IGF 2020 Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

IGF 2020 2nd Open Consultations and MAG Meeting, 15 - 19 June
- Prepared by the IGF Secretariat -
Update on Best Practice Forums

Agenda

• Welcome and Introduction
• IGF Best Practice Forums and 2020 topics
• Updates on BPF activities
  • BPF Cybersecurity
  • BPF Gender and Access
  • BPF Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context
  • BPF Local content
• Q&A for BPF co-facilitators
• Update on ‘BPF on BPFs’
IGF Best Practice Forums

Since 2014 BPFs have been discussing topics relevant to the future of the Internet, with the aim of facilitating dialogue between stakeholders and collecting emerging and existing practices to address specific issues or themes.

https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/best-practice-forums-bpfs
How to participate in the work of the BPFs?

- Check the BPF webpages for updates on progress and updates on BPF activities
- Join the BPF discussions
  -> Join the BPF mailing list(s)
  -> Participate in the BPF virtual meetings
    (check the BPF webpage for dates and practical information)
  -> Look out for BPF calls for input and feedback
“Exploring best practices in relation to recent international cybersecurity initiatives”

Work streams
• Reviewing developments and new agreements to identify further best practices
• Exploring norms assessment
• Outreach to widen participation

Timeline:
• Publication research paper / call for stakeholder input (July)
• Publication draft BPF output report (September)
• Publication final output BPF Cybersecurity (December)
Focus
Assess Internet-related policy processes and spaces through a feminist approach, to determine whether and how they protect and foster participation of women and gender-diverse people, particularly young ones.

• The focus will be placed on Internet-related policy processes and spaces that address issues related to violence, harm, pleasure and consent online.

• This BPF will also look at how digital policies focused on addressing the COVID-19 pandemic consider gender perspectives related to violence, harm, pleasure and consent online and integrate the views of women and gender diverse people.

Indicative timeline
• 25 June & every Second Thursday | Online meetings
• 25 June - 9 July: synthesise input collected from previous meetings to prepare BPF survey
• 9–16 July | Finalise survey
• 20 July – 31 August | Survey & desk research
• September | Preparing draft report & Start planning IGF session
• October | Draft report for comments & Finalise preparations for IGF session
• November | IGF - BPF session and presentation of report
• December | Final report
Focus on “how users’ data is collected, analyzed and used and what are best practice to ensure that data is used to bring benefits and not to harm users”

The BPF intends to focus on how initiatives and applications deal with specific concerns related to the use and processing of data.

BPF activities
• 4 virtual meetings so far
• Development of a draft ‘Issues card’

Next steps:
• Review Issues card
• Publish Issues card and invite community feedback
• Launch call for case studies and best practice examples
• Next call 25 June, 15:00 UTC

What?
• a tool to help stakeholders asking the right questions when assessing data and new technology applications.
• List of concerns and potential issues related to the use of users’ data formulated as questions.
• Issues card can be used by all stakeholders.
Focus
How to protect, preserve and remunerate creative work and collective wisdom in order to create a sustainable model for the production, distribution and local fruition of local content in the digital age.

• This may involve intellectual ownership rights, communities' intellectual property rights, ownership of national or community identifiers of natural resources, protection of creative works and so on.

Timeline

• June – September: Community work: calls, surveys, outreach
  • Until 24 June: initial survey | Contributions welcome – https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-bpf-local-content-initial-survey
• October: Draft report issued for comments
• November: BPF session at IGF 2020
• December: Final report
Q & A

Questions for the BPF co-facilitators ?
The MAG launched an initiative to evaluate the first six years of Best Practice Forums. The ‘BPF on BPFs’ will document lessons learned from organizing BPFs, to make practical suggestions and recommend improvements, and inform the process for evaluating, proposing and approving BPFs from 2021 onwards.

Main elements BPF on BPFs output report

- Toolbox for future BPF facilitators
- BPF modalities document
- Suggestions and recommendations
- Metrics to evaluate BPF proposals and outcomes
Identified areas for improvement

• Awareness and understanding of the BPF activities
• No clear modalities or practical guidance for BPF organisers
• Keeping focus and setting an realistic goal
• Participation of key stakeholders
• Sharing and disseminating BPF outputs
• Increasing the BPF impact on Internet governance and policy

Evaluating & selecting BPF proposals and outputs

• Selecting relevant and suitable topic (is it possible and relevant to identify best practices on this topic?)
• Functioning of the BPF (will it be possible to have an open and bottom-up multistakeholder dialogue on the topic)
• Predicting success (is the goal realistic, has it potential to achieve impact)

Next steps: draft report shared with the MAG for feedback (July-Sept)
Final report: 1 October 2020
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### “BPF on BPFs”:
*Evaluating six year of BPFs and recommending improvements to the BPF work*

Reviewing past BPFs and developing criteria for future BPFs

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