The IGF 2020 high-level leaders track will be hosted from 11-17 November (excluding the weekend). It will focus on the overall theme: Internet Governance in the Age of Uncertainty.

**Overall Structure**
The track will be composed of five sessions, each discussing specific aspects of the above-indicated overall theme.

**Format**
Each session will take the form of an interactive dialogue among high-level discussants from different stakeholder groups, including from governments, private sector, civil society and technical communities from different regions. It will be moderated by a well-experienced moderator.

**Outcome**
The main reflections and take-aways from each session (e.g. key issues raised, good practices mentioned, recommendations, etc.) will be included into a compendium as one of the IGF 2020 output documents.

Further below is the structure of the track’s sessions with possible policy questions, subject to speaker’s further suggestions.

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Session I
Health implications of the role of Internet governance in the age of uncertainty
11 November, 08:00-09:30 UTC

This session aims at discussing the role of the digital public policy in preserving and improving the global public health in emergency situations. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the deployment of digital technologies can make our societies more resilient to these global health threats. However, the benefits have come with concerns when ineffective digital policies are in place or there is insufficient digital literacy among citizens. Possible policy areas to be addressed during this session could relate to:

1. Role of the Internet and digital technologies for improving people’s health
2. Challenges and future of telemedicine
3. Cross-sectional data for global public health
4. Online communication for health, role of social media and combating ‘infodemic’
5. Local and global multistakeholder responses to deployment of digital public policy for public health

Session II
Economic implications of the role of Internet governance in the age of uncertainty
12 November, 10:40-12:10 UTC

When faced with emergency situations, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, the economies of countries are usually severely affected. The use of digital technologies can help reduce the harm, for instance through placing more importance on digital trade and remote working. But, digitization processes in economic areas also come with concerns related to accessibility, inequality and security, to name the few.

Possible policy areas to be addressed during this session could relate to:

1. Role of the Internet in economic recovery during/post emergency situations
2. Shaping local and global digital economy policies
3. Supporting small and medium businesses
4. Digital cooperation for improving trade and jobs
5. Future of work

Session III
Security implications of the role of Internet governance in the age of uncertainty
13 November, 11:20-12:50 UTC

Emergency situations affecting people worldwide usually bring significant increase in cyberattacks and cybercrimes. The current COVID-19 pandemic proved that as well, by many organizations reporting attacks on their online infrastructure, fraud, phishing etc. The world has noticed a surge in the Internet usage during the pandemic. More people are exposed to insecure online environment consequences, making already vulnerable groups even more vulnerable.
On a positive side, stakeholders across disciplines are more and more investing efforts in recognizing the cause of harms and recommending or deciding on innovative digital policy ways to advance online security and safety.

Possible policy areas to be addressed during this session could relate to:

1. *Priority concerns for online environment*
2. *Actions taken to combat cybersecurity threats*
3. *Stakeholder cooperation for global cybersecurity policies*
4. *Support to vulnerable and marginalized groups*

**Session IV**

*Social development implications of the role of Internet governance in the age of uncertainty*

*16 November, 15:40-17:10 UTC*

In the emergency situations, such as various natural disasters or the current COVID-19 pandemic, people’s lives, cultures, and our planet overall, are affected. This can force the traditional forms of education or work to transition to digital. Cultural institutions are also affected to the extent that natural disasters can destroy historic and cultural sites or make them inaccessible. In addition, our overall environment is changing in these unprecedented conditions.

Possible policy areas to be addressed during this session could relate to:

1. *Digital innovations for social development in education, agriculture and industry*
2. *Local and global policies for deployment of digital technologies for people’s wellbeing*
3. *Vulnerable and marginalized groups: how can digital technologies help their societal inclusion and wellbeing?*
4. *Digital technologies for our environment: combating climate change and working for ‘greener’ future*
5. *Role of the Internet and digital policy for developing solidarity-based policies*

**Session V**

*High-Level Wrap-up: Role of Internet governance in the age of uncertainty*

*17 November, 17:20-18:50 UTC*

The high-level leaders’ track will be concluded by a high-level wrap-up of the most critical aspects of people’s lives when affected by emergency situations and the role of digital technologies and related policies.

Possible policy areas to be addressed during this session could relate to:

1. *Digital technologies for overcoming consequences of emergency situations*
2. *Specific challenges of marginalized groups in these situations and how can digital policy help*
3. *Ways forward: global digital policy for wellbeing of people*