



**INTERNET GOVERNANCE
FORUM PARAGUAY**

2014



GENERAL INFORMATION

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WHAT IS PARAGUAY IGF?

ABOUT PARAGUAY IGF

In 2014, Internet Society Paraguay Chapter (ISOC Paraguay) had decided to create a national forum, called “Internet Governance Forum Paraguay (IGFPY),” following the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) - a United Nations led-activity initiated in 2006 - as a local platform for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on Internet governance.

In its first edition, it was supported by a group of institutional partners, namely the Internet Society (ISOC), Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), *Secretaría Nacional de Tecnologías de la Información* (SENATICs).

The administration of the funds was run by ISOC Paraguay, a non-for-profit organization. All the funding was exclusively used for the organization of the event.

On August, 4th 2014, the first edition of the IGFPY took place in Asunción, Paraguay. ISOC Paraguay hosted it in cooperation with SENATICs. Sponsored by ISOC and supported by ICANN. The theme was “Internet Governance, a Paraguayan challenge.”

GOALS

IGFPY aims to fulfill what Paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society established. The mandate is to promote the engagement of Paraguayans in multi-stakeholder dialogue to share their expertise and best practice and, where possible, identify common ground for a better Internet development nationwide.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER MODEL

It follows the main principles of being open, inclusive and non-commercial, with a bottom-up decision-making process and a multistakeholder participation mechanism guiding its entire organizational process. It is committed to cultural and geographic diversity and gender balance in its work internally and externally.

Membership of the IGFPY is informal and open and determined only by voluntary participation in the designated public and open mailing list: gobernanza@listas.cnc.una.py

The IGFPY shall be composed of and open to the following recognized stakeholder groups on an equal basis:

- Government,
- Civil Society,
- Private Sector,
- Technical Community,
- Academia, and
- The Internet end users

ORGANIZATION PROCESS

The preparations for IGFPY 2014 started with an open call in July 2014. The call was sent over the ISOC Paraguay’s member mailing list and social media channels to identify volunteers. The location and date of this year’s national IGF were decided based on the CITELE meeting to have it as a pre-event activity. The open meetings took place at *Vox* offices in July 2014.

After the event, a debriefing meeting took place among the organizing team and representatives of all stakeholders groups in late August. All participants agreed on the consolidation of the IGFPY by the creation of formalized multistakeholder group and agreed on its Operating Principles included in the Annex section.

ORGANIZING TEAM

The IGFPY 2014 was organized by:

- Government: SENATICS, CONATEL, and MFA.
- Civil Society: ISOC Paraguay, TEDIC, and APADIT.
- Private Sector: CAPACE and VOX
- Technical Community: NIC.PY and CNC.
- Academia: COLUMBIA, UNASUR, and UNA

Name	Organization	Tasks
MARIA ELENA GARCIA	UNA POLITECNICA	Technical Leader
NICOLAS CABALLERO	ISOC PARAGUAY	Moderator/Presenter
CYNTHIA NUÑEZ	CAPACE	Rapporteur
YENY VILLALBA	U.COLUMBIA/ISOC PY	Facilitator
CARLOS FLEITAS	CAPACE	Moderator
LUIS ALFONZO FULCHI	ISOC PARAGUAY	Moderator
SUSAN ROCHE AZCONA	CAPACE	Rapporteur
OSCAR PAVIA	APADIT	Panelists-Registration
NATALIA ENCISO	ISOC PARAGUAY	Panellist-Moderator
MARICARMEN SEQUERA	ISOC PARAGUAY	Panellist-Rapporteur
ALFREDO MOREIRA	SENATICS	Panelist
MARCELO MALTESE	MFA	Panellist
RICARDO AVEIRO	ISOC PARAGUAY	Rapporteur
JAZMIN ACUÑA	TEDIC	Moderator
OSVALDO CRUZ	ISOC PARAGUAY	Rapporteur
JOSE PINO	UNA POLITECNICA	Technical Assistant
Edgar Martínez	UNA POLITECNICA	Technical Assistant

