

**NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting III, 21 April 2020, 15:00 p.m. UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Points

- 1. COVID-19 impact on NRIs.** IGF Secretariat to continue informing the NRIs network and wider community about the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on the NRIs processes. Updates to be continuously gathered in an online database/calendar, made available to all NRIs and through written updates gathered in a document. Information to be communicated by the NRIs coordinators.
- 2. Good practices for hosting virtual NRIs meetings.** NRIs that will host meetings online to share good practices on logistics and management. These practices will be made available to all NRIs, to exchange practices and develop ideas for improvements. IGF Secretariat to start an email thread on this subject on the NRIs mailing list.
- 3. NRIs main session policy/guiding questions.** IGF Secretariat to gather received suggestions for possible policy/guiding questions for the NRIs main session. These suggestions to be made available to the NRIs for consultations and consensus until the next NRIs meetings (week of 18 May). First deadline to receive the NRIs inputs: 17 May.
- 4. Youth engagement webinar.** IGF Secretariat to communicate invitation to the youth engagement webinar with the IGF 2020 Host Country (11 May, 14 pm UTC).
- 5. IGF 2020 logistics.** IGF Secretariat to communicate the meeting presentation with key points regarding the IGF 2020 logistics.
- 6. Suggest high-level invitees for IGF 2020.** IGF Secretariat to remind on the possibility for the NRIs to suggest high-level leaders that could be invited to the IGF 2020 to participate at the high-level leaders meeting. Suggestions to be sent as soon as possible (by the end of the month) to igfinvitations@intgovforum.org.
- 7. NRIs Task Force.** The NRIs that facilitate the NRIs response on the HLDPC report to share the draft survey and invite all NRIs to a dedicated meeting.
- 8. IGF DCAD¹.** DCAD to communicate the Accessibility Guidelines to the NRIs mailing list.
- 9. Missions Publiques.** IGF Secretariat to remind in the invitation from Missions Publiques.
- 10. Next meeting.** Week of 18 May ([doodle poll](#)² open until 7 May, COB).

Summary of key points

1. The 3rd virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle, took place on 21 April 2020 at 15:00 p.m. UTC.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting Participants as Annex A2. The list of shared documents is attached to this report as Annex A3.

¹ Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD)
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/dynamic-coalition-on-accessibility-and-disability-dcad>

² <https://doodle.com/poll/umh2qs9ptzz9t253> (closes on 7 May)

NRIs updates

3. The meeting was opened by short introductions and updates on the COVID-19 impact on the NRIs activities. Shared NRIs inputs are summarised further below. The IGF Secretariat committed to continue tracking updates on this and share with the NRIs. The following updates were shared:

NRIs	Update – impact of COVID-19
Afghanistan IGF	Member of the Organizing Committee committed to follow-up to share updates.
African IGF	Discussing the possibility of hosting virtual meeting, if the onsite will not be feasible later in the year.
Albania IGF	Due to COVID-19, planning for the 2020 annual meeting postponed until further notice. The organizing committee focused on contributing to regional and international IG processes.
Arab IGF	Meeting hosted in January.
Armenia IGF	National IGF planned for later in the year.
Barbados IGF	Planning pending clarity on COVID-19 situation.
Benin IGF	Meeting initially planned for the last week of June will be postponed until further notice, due to COVID-19.
Bolivia IGF	Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting is postponed from March to the last week of May and will be hosted online .
Cameroon IGF	Updates to be communicated.
Canada IGF	Meeting postponed until further notice, due to COVID-19. The Committee hopes to host the in-person meeting in autumn.
Caribbean IGF	Meeting initially planned to be hosted in June in Jamaica. Due to COVID-19 effect, the Committee is discussing to host the meeting online.
Central African IGF	Updates to be communicated.
Colombia IGF	Country affected by COVID-19. Planning continues and decision if the meeting will be hosted onsite later in the year waits for clarity on pandemic.
Cote d'Ivoire IGF	Meeting postponed for later in the year, due to COVID-19.
Dominican Republic IGF	Planning continues with monitoring of the COVID-19. Date of the meeting to be announced.
Ecuador IGF	The Committee plans to host the onsite meeting in November. The Committee is meeting virtually to decide on topics.
EuroDIG	EuroDIG will host online meeting from 10-12 June. Planning is underway. Team explores ideas for effective hosting of a virtual meeting.
Finnish IGF	Meeting postponed for the end of the year, due to COVID-19.
France IGF	Meeting postponed for 27 October, due to COVID-19.
German IGF	Continues planning to host the onsite meeting in September/October, pending COVID-19 clarity.
Ghana IGF	Meeting postponed from June for later in the year. The steering committee meets virtually and hopes to host the meeting onsite.
Guatemala IGF	To transition to the online meeting, hosted through Zoom in a form of weekly electronic forums on different subjects.
Haiti IGF	Meeting organisation pending clarity on COVID-19.
IGF-USA	Meeting to be hosted virtually on 24 July.
Indonesia IGF	Waiting for clarity on COVID-19 and learning from other practices.
Indonesia Youth IGF	Waiting for clarity on COVID-19 and learning from other practices.

