frameworks, prevent algorithmic biases against minority populations, and respect the unique cultural and linguistic contexts of Latin America.

Looking ahead to the global IGF programme in 2026 and beyond, we strongly encourage the Forum to prioritize issues that connect technical governance with real-world social impact (gender, LGBTQI+, indigenous, black and other minorities), and sustainable development. It is crucial for the IGF to address practical mechanisms for artificial intelligence governance, evaluating how these technologies can be deployed safely to support education and decent work without exacerbating existing inequalities. Finally, we urge the IGF to intentionally elevate the voices of historically underrepresented stakeholder communities, such as black communities, women, gender-diverse, indigenous populations, rural educators, and local technology builders. By focusing on practical capacity building, defending the collaborative governance model against internet fragmentation, and exploring how digital infrastructure can build social resilience, the IGF can ensure that our shared objectives lead to an empowering, unified Internet for everyone as our Internet Society Local chapter expects too.