

IGF 2021 Main Session: Economic and Social Inclusion and Human Rights

1) **Title:** Economic and Social Inclusion and Human Rights

2) **Date:** *10 December* 2021

Commented [1]: Time to be confirmed

3) **Duration:** 90 min

4) **Associated Programme Themes:**

- Economic and Social Inclusion
- Innovations
- Human Rights
- Digital Technologies

5) **Brief Description/Objective:**

While the topic of economic and social inclusion and human rights is not new to internet governance, this issue area has been gaining strength as compared to previous IGFs. This was also reflected by the total number of workshop applications received (34%), which made this the issue group with the highest number of submissions. On the one hand, the increased importance of inclusion and human rights as compared to previous years may be attributable to the middle to long term tendencies as is also reflected in the UN Secretary General's Road map for digital cooperation that identified inclusion and human rights as central to digital public goods. On the other hand, however, this new trend might at least partly be attributed to the disrupting effect of the still ongoing covid-19 pandemic. Social and economic consequences have affected societies to different extents and stressed the need to rethink the values that we want digital technologies and the internet to serve.

High-level speakers from government, business, academia and civil society will discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities. How can the rising significance of inclusion and human rights in societal debates and public awareness be explained? What new risks have emerged since the pandemic? How can we use new opportunities offered by digital technologies and the internet for positive change? And to this aim, what governance strategies should international organizations, governments, civil society and business adopt to promote inclusive societies (e.g. sustainable development, education, health) recognising the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups and at the same time prevent new harms and risks to civil and political rights (e.g. data privacy, freedom of expression, new forms of surveillance and manipulation of behaviour by private and state actors, AI ethics, hate speech, child protection)? What is the role of the IGF to promote economic and social inclusion and human rights?

6) Policy Questions:

- How can the rising significance of inclusion and human rights in societal debates and public awareness be explained?
- What new risks have emerged since the pandemic?
- How can we use new opportunities offered by digital technologies and the internet for positive change?
- What is the role of the IGF to promote economic and social inclusion and human rights?

7) Session Agenda:

- Introductory remarks by moderator / MAG member, welcome to the audience, short description of topic and introduction of speakers (5 minutes)
- First block - Discussion of trends, new opportunities and risks (35 min)

- Short input talks of 4 speakers / panelist from different stakeholder groups (government, business, academia, civil society), 4 min per speaker (16 min in total)
 - Possibility to respond to other speakers' inputs, 2 min per speaker (8 min in total)
 - Poll, ranking the top risks and opportunities identified by panelists
 - Questions from the audience to all the panelists (10 min)
- Second block - Discussion of governance strategies to promote inclusion and human rights, including the role of the IGF (35 min)
- Short input talks from speakers, 4 min each (16 min in total)
 - Possibility to respond to other speakers' inputs, 2 min per speaker (8 min in total)
 - Poll, ranking the top governance strategies identified by panelists
 - Questions from the audience to all the panelists (10 min)
- Final discussion among audience and panelist (15 min)
- Short summary of main points by the moderator and outlook to the main session at IGF 2021 (5 min)

8) Chair and Moderators:

- Verbal inputs and discussion: Courtney Radsch & Evelyne Tauchnitz
- Chat moderation: Afia Faith

9) Speakers

Name	Title	Organization	Status
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Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis	First Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN in Geneva and expert on human rights & digital technologies	International Organization / government	
Scott P. Campbell	Senior Human Rights and Technology Officer from the United Nations office Commissioner for Human Rights	International Organization / government	To be confirmed
Wafa Ben-Hassine	Responsible Technology Principal at Omidyar Network (established by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar and his wife)	Business	
Somebody from UNCTAD	CSTD	Business	BACKUP
Yuval Noah Harari		Academia	OR
Nanjala Nyabola		Academia	OR
Jess N Kropczynski	Associate Professor at Cincinnati University	Technical	OK
Branka Panic	Founder and Executive Director of AI for Peace	Civil Society	OR

Neema Iyer	CEO of Pollicy (Civic tech organisations based in Uganda with an Africa regional focus)	Civil Society	OR
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10) Rapporteurs:

- Adama Jallow
- June Parris

11) Plan for participant engagement/interaction:

- Captioning of presentations and discussion
- Online moderation
- Q & A sessions

12) Facilitators:

to be added

13) Desired results/output. Possible next steps for the work:

- Explanation for the rising significance of inclusion and human rights in societal debates and public awareness
- New risks emerged since the pandemic
- Using new opportunities offered by digital technologies and the internet for positive change
- Role of the IGF on promoting economic and social inclusion and human rights

14) Annex Documents and Sources:

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

15) Links to SDGs

- SDG 1
- SDG 2
- SDG 3
- SDG 4
- SDG 5
- SDG 6
- SDG 7
- SDG 8
- SDG 9
- SDG 10
- SDG 11
- SDG 12
- SDG 13
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