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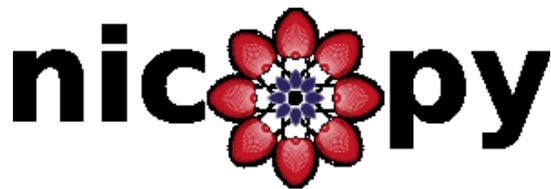
SPONSORS



PARTNERS



SECRETARÍA
**NACIONAL DE TECNOLOGÍAS
DE LA INFORMACIÓN
Y COMUNICACIÓN**



Universidad Nacional de Asunción
CNC
Centro Nacional de Computación



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

<p style="text-align: center;">I Internet Governance Forum Paraguay <i>Internet Governance a Paraguayan challenge</i> 04.08.2014 Sheraton Hotel Asunción 09:00 – 18:00</p>		
TIME	THEME	Participants
9:00	Accreditations.	Accreditations.
9:30	Opening Ceremony. Presentation, objectives y alliances.	10´ Nicolás Caballero (Chair ISOC Paraguay) 10´ David Ocampo (Minister SENATICs) 5´ Raquel Gatto (Brasil) ISOC 5´ Blanca Ovelar. Senator. Education Commission, Legislative Power.
10:00	PANEL 1 IGF Introduction and local experience for a global debate.	10´ Raquel Gatto. ISOC. 10´ Natalia Enciso. ISOC Paraguay.
10:25	Q&A	Open floor Remotely #igfpy2014
10:40	Panel 2. Net Neutrality	10´ Christian O'Flaherty. ISOC 10´ José Usher, ISOC Paraguay 10´ Marcelo Maltese. Paraguay MFA
11:10	Q&A	Open floor Remotely #igfpy2014
11:20	Coffee-break	Pause
12:00	<i>NetMundial</i>	Keynote speaker: Daniel Fink. ICANN
12:50	Q&A	Open Floor

		Remotely #igfpy2014
14:30	PANEL 3. Online Protection: Freedom of expression, privacy and Intellectual property.	10' Richard Ferreira Candia. Digital journalist. UAA 10' Óscar Pavía. Lawyer APADIT. Content in Internet, responsibilities 10' Maricarmen Sequera. Lawyer. Privacy. ISOC Paraguay
15:10	Q&A	Open floor Remotely #igfpy2014
15:30	Coffee-break	Pause
16:00	PANEL 4. Access and asymmetries in the international backbone.	10' Alfredo Moreira. SENATICs 10' Carlos Núñez Castillo. Professor UNA Politécnica 10' Víctor Hugo Parada Roca (Bolivia). Access as a right.
16:35	Q&A	Open floor Remotely #igfpy2014
17:00	Workshop: Roadmap for Internet Governance in Paraguay.	Representatives Facilitation: Yeny Villalba (Universidad Columbia del Paraguay - ISOC Paraguay)
17:50	Evaluation	Evaluation
18:00	Closing	Closing

REPORTS

All the sessions (opening, closing and panels) had a multistakeholder composition. A rapporteur summarized the key points. Remote participation was encouraged using Zoom for audio and, social media was used for Q&A #igfpy2014.

The opening session developed the main objectives of this Forum, the key actors, and alliances, introducing the theme for this year: “Internet Governance a Paraguayan challenge.”

The keynote speakers were Daniel Fink-ICANN who talked about the experience on NetMundial.

The first panel was an Introduction to Internet Governance and the global debate. Panelists gave a summary of the beginning of the IGF, principles, processes and participation. The need for a local debate and the importance of Paraguayan participation in regional and global forums.

The second Panel was about Net Neutrality. The panelists explained what is being done in the country, told the indicators and laws.

The third panel was about Online Protection: Freedom of expression, privacy and Intellectual property. Panelists give a summary of the existing laws of digital rights.

The fourth panel was on Access and asymmetries in the international backbone. The need to have better access in Paraguay to have a cheaper and faster Internet.

Workshop: Roadmap for Internet Governance in Paraguay.

