

**National, Subregional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)
IGF 2017 Main Session Proposal**

1. Title of the Session

**Final session title is:
NRIs perspectives: Rights in the digital world**

2. Length of the NRI Main Session: 150 minutes.

The first segment will be 90 minutes long, followed by a 120 minutes lunch break. After that, the session will be continued with 60 minutes as the second segment slot.

After extensive discussion about how to use this break to the benefit of the NRIs, the NRIs who are on site are hopeful to have the lunch break as an informal networking between the NRIs, and other interested stakeholders. However, as no funding has been committed for a small lunch with attendees, at this point, this is yet to be determined. *The break will also allow the Rapporteurs to collaborate on preliminary summary points which will then be presented during the second segment, as part of the wrap up.*

The initial 90-minute segment will focus on an interactive discussion on the topic as addressed by the participating NRIs, across and between the national, regional, subregional and Youth IGFs, while the second 60-minute long segment will be a continuation of an interactive discussion with the audience, both remotely and in the room, then engaging appointed rapporteurs delivering major conclusions and recommendations for the wider community and final wrap up comments from the co moderators..

3. Brief Description/Objective

At their annual IGF meetings, a number of the NRIs have been discussing extensively the notion of rights in the digital world, its importance and current practices in different countries and regions of the world, as well as the global policies and practices and its implications to their respective communities.

Given the content of these NRI discussions, this session will serve to showcase the differences and commonalities among countries and regions across the world on this particular broad area of interest.

As per the [NRIs Session Guidelines](#), the main objectives of this session are the following:

- To contribute to the quality and comprehensiveness of the global IGF event, by bringing the local, national and regional perspectives, challenges, and good practices to the overall discussion;
- To showcase the diversity among NRI discussions in different countries and regions across the world, existing on matters related to Internet Governance;
- Through joint work on a selected topic, developed by consensus, over one IGF cycle, the NRIs will continue building a firmer sense of the NRI community.

4. Agenda

Each of the NRIs who have committed to participate whether on site or remotely will identify their designated representative to speak at the NRI main session.

Each NRI will nominate their delegated official representative(s). The NRIs are responsible for their internal processes to identify their speaking representative(s), all in accordance with the IGF criteria. Any other speakers will be recognized during the open mike segment.

The session will be opened by the Honorary Host Country Co-Chair. A short and comprehensive presentation of the NRIs Network Overview and evolution will be delivered by the NRIs Focal Point, developed in collaboration with the NRIs. *Consideration of a Survey Monkey of the NRIs to identify how Rights online were addressed in their NRI is proposed, but not yet agreed, due to limitations of time and resources.*

The co-moderators will introduce the session concept, and open the floor for the NRIs interventions. NRIs who have signed up whether speaking on site or remotely, will be invited to respond to one of the NRI developed policy questions, with an effort to achieve geo balance across the five IGF regions, but based on those NRIs that signed up for speaking slots.

As of 19 October, already a number of NRIs confirmed their attendance; some have confirmed that they will have multiple attendees (ranging from coordinators to organizing committees members and wider community members). Others have cited funding challenges which are not yet addressed regarding their ability to firmly commit on site attendance. The list is expected to increase over the next few weeks.

Initial list of confirmed NRIs (last update on 28 November):

1. Afghanistan IGF
2. IGF-USA
3. Panama IGF
4. Netherlands IGF
5. Sri Lanka IGF
6. China IGF
7. Spain IGF
8. Germany IGF
9. Democratic Republic of the Congo IGF
10. EuroDIG
11. Youth LACIGF
12. Colombia IGF
13. SEEDIG
14. Tunisia IGF
15. Nigeria IGF
16. West Africa IGF
17. Nepal IGF
18. Portugal IGF
19. Brazil IGF
20. Croatian IGF
21. Kenya IGF

22. Youth IGF Turkey

The NRIs have agreed that their main session will have co-moderators, multiple rapporteurs and remote moderator(s), all developed and nominated by the NRIs, considering the number of the NRIs present online and onsite, as well as the nature of the topic.

The NRIs volunteers will be sought for all of these supporting roles. These matters will be finalized during October.

5. Policy Questions

1. How do the NRIs communities understand the rights in the digital world?
2. From the perspective of your NRI, what are our rights in the digital world and do you see the access as one of those?
3. Are there any challenges and limitations in exercising our rights in the digital world, according to the views of your NRI?
4. How is the development of new technologies affecting our rights in the digital world, from the perspective of your NRI?
5. What are the recommendations/advice from your NRIs in approaching the identified problems? Can the multistakeholder model here be an effective approach for making improvements?

6. Chair [To be provided by the Host Country]

7. Co-Moderators

It is proposed for the session to have two co-moderators, with respecting the gender representation within. The NRIs in discussion did express the importance of expertise in the subject matter, globally, and with the NRIs recent and ongoing activities. There was also an expression of strong interest that the co-moderators bring senior level visibility. The IGF Focal Point for the NRIs has been nominated as a co-moderator, to join with other senior level co-moderators who can bring visibility to this session, and enhance the engagement of the NRIs.

Broad support was given to Mr. Janis Karklins (former IGF MAG Chair and current Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Latvia to UNOG), as one of the co-moderators. Mr. Karklins is seen as profoundly experienced and knowledgeable about the IGF processes, the NRIs processes and the substantive topic of this session.

Also, it was advised that the NRIs Focal Point join other co-moderators, due to her experience with the Network, and knowledge of the NRIs processes, in addition to requested task for presenting the value and importance of the NRIs Network through the above mentioned presentation at the opening of this session.

8. Panelists/Speakers

Representatives from each of the NRIs, onsite or online. Initially, one [or two] designated speakers per

NRI will be invited, with the understanding that the length of speaking will be determined by the total number of NRIs who have committed, whether onsite or remotely. All NRIs that ask to have a speaking slot must as much as possible be accommodated, with the understanding that no NRI speaks for any other NRI.

There will not be a predetermined order of speakers, but everyone will be engaging into the discussion during the session, where they feel they should. However, each NRI will confirm their delegates/speakers prior to the session, no later than November, with the indication note or onsite or online attendance. In addition, all NRIs will be asked to prioritize which policy questions they prefer to speak on, so that a balanced participation can be achieved.

9. Remote moderator/Plan for online interaction?

Due to the funding limitations, many of the NRIs that are committed to actively participate may not attend the meeting in person, and therefore are planning to use the online participation tools to participate and engage remotely.

The NRIs as the facilitators and organizers of this session, will equally prioritize the onsite and online present NRIs. This reflects the remote NRIs as speakers as the first priority, followed by interventions coming from the floor, and remotely from others joining the session. The further development of the program will take into account the challenge of full incorporation of participation from remotely participating NRIs, including a designation of time slots, and back up slots, and also receiving written comments to be read by one of the co moderators, should technology fail us.

All NRIs online delegates will be asked to

10. 'Feeder' workshops (if applicable) and/or connections with other sessions?

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11. Desired results/output

Taking into account the above indicated session objectives, in addition, this session will aim for:

- Showcase different national and regional perspectives, challenges and practices on the topic;
- Advancing the visibility of work at the national/subregional and regional levels that turns dialogue into action regarding IG issues;
- Showcase the effective IGF process established in many countries and regions to other interested wishing to launch same processes;
- Integrating more awareness of the work at the local levels (national, subregional and regional and youth initiatives) into overall IGF community while respecting the bottom up dynamic nature of the NRIs.