



IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum

Gender and access

Online meeting I
14 May 2020 | 13:00 UTC

AGENDA

1. Welcome & introductions

2. BPF Gender: a look back

2. BPF's focus and work plan: overview & discussion

3. Work modalities: discussion

4. Next steps & AOB

BPF Gender and access: a look back

BPF Gender in the past

- 2015 | Aspects of women's meaningful access to the Internet: online abuse and gender-based violence
- 2016 | Barriers for accessing the Internet
- 2017 | Identification of the needs and challenges of diverse women's groups with respect to Internet access
- 2018 | The impact of supplementary models of connectivity on women's Internet access
- 2019 | Opportunities and challenges that women face to gain necessary skills to benefit from the future of work

How the BPF worked

- Online meetings
- Surveys
- Calls for input
- Calls for volunteers

BPF Gender: 2020 focus

Focus

An assessment of 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.

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

In the spotlight

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.

BPF Gender: 2020 work plan

What we look at

We will look at (global, regional and/or national) Internet-related policy processes and spaces that (may) foster discussions or develop policies, recommendations, guidelines etc. focused on:

- Limiting violence and harm in the online space
- Foster the use of the Internet for self-expression and pleasure with consent as a guiding principle.

What we assess

For the identified processes and spaces, we will assess:

- Whether and how the policies, recommendations, guidelines, etc. they develop approach the focus issues from a gender diversity perspective; and
- Whether and how they include women and gender diverse people in their policy discussions and decision-making processes.

What we produce

- Compile examples of good practices on the issues explored.
- Develop recommendations on ensuring representation of women and gender diverse people in Internet-related policy spaces and decision making processes.

BPF Gender: work modalities

Options

- Scoping survey & desk research to identify Internet-related policy processes and spaces within the BPF's focus
- Questionnaire to help identify good practices
- Engagement of entities active in the focus areas (e.g. through surveys, interviews, direct sharing of case studies, etc.)
- Other suggestions?

Questions to explore

- What entities should we try to engage in the BPF work? How to engage them (e.g. invite them to BPF calls, etc.)?
- Do we call for volunteers to contribute to various work tracks?
- Do we run a public call for input? How? When?
- How do we use these online meetings? What frequency should they have?

Collaborative doc for contributions: <https://cutt.ly/eymfztX>

NEXT STEPS & AOB

1. Schedule next online meeting

2. To do until the next meeting

3. AOB

Resources

- BPF webpage: <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/bpf-gender-and-access>
- Mailing list: http://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/bp_gender_intgovforum.org
- Work plan: https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot_download/5004/2070
- Collaborative doc for contributions: <https://cutt.ly/eymfztX>
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