As a result, we started a working group at the end of the event with the aim to start constructing a national dialogue platform to continue the discussions and activities. For this objective, we are going to create a mailing-list with the data registered at the registration platform. We are going to continue using the website www.igfparaguay.org to continue with the work of building the Matrix online.

We started collecting information at the end of the event. This information has yet to be systematized. We are going to use a WordPress plugin to continue with the comments for this.

We also contacted the government representatives that attended the event to work together on future of Internet Governance in Paraguay.

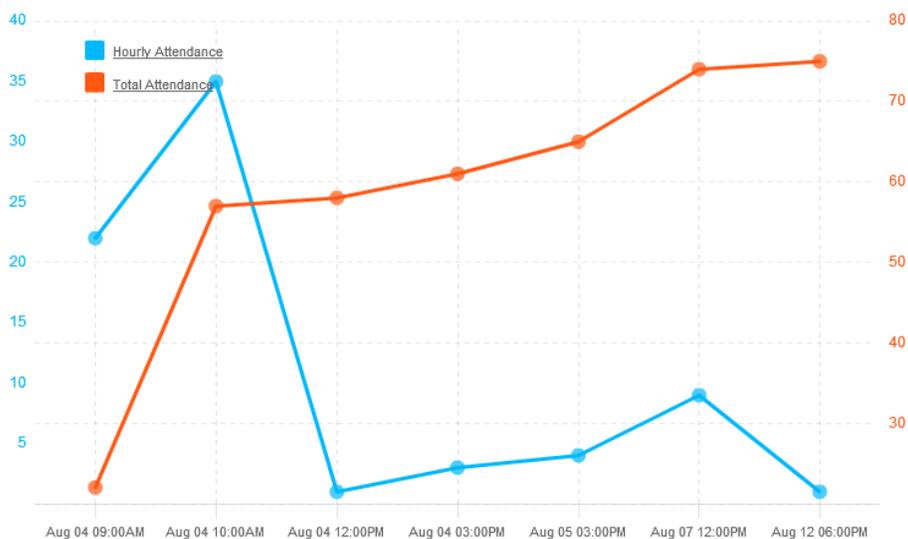
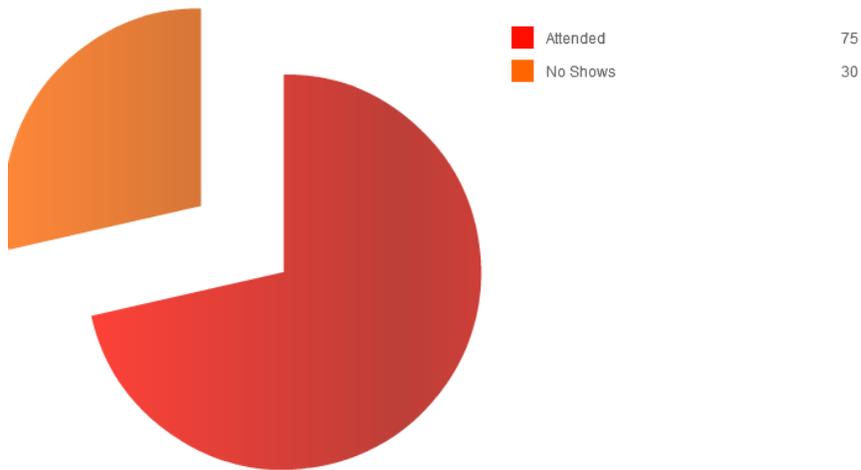
STATISTICS

We used eventbrite.com for registration and check-in during the event. According to the statistics, there were 105 registered and 76 attendees.

The participants were all from Paraguay. However, we also had some remote participants from Argentina, Mexico, and Venezuela.

The panelists were mostly from Paraguay, but we also had some international panelists from Brazil, Uruguay, and Bolivia.

We do not have exact data on breakdown sector, but there were representatives from the Academia, Civil Society, Government, Business, and Technical Community.



FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

We created a post-event survey at Survey Monkey linked to the Eventbrite account. We had 14 answers from the 76 attendees.