Italian Youth IGF	Organizing series of short webinars to foster youth networking and engagement in the national IGF processes.
Italy IGF	Meeting under planning as an onsite meeting for 7-9 October, hosted in the southern Italy. The COVID-19 situation is under continuous monitoring and a contingency plan for hosting meeting remotely is discussed. It was reminded that the report for the 2019 is announced, including the main recommendations to some of the regional and global processes, such as the EuroDIG, IGF or the European Commission.
Kenya IGF	The Committee is discussing if the traditionally hosted annual meeting in July should be postponed or hosted remotely. It is expected that the final decision will be announced by the end of this month.
Lebanon IGF	Process planning pending clarity on COVID-19.
Madagascar IGF ³	The COVID-19 slowed down the process of establishing the organizing committee.
Moldova IGF	Meeting postponed until further notice, due to COVID-19.
Namibia IGF	Internal discussion on this year's planning underway.
Nicaragua Youth IGF	Current planning is underway to host the meeting in September.
Nigeria IGF	Nigerian IGF continues planning the onsite meeting for later in the year.
Nigeria Youth IGF	Team follows the planning of the national IGF and continues engaging youth.
North African IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
North Macedonia IGF	Meeting planned for later in the year, pending clarity on COVID-19.
Panama IGF	Initial meeting planned for July. The COVID-19 situation affected the country, and the Committee is discussing alternative options to host the meeting.
SEEDIG	Continues to plan the 6 th annual meeting as an onsite meeting, hosted in Moldova on 22-23 September. Continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation with a contingency plan for an alternative way of hosting the meeting. The programme planning is underway by a dedicated programme committee.
Senegal IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
Slovenia IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
Spain IGF	Community entered the 6 th week of confinement. Spanish IGF postponed until further notice, due to COVID-19.
Ukraine IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
West African IGF	The meeting to be hosted remotely, including the School on Internet governance.
West African Youth IGF	The meeting to be hosted online. The team works on hosting webinars and online meetings on youth engagement and topics of interest.
Youth African IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
Youth Ukraine IGF	IGF Secretariat to reach out for updates.
YouthDIG	As integrated in EuroDIG process, the meeting will be hosted remotely.

³ In-formation

NRIs Main Session

4. The Host invited the NRIs to advise on the direction the NRIs main session, focused on the role of the Internet (governance) in emergency situations, could take.
5. After an extensive discussion, it was agreed that the below displayed list of suggested policy areas will be made available for further consultations among the NRIs until the next virtual meeting in 3 to 4-weeks' time, with suggested soft deadline for the first round of inputs to be 17 May.
 - a) *Impact of the latest pandemic, the COVID-19, on the Internet and its governance;*
 - b) *Human rights implication with Internet governance during emergency situations*
 - c) *Balancing privacy vs. security online in emergency situations*
 - d) *COVID-19 proved that people need access to the Internet. How to achieve universal access? Can access to the Internet be regarded as a legal right or public utility?*
 - e) *Access to devices and digital literacy in emerging situations*
 - f) *Emergency situations, such as COVID-19, showed that societies need to be more resilient. How to achieve this?*
 - g) *What are the lessons learned from COVID-19 and which institutions hold responsibility for ensuring access to the Internet where rights and freedoms are respected, and security and safety guaranteed?*
 - h) *Did COVID-19 show the Internet governance need transparent oversight?*
6. It was agreed that the final title for the session will be decided after the substantive focus is agreed.

Youth engagement in the IGF 2020

7. Participants were informed that the IGF 2020 Host Country - Government of Poland, plans several activities for youth engagement in the IGF processes. These include: a competition for youth, under the patronage of the Polish President. Eighteen young people will be awarded during the 15th annual IGF meeting in Katowice for best creative response to how they see the Internet of the future. The engagement will also include dedicated sessions for youth to network with various stakeholders at the 15th IGF. The IGF Secretariat will work in the coming months on updating and advancing the existing publication on youth engagement⁴.

NRIs response to the HLPDC

8. The group of the NRIs that coordinate the process of the NRIs response to the HLPDC report's recommendation 5AB, briefed participants about the status of their work. It was explained that the survey is under development, to be shared with the NRIs in the coming days. The group also announced a dedicated webinar on the components of the report relevant for the survey. The NRIs were encouraged to respond to this process and

⁴ Youth engagement at the IGF, 2017 edition:
https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4874/800

to subscribe to a dedicated [mailing list](#)⁵ for further updates.

Other updates from the IGF Secretariat

9. Due to lack of time, the Host invited participants to review updates related to the IGF 2020 logistics shared beforehand in a written presentation via the NRIs mailing lists (Annex A3).
10. A question followed regarding the deadline for suggesting stakeholders that could be invited to take participation at the high-level leaders meeting and parliamentary track at the 15th IGF in Katowice. The Host encouraged that these suggestions are communicated as soon as possible to: igfinvitations@intgovforum.org.

