YCIG Annual Report

Past activities: January - April 2020

Since January 2020, the new YCIG steering committee members, namely, Eileen Cejas for Latin American and Caribbean Group, Noha Ashraf for African group, Mili Semlani for Asia-Pacific Group and Meri Baghdasaryan for Eastern European Group, have been continuously working with the YCIG community.

After the transition meeting with the previous YCIG steering committee, the current Committee members have regularly held online working meetings, discussing the ongoing tasks and planning next activities. All in all as of April 12, the steering committee has held 6 meetings as well as had set up a private Telegram group to more actively discuss among YCIG Representatives key aspects of YCIG initiatives since January 30.

YCIG steering committee members have been sharing opportunities to the YCIG community, establishing new connections with various interested parties, such as Internet Governance researchers, organizers of Youth IGFs, etc, as well as deepening relations with other stakeholders, such as YouthDIG, ISOC, EuroDIG, etc. YCIG has participated in DCCM meetings, presenting the youth perspective on the upcoming IGF and DC main meeting at IGF 2020.

Currently the YCIG website is being updated. Bearing in mind the crucial importance of privacy, the YCIG steering committee has been looking for ways to enhance the website with more privacy security through private hosting. Moreover, the YCIG steering committee is currently developing the website Privacy Policy.

Moreover, the YCIG steering committee has prepared a Code of Conduct that has been published for the community’s comments. In addition, the committee has sent out a community needs assessment survey to understand the top priorities for the community and organize the YCIG’s work around those topics and areas.
YCIG also contributed to the IGF’s call for thematic tracks and now is finishing up the proposal for YCIG session at IGF 2020.

**Planned activities for 2020**

In 2020, YCIG plans to implement the following goals and activities:

1. Establish a closer relationship with Youth SIG, Digital Grassroots, Youth4IG and other youth initiatives working on Internet Governance.
   1.1. YCIG is collaborating with Youth SIG and working on session proposals for IGF 2020.
2. Participate in the regional IG events: AprIGF, LACIGF, EuroDIG and AfIGF
   2.1. Meri Baghdasaryan, YCIG steering committee member for Eastern European group, is a member of the Program Committee of YouthDIG2020 as well as a co-focal point of Plenary 3 at EuroDIG 2020, entitled “The European Digital Economy and COVID-19 pandemic: current state of affairs, risks, and opportunities”.
   2.2 YCIG has confirmed its interest to host a session during EuroDIG day 0.
3. Participate in one of the webinars of the IGF Youth Ambassadors Program.
4. Co-host with Youth SIG the IGF Newcomers Session
5. Collaborate with Digital Grassroots on their mentorship program
6. Organize webinars on new challenges and potential threats to human rights in times of COVID-19 pandemic
7. Renew and update the YCIG website, social media channels.
8. Incorporate a new Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy and revamp YCIG’s Charter
9. Suggest an activity to be held at the IGF to encourage youth participation within the Polish Government effort in this scope
10. Attend the Youth Engagement Webinar at the IGF on 11 May 2020 and encourage the community members to attend it
11. Continuously share the opportunities offered to Youth by different organizations through the YCIG mailing list