You can find the results here <https://es.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-JCFJK7H8/> (in Spanish)

Most of the participants felt satisfied with the event and would participate again in a future event. Suggestions were made about: 1) promotion of the event with more time in advanced, 2) more participation from the private sector, 3) time was short to discuss all the themes more deeply, and 4) capacity building in advanced to be able to participate as it is a new theme from most of the attendees.

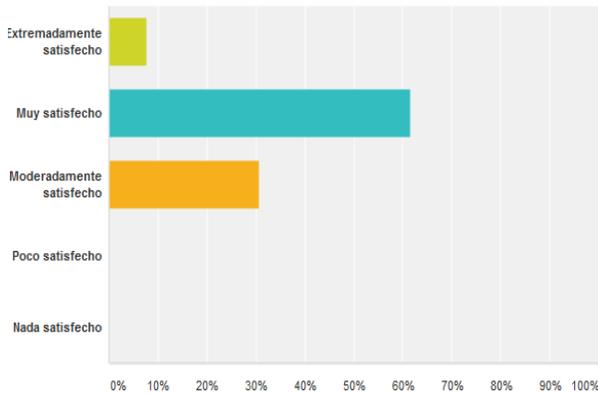


Table 1: How satisfied were participants with the event

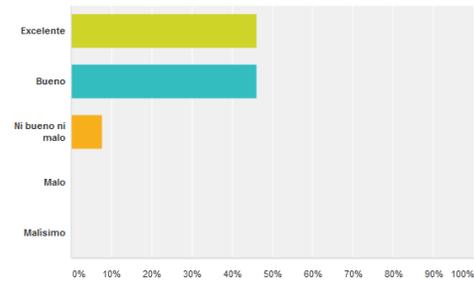


Table 2: Evaluation of content and presenters

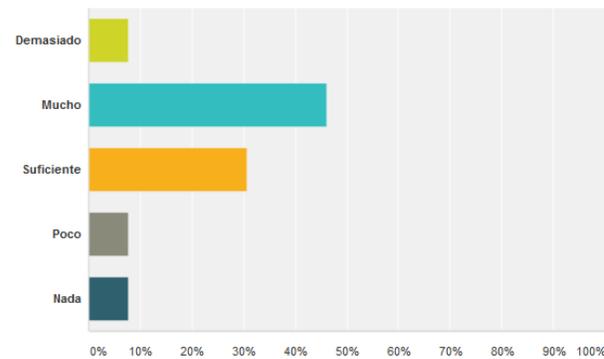


Table 3: How much the event contribute to participant's knowledge

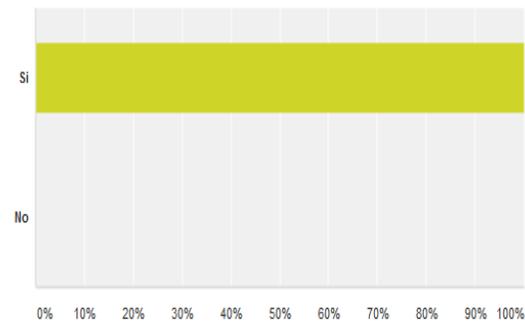


Table 4: Recommendation to attend the event

SOCIAL MEDIA

Andres Piazza @andrespiazza · 4 Aug 2014
Muchos éxitos a @natienciso @marsebu @ocamposdavid, Nico Caballero. Amigos responsables del #GFPY2014. Por @lacnic estará @ernestomajo #fb

In reply to Natalia Enciso

Valeria Betancourt @valeniabet · 4 Aug 2014
@natienciso Felicidades por el #igfpy2014! Qué bueno que siguen surgiendo iniciativas nacionales de gobernanza de internet

0 liked

David Ocampos @ocamposdavid · 4 Aug 2014
Foro gobernanza Internet Py #igfpy2014 con @ovetar_blanca @marsebu @natienciso Debatiendo mejor con la Sociedad Civil



Natalia Enciso @natienciso · 4 Aug 2014
Thanks @alexdansopina #icann #nextGen Jeff Dunn #NetMission Yanis Li for your videos #igfpy2014

