National, Regional, Sub-Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives

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Who Are the #NRIs?

IGFs organized around the world at national and regional levels!
15 years back: origin and background of the NRIs

The Tunis Agenda for the Information Society established the Internet Governance Forum (Para. 72)

- No specific call for national or regional IGFs
- Multistakeholder approach recognized as a fundamental principle
- Encouraged *development of multistakeholder processes at national, regional and international levels to discuss and collaborate* ... (Para. 80)

NRIs organic and independent
- Stakeholders act on equal footing
- **Open, Inclusive, Transparent, Bottom-up, Multistakeholder, Non-commercial**
- Core principles reflected by the NRIs Toolkit (in 6 UN languages)
- NRIs focused on Youth engagement through Youth IGF Initiatives. These practices are described in the NRIs publication *Youth Engagement at the IGF*
Records of recognized NRIs is 129 (+ 3 in-formation)
National Communities Have Different Digital Policy Priorities!

- Vanuatu IGF: Access, Security, Rights, AI
- Nepal IGF: Security, Data, Inclusion
- Finland IGF: AI, Digital Single Market, 5G, Net Neutrality, Democracy
- Afghanistan IGF: Gender Divide, Child Protection, Access
- Republic of Korea IGF: Security, GDPR, AI, Data
- Hungary IGF: Internet's Future; AI; Youth
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- Nepal IGF: Security, Data, Inclusion
- Canada IGF: IoT, Misinformation, Security, Dig. Future
- IGF-USA: Security, AI, Privacy, Data
- The Gambia IGF: Access; IoT; Data; Economy
- Namibia IGF: Access; Data; Economy
- Paraguay IGF: DNS, IXP, Security, Data, Access, Digital Divide
- Vanuatu IGF: Access, Security, Rights, AI

Looking at some of the 2019 NRIs discussion policy priorities
NRIs Digital Policy Priorities (2019)

- Cybersecurity
- Access & Digital Inclusion
- Digital Rights & Freedoms
- New & Emerging Tech
- IG Ecosystem
- Economic Sustainability
- Data
2020 EXCEPTIONAL YEAR FOR NRIs: COVID-19 IMPACT

• Majority of the NRIs meetings postponed or decided to be held online due to COVID-19 pandemic
• EuroDIG is the first NRIs that hosted its annual meeting online
• For now, NRIs meetings that could be hosted onsite in 2020: African IGF, Côte d'Ivoire, Vanuatu IGF, Nigeria IGF (see calendar of NRIs 2020 meetings https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process)

IGF Secretariat will inform the community via the NRIs mailing list and its website of any NRIs schedule-related changes.
NRIs Collective Work in 2020

- **NRIs Main Session**: Role of the Internet in emergency situations
- **7 NRIs Collaborative Sessions** (focused on: access; future of jobs; data utilisation; digital economy; cybersecurity; digital rights; content regulation)
- **NRIs Coordination Session** (open work meeting between the NRIs, UNDESA, MAG Chair, IGF Secretariat and wider IGF community)
- **NRIs Joint Booth**
- **NRIs as contributors to the IGF intersessional work**
- **NRIs self-organized and established the NRIs Task Force that produced a collective-NRIs response to the Report of the HLPDC**
Developing Capacity through the NRIs

• IGF Secretariat provided 9 grants to the NRIs from developing countries and continues to support the NRIs substantively
• Secretariat continues supporting the NRIs in 2020

Supporting Youth Engagement in 2020

• Through 21 recognized Youth IGFs and integrated youth-focused processes in many of the national and regional IGFs
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