Internet Governance Forum
Multi-Donor Trust Fund

Information Session
Geneva, 1 March 2017
IGF Trust Fund 101 – What Is It?

- The Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum was established to support the United Nations Secretary-General in carrying out the mandate given to him by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) with regard to convening a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue - the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

- The IGF Secretariat is an extra budgetary project. The IGF Trust Fund is a multi-donor, multi-stakeholder trust fund managed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

- The Trust Fund covers core financial costs of running the IGF Secretariat, namely: the staffing of the IGF Secretariat, including fellowships and consultancies, and associated office expenses; preparatory meetings, such as MAG meetings; capacity building activities; and travel as outlined in the IGF Project Document.
The fund is administratively aligned with the mandate durations of the IGF. It supported the IGF in its **first and second phases, from 2006 to 2010, and then from 2011 through 2016.** Following the IGF’s ten-year mandate renewal by the General Assembly, a **third budgetary phase** will begin in **April 2017 until December 2025.** Residual funds from each phase are transferred into the next phase on the agreement of the current donors.

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We acknowledge the role of the Internet Governance Forum as a multi-stakeholder platform for discussion of Internet governance issues. We support the recommendations in the report of the Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, which the General Assembly took note of in its resolution 68/198 of 20 December 2013, and we call for their accelerated implementation. **We extend for another 10 years the existing mandate of the Internet Governance Forum as set out in paragraphs 72 to 78 of the Tunis Agenda.** *(General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/125, 1 February 2016)*

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All contributions to the fund are administered and accounted for in accordance with **UN Financial Rules and Regulations.**
Common Misconceptions about the Trust Fund...

“The trust fund pays for the IGF annual meetings”

→ The annual meetings are paid for in their entirety by IGF host countries. This arrangement is formalized through a host country agreement entered into by UNDESA and the host government, and is unrelated to the trust fund.

“The UN can cover costs that the trust fund does not”

→ All costs arising from the IGF must be covered by the trust fund and if they pertain to the annual meeting, by the host country that year. By agreement of UN member states, the IGF is classified as ‘extra budgetary’ and the UN’s regular budget cannot be used to cover its costs. The functioning of the IGF depends on the trust fund.

“Only governments and major organizations can contribute to the trust fund”

→ Any government, any organization, as well as any private individual, can contribute to the trust fund. There is no minimum amount for a contribution or restrictions, as long the contribution comes from a legal source.

“Contributions are not made public”

→ All individual contributions by year are available on the IGF website: https://www.intgovforum.org-multilingual/content/funding
Overview of Contributions

Donor Contributions – First Phase, 2006-2010

TOTAL RECEIVED - $3,811,650.20

- Government of Finland - $871,524
- Government of Switzerland - $680,392.31
- European Commission - $469,030
- Government of Japan - $331,805.29
- Government of the United Kingdom - $245,650
- Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) - $2,588,125
- Government of the Netherlands - $194,817.50
- Number Resource Organization (NRO) - $1,393,954
- Nominet UK - $108,639
- Verizon - $55,000
- Afilias - $69,864
- The Internet Society (ISOC) - $62,000
- Government of Norway - $49,970
- Siemens Aktiengesellschaft - Communications / NOKIA SIEMENS - $429,942
- AT&T - $40,000
- UNINETT Norid - $36,113.50
- The Swiss Education & Research Network (SWITCH) - $35,092.07
- Verisign - $30,000
- auDA Australia - $29,960
- Coordination Center for TLD RU - $138,116.60
- Cisco - $10,000
- Community DNS - $7,100
- MCAD, LLC - $5,000
- NIKKEI DigitalCORE - $839.34
- Summit Strategies International - $500
Donor Contributions – Second Phase, 2006-2016

TOTAL RECEIVED - $4,960,000.58
Breakdown of Contributions by Stakeholder Group

First Phase 2006-2010
- **Government**: $2,844,199.10
- **Technical Community**: $736,089.76
- **Private Sector**: $231,361.34

Second Phase 2006-2016
- **Government**: $2,086,289.88
- **Technical Community**: $1,673,436.70
- **Private Sector**: $1,000,274.00
- **Multi-Stakeholder Initiative**: $200,000.00
Total Contributions by Year, 2011-2016

CURRENT IGF TRUST FUND BALANCE: appr $400K (31 March 2017)
# 2016 Expenditures / 2017 Budget

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Categories as per Project Document
Making a Contribution to the Trust Fund

1. Contact the IGF Secretariat with your pledge.

2. First-time donors receive the IGF project document.

3. Review and sign the trust fund agreement (TFA) with UNDESA.

4. Receive invoice for payment.

- Donors and donation amounts are publicly listed on the IGF’s website.

- All donors are sent a budget revision in the middle of the year with trust fund expenditures.

- Donors are automatically subscribed to the IGF donors mailing list.

- Donors who have made a contribution within the last three years are invited to attend periodic donors meetings.
Thank You
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