Qué pasó?! @yenyppy · 4 Aug 2014 Translate from Spanish
Acceso y asimetrías en el backbone internacional. Carlos Núñez, Diego Ihara Centurión de la @fpuna #igfpy2014 #Ahora

TEDIC @TEDICpy · 5 Aug 2014
Aquí las fotos de lo que fue el IGF Paraguay tinyurl.com/o3t2spr #igfpy2014

Leticia Romero Retweeted

TEDIC @TEDICpy · 4 Aug 2014
Podes ver el streaming de #igfpy2014 isoc.webex.com/isoc/j.php?MTI... y usa el hastack para preguntas :)

In reply to Natalia Enciso

Rodrigo de la Parra @rdelapar · 4 Aug 2014
@natienciso /Felicidades por la iniciativa! #igfpy2014

Carlos Fleitas @kalito1007 · 4 Aug 2014
#igfpy2014 @capaceparaguay Tercer panel. Protección en línea, libertad de expresión, privacidad. Prop. intelectual.



TEDIC @TEDICpy · 4 Aug 2014 Translate from Spanish
@finkdaniel nos explica acerca de la reunión mas importante del 2014 en sao paulo. NETmundial en #igfpy2014

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN FOR FUNDING PROVIDED BY ISOC					
Item No.	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Item No.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Item No.	RESEARCH EXPENSES	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Item No.	SUPPORT SERVICES	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1	Sheraton Asuncion, venue, and coffee-break	1		9.098.000,00	2.119,76
Item No.	INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Item No.	LABOUR COSTS	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Item No.	OTHER	Qty	Unit cost	Total cost (local)	Total Cost (USD)
1,1					
Total expenses funded by ISOC in local currency				8.584.000,00	
Total expenses funded by ISOC in US dollars					2.000,00
				TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES in US DOLLARS	2.119,76

FEEDBACK FROM THE DEBRIEFING:

We have learned that out there are a lot of people interested in working on building the Internet Governance Forum in Paraguay. This is a new theme for most of the organizers and participants, but they were very interested in participating.

Due to the short time for the organization of this event, we could not raise much funding and sponsors because the budget for companies and governments is closed at the end of the year before. However, they expressed their desire to participate in the second edition.

The interest is out there; they just need the opportunity to be part of it and the chance to learn more about it and how to involve locally and globally.

We considered that our goals were successfully met. We reached out the local internet community interested and eager to participate, notwithstanding the short time we had to organize and promote this event. We also got the support from other regional organizations interested in supporting the next edition of the IGF Paraguay for next year.

We still have some work in progress and much work to do in the future, but we found a fertile soil for this and a lot of people willing to participate and learn in the process.

CONTACT US!

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alternatively, visit our facebook site www.facebook.com/IGFParaguay
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OPERATING PRINCIPLES

BACKGROUND

In 2014, Internet Society Paraguay Chapter (ISOC Paraguay) had decided to create a national forum, called “Internet Governance Forum Paraguay (IGFPY),” following the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) - a United Nations led-activity initiated in 2006, as a local platform for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on Internet governance.

ISOC Paraguay annually organizes the event with the help of a multistakeholder group of volunteers and the special sponsorship from ISOC, ICANN, and IGFSa.

The IGFPY follow these operating principles:

DEFINITIONS:

The following terms, when used in these Operating Principles, shall have the meanings here indicated:

- “Internet Governance Forum (IGF)” is a global platform for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on Internet governance.
- “Internet Governance Forum Paraguay (IGFPY)” is a local platform for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on Internet governance.
- “Internet Society Paraguay Chapter (ISOC Paraguay)” is the national registered legal entity in charge of the secretariat organization and leadership of the IGFPY.
- “General Assembly” or “Assembly” means any meeting or conference, or standing constituent body of the IGFPY members;
- “Members” means any individual or organization that has applied for, and been granted, such status by the IGFPY management and community.
- “Officers” are those persons or agencies that held a management position in the Board and Advisory Council.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

The IGFPY shall follow the main IGF principles of being open, inclusive and non-commercial, with a bottom-up decision-making process and a multistakeholder participation mechanism guiding its entire organizational process. It is committed to cultural and geographic diversity and gender balance in its work internally and externally.

