

IGF Dynamic Coalitions & the Sustainable Development Goals

◆ Internet Rights and Principles Coalition

The Internet Rights and Principles Dynamic Coalition (IRPC), through the Charter for Human Rights and Principles for the Internet and the Charter Resource Guide has played a formative role within the IGF community through leadership and outreach on human rights-based frameworks for internet policymaking, across all stakeholder groups. This year, the IRPC is focusing on how this work can support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to "connect the next billion" in ways that are environmentally sustainable and respectful of fundamental rights and freedoms.

For the DC Main Session, provisionally entitled "Development, Innovation & Economic Issues": Focus on Sustainable Development Goals, the IRPC proposes two issue-areas for discussion:

1) How ensuring equitable and affordable access to the internet, recognized as integral to the SDGs, requires research and development of equipment, architectures, and services that are also environmentally sustainable, in light of undertakings by the international community on tackling Climate Change and related challenges in implementing SDGs that depend on both existing (eg. email, social media toola) and emerging technologies (e.g. Blockchain) along with increasingly integrated networks (e.g. smart grids).

The IRPC will speak to how it has been addressing the challenges and opportunities that next-generation technologies present to existing human rights frameworks for Internet Governance with respect to the legal and technical relationships between emerging 'rights' - such as that of internet access, existing rights (e.g. the right to information, education), and how they contribute to the environmental implications of cloud computing services, data-processing, and digital identification; specific to SDGs 9, 11, 12

2) Internet access, freedom of information, and equitable mobile phone products and services play a pivotal role in the lives of poorer communities, They are also vital to the chances that refugees and displaced people have for survival and longer-term futures; e.g. by providing the correct legal information, helping families to stay connected, and giving newcomers the necessary tools to be able to start a new life in another part of the world. We would be speaking to how these issues are also development, innovation, and economic issues based on the outcomes of the initial workshops on these themes, at EuroDIG 2016: http://eurodigwiki.org/wiki/Category:Accessibility_2016 and at IGF 2016 in Guadalajara: http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4183/391).

At IGF 2018, the IRPC is facilitating the next stage of discussions on how Internet Governance agendas continue to impact on the human rights of refugees; e.g. the ways in which digital and networked technologies can be used to support newcomers, and asylum-seekers on the one hand and, on the other, the responsibilities of power- holders to ensure that the rights of refugees are also protected in the online environment; specific to SDG 10. Internet Rights and Principles Coalition [@netrights](http://internetrightsandprinciples.org)