

**Note to the IGF MAG Chair, Ms. Lynn St. Amour**

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Subject: NRIs expression of interest to host the Main Session at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the IGF and continue with organizing the NRIs collaborative sessions

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Following the final outcomes of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting, the national, subregional, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) underlined the importance of collaborative work of all NRIs focused on organizational, bottom up process of the NRIs related sessions, namely the main session and eight collaborative sessions.

This was confirmed over rounds of public consultations facilitated by the IGF Secretariat on the subject matter, finalized at the latest NRIs meeting hosted on 23 May 2018.

With this Note, the NRIs would like to express interest for hosting a main session at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the IGF on a topic of high interest to the NRIs, as well as to continue with the practice of organizing the NRIs collaborative sessions.

A main session will allow for the NRIs to bring national, regional and youth perspectives to the IGF from communities from around the world, while respecting the core IGF principles and established procedures. It will also contribute to strengthening the collaboration between the NRIs, and between the NRIs and the IGF. Finally, this session will allow for the IGF to emphasize the importance of the bottom up, multistakeholder, open, inclusive and non-commercial processes established on a level of a country and region.

The fact that the main sessions at the annual IGF meeting include language interpretation to all six official UN languages, as well as the captioning and online participation, is of utmost importance for the NRIs wider communities, as clearly showed during the NRIs main sessions organized at 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> IGF annual meeting.

For the same reasons above indicated for hosting the NRIs main session, the NRIs collaborative sessions are seen as critically important for the NRIs. In addition, they were well attended during the 12<sup>th</sup> IGF annual meeting, and have been referenced as valuable by a number of stakeholders during the Taking Stock process that followed the 2017 IGF. The continuation of these is unanimously supported by all recognized NRIs.

The NRIs are closely following the upcoming announcement by the IGF Secretariat on the capacity of this year's venue, and understand that there may be factors to take into account on the determination on the total number of sessions during the 13<sup>th</sup> IGF.

I remain at your full disposal for anything related to this Note.