It shall:

- **Be Open:** All individuals, entities, organizations and participating institutions that are Internet governance stakeholders shall be free to join the forum.

- **Multi-stakeholder:** At all points, efforts shall be made to encourage all categories of stakeholders to participate in the Forum actively.
- **Remote participation:** The IGFPY shall make optimum use of the Internet to increase the number of participants.
- **Transparency:** The stakeholders shall strive to be open in communications, in decisions and their implementations.
- **Accountable.** All members and officers are responsible to the Assembly for all its actions and decisions, without limitation.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

In accordance with Paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, the mandate of the IGFPY also aims to:

- Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet;
- Facilitate discourse between bodies dealing with different cross-cutting national public policies regarding the Internet
- Interface with appropriate inter-governmental organizations and other institutions on matters under their purview;
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices, and in this regard make full use of the expertise of the academic, scientific and technical communities;
- Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/or future Internet governance mechanisms;
- Identify emerging issues, bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the general public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations;
- Contribute to capacity building for Internet governance, drawing fully on local sources of knowledge and expertise;
- Promote and assess, on an ongoing basis, the embodiment of WSIS principles in Internet governance processes;
- Discuss, inter alia, issues relating to critical Internet resources;
- Help to find solutions to the issues arising from the use and misuse of the Internet, of particular concern to everyday users.

The objectives of the IGFPY shall be achieved by,

1. Organizing annually the “Internet Governance Forum Paraguay”;
2. Other events and activities, and supporting those of others, to promote Internet governance;
3. Promoting dialogue concerning the human rights and public policy aspects of Internet governance;
4. Discuss policies concerning the Internet; and
5. All other activities that help the IGFPY to fulfill its goals and objectives.

It shall not act in any way that is primarily of economic benefit to itself, its officers or Members.

ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Membership of the IGFPY is informal and open and determined only by voluntary participation in the designated public and open mailing list: gobernanza@listas.cnc.una.py

All meetings of the IGFPY will be open for any individual to participate. Minutes including any decisions shall be published to the mailing list and the website www.igf.org.py

The IGFPY shall be composed of and open to the following recognized stakeholder groups on an equal basis:

- ❖ Government,
- ❖ Civil Society,
- ❖ Private Sector,
- ❖ Technical Community,
- ❖ Academia, and
- ❖ The Internet end users

To be considered for purposes of diversity requirements (for voting, quorum or other purposes), an IGFPY member must state an affiliation to one (and only one) of the recognized stakeholder groups.

FUNDS

The IGFPY's Funds shall be made up of:

1. Sponsorships - nationals and internationals;
2. Gifts and Donations;
3. Other sources of funds and financing always provided that accepting the same should not conflict with the object and purposes of the IGFPY.

The IGFPY's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in these Operating Principles. Members shall not receive any of the IGFPY's funds simply by their membership. All IGFPY members or officers shall not be provided with a salary or otherwise recompensed for their work on behalf of the IGFPY, except where expenses are incurred in the name of the IGFPY's business against receipts for the same.

MEMBERSHIP

Members serve in their personal capacity but are expected to have extensive linkages with their respective stakeholder groups.

Membership of IGFPY is open to interested individuals who are committed to:

1. The Fundamental Principles of Openness, Transparency, Multistakeholderism, and bottom-up process
2. Devote some time and effort in support of the IGFPY, and
3. Maintaining and demonstrating respect for all other members.

Participants who demonstrate a lack of such commitment may be barred from participation in the IGFPY, subject to appropriate due and democratic process.

All members are equal and have the same rights and duties to act in their personal capacity.

All members are entitled to attend any meeting or event organized by IGFPY. It will inform its members about its activities and programs, especially via its Internet page and its mailing lists.

DECISION MAKING

Except as specified herein, all decisions shall be made by consensus where possible; if a consensus cannot be reached then, a formal vote may be held. Each person who is subscribed to the IGFPY mailing list at least three (3) months before any election or voting event will be considered as a “voting member” of the IGFPY and entitled to one vote. A list of voting members will be published before any formal vote that is undertaken. Those votes shall decide by simple majority any matter put to the vote. In the event of a tie vote, the person chairing the meeting shall have the casting vote.