Brief from DCAD and Missions Publiques

11. The IGF's Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability introduced the [Guidelines on Accessibility](#)⁶ that could be a source for organising the NRIs meetings. The Bolivia IGF shared that they cooperate with the local entity that works on accessibility matters to have them actively involved in the process. The Host suggested that DCAD follows on the NRIs list with the guidelines and invite interest NRIs to cooperate on matters of accessibility.
12. Form the Missions Publiques, the representatives reminded participants on the written invitation communicated a few days ago via NRIs mailing list, through which the NRIs are invited to onboard their project focused on global citizens dialogue on the future of the Internet.⁷ It was added the dialogue will extend to the stakeholders not traditionally involved in discussions on the Internet and its governance.
13. *Next meeting:* Next meeting will be hosted in the week of 18 May ([doodle poll](#) to decide on extant timing open until 7 May).
14. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

⁵ Subscription via: http://intgovforum.org/mailman/admin/db/nriscooperation_intgovforum.org

⁶ https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4281/517

⁷ <http://wetheinternet.org/>

ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting III

1. Welcome and introductions
 2. NRIs main session – 30 min
 3. Impact of COVID-19 on NRIs – 10 min
 4. Youth engagement in IGF 2020 – 10 min
 5. Other updates from the NRIs (NRIs response to HLPDC) – 15 min
 6. Other updates from the IGF Secretariat (BPFs-NRIs call logistics; NRIs collaborative sessions; 2nd MAG meeting logistics; 15th IGF logistics and host country plans) – 10 min
 7. Brief to NRIs from guest organisation: 1) DCAD and 2) Missions Publiques – 5 min each
 8. AoB
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ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order⁸)*:

1. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
2. Aleksandar Ichokaev, North Macedonia IGF
3. Alessia Sposini, Youth IGF Italy
4. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
5. Alyssa Moore, Canada IGF
6. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
7. Anna Carbone, Italy IGF
8. Anriette Esterhuysen, IGF MAG Chair
9. Antoine Vergne, Missions Publiques
10. Audu (did not identify)
11. Bamba Vassindou (did not identify)
12. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
13. BGH SDA Church (did not identify)
14. Bhredipta -Socarana, Indonesia IGF, Indonesia Youth IGF
15. Bolutife Adisa, Nigeria
16. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
17. Chike (did not identify)
18. Concettina Cassa, Italian IGF
19. Cristina Morales Angulo, Youth Nicaragua IGF
20. CVQ (did not identify)
21. Desara Dushi, SEEDIG, Albania IGF
22. Dusan Caf, Slovenia IGF
23. Dustin Loup, IGF-USA
24. Elizabeth Yisa (did not identify)
25. Federica Tortorella, Dominican Republic IGF
26. Felix Hernandez, Spain IGF
27. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF

⁸ Names indicates as participants have identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

28. Francis Amaning, Ghana IGF
29. Fred Clark, Guatemala IGF
30. Gerry (did not identify)
31. Giacomo Mazzone, Italian IGF, EBU
32. Hewing Dorvelus
33. Hisham Aboulyazed, Arab IGF, North African IGF
34. Huy H. Missions Publiques
35. Joly MacFie, ISOC
36. Jorge Perez, Spain IGF
37. Joshua Joshua, West African Youth IGF
38. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
39. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
40. June Parris, Barbados IGF
41. Karsan (did not identify)
42. Lianna Galstyan, Armenia IGF, SEEDIG
43. Lilly, Ghana School on Internet governance
44. Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Ghana School on Internet governance
45. Lucien Castex, French IGF
46. Mahamat Silim, Youth African IGF
47. Makane Faye, African IGF, Senegal IGF
48. Marilyn Cade, IGF-USA
49. Markus Kummer, IGFSA
50. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
51. Michel Tchongang, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
52. Montresor Konan
53. Muhammad Shabbir, DCAD, Pakistan
54. Muriel Alapini, Benin IGF
55. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF, CTU
56. Obed Sindy, Haiti IGF
57. Oksana Prykhodko, Ukraine IGF, Youth Ukraine IGF
58. Olga Kyryliuk, SEEDIG
59. Paul Rowney, Namibia IGF
60. Peter Koch, German IGF
61. Petri Kuurma, Finnish IGF
62. Predra Taevski, North Macedonian IGF
63. Rakotondrainibe Harimino Lalatian, Madagascar IGF
64. Raymond Mamattah, Ghana
65. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
66. Salyou Fanny, Cote d'Ivoire IGF
67. Samira Danburam, Nigeria IGF
68. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG, YouthDIG
69. Shadrach Ankrah
70. Simon Ishaku, Nigeria IGF
71. Sorina Teleanu, SEEDIG
72. Taylor Bentley, Canada IGF
73. Toks X. Nigeria IGF

74. Uffa Modey, Youth Nigeria IGF
75. Vanessa Berning
76. Vanessa Issah
77. Vassindou Bamba
78. Veronica Birindelli, Youth IGF Italy
79. Wai Min Kwok, UN DESA
80. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
81. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF

ANNEX A3

LIST OF SHARED INPUTS

Presentation that contains shared inputs available [HERE](#)⁹.

⁹ https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/7507/2054