Where a vote is undertaken, the Secretariat may carry it out using such electronic and or on-line means (including web applications, email, and video or teleconferencing) as determined appropriate.

For the affirmative vote to be quorate, three of the five recognized stakeholder groupings, as identified in Section "Organizational Principles" of this document must have at least seven votes cast by individuals having established their Stakeholder Group affiliation previously.

BODIES OF THE IGFPY

The Bodies of the IGFPY are the Board, the Assembly of members, the Secretariat, and, the Advisory Councils.

Board

The Board shall consist of at least four members. The size of the Board may be expanded reviewed by the Assembly of members, as it shall see fit. The assembly of members elects by a simple majority of present and voting members, at least one chairperson, two Vice-chair and one Rapporteur to assist the Chairperson in drafting a summary of the meeting. The Board members shall be elected for three years. The Chairperson shall lead all IGFPY meetings. Where the Chair is unavailable, one of the Vice-Chair shall preside.

The terms begin on the date of the election, renewable at the pleasure of the assembly of members, for not more than three consecutive terms. Where terms are ending, chair, vice-chair and rapporteur positions are declared to be open, where vacant positions will be filled within three months. The elected Board members remain in its position until successors are elected.

Where a member of the Board relinquishes his seat or becomes ineligible to continue occupying his or her seat for any reason, the Board shall appoint a successor and notify the Assembly of members by electronic mail of the appointment, which is subject to review by the Assembly of members.

Any person may be elected to the Board, through the nomination of candidates for the Board is reserved for members with more than three years of active participation in the mailing-list and events.

The Board is accountable to the General Assembly for all its actions and decisions, without limitation.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is composed of the Members.

The General Assembly is responsible, without limitation, for the following matters:

1. Reviewing the work of the Board, and of the IGFPY;
2. Where required to approve the actions of the Board;
3. Establishing Advisory Councils;
4. Election and dismissal of the Board and Advisory Councils;
5. Resolving to amend these Articles of IGFPY and the dissolution of it;
6. Nomination of honorary members;
7. Review of the working of the Secretariat.

Secretariat

ISOC Paraguay shall be appointed to function for the IGFPY Secretariat. The Secretariat is responsible for all matters of the IGFPY, as far as they are not assigned to other Bodies of Government.

The Secretariat shall serve as the official representative of the IGFPY where such is required and when dealing with outside entities.

The Secretariat is particularly responsible for the following matters:

1. Maintaining the IGFPY website and mailing lists, recording meetings, and performing administrative, logistical and organizational functions;

2. Develop strategies for sustaining the IGFPY process and Secretariat, together with the Board and Advisory Council;
3. Preparation of and convening of the yearly IGFPY event, together with the Board and Advisory Council;
4. Implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly;
5. Compilation of the budget for the financial year;
6. Membership management;
7. Implement the removal or expulsion of members upon General Assembly decision;
8. Any other duties to fulfill its mandate.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council is in charge of developing the annual agenda for the IGFPY event through open consultation. It shall look for proposals to include innovative and dynamic mechanisms that encourage participation and exchanges at the sessions. Sessions will discuss specific topics and may vary in format, length, and size. The suggested number of participants per session will depend on the design and session format.

All the five recognized stakeholder groupings, as identified in Section "Organizational Principles" of this document, must have at least one seat in this Council. Nic.py shall chair and represent the Advisory Council.

Advisory Council members shall be elected through the mailing list, following the fundamental and organizational principles and are elected for a three-year term.

The Advisory Council Selections and appointments can be made by Consensus, but failing that, elections can always be used as a last resort. Elections and selections can take place by electronic mail, online ballot, written ballot, or any other convenient and accurate means that are deemed to provide an appropriate degree of confidentiality.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPLES

The principles in this document may be amended by a decision the General Assembly as required. All proposals for changes shall be published for at least one month before any such decision.