

**NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting V | 22 June 2020 | 15:00 p.m. UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Points:

- *By 15 August, NRIs to communicate 1) names of their delegated representatives as speakers for the NRIs main session; 2) short written outlines of their position for the NRIs main session (topic: role of the Internet in emergency situations).*
- *IGF Secretariat to communicate the proposal from the Bolivia IGF for forming an ad-hoc NRIs committee to monthly exchange updates on internal work.*
- *IGF Secretariat to explore conditions for NRIs to support IGF 2020 through setting up local remote hubs and communicate concept for consideration to the NRIs network.*
- *IGF Secretariat to communicate the 'Town Hall' format description or consideration of the NRIs for their main session format.*

Summary of key points

1. The 5th virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle, took place on 22 June 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.
3. The meeting focused on a range of updates regarding the IGF 2020 annual meeting, current state of preparations and continuation of planning the NRIs main session focused on the *role of the Internet in emergency situations*.

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4. The Host opened the meeting with a reminder on a recent announcement that the 15th annual IGF meeting will be hosted online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was further said that the IGF 2021 will be hosted by the Government of Poland, IGF 2022 by the Government of Ethiopia and IGF 2023 by the Government of Japan, pending organisational arrangements.
5. The Host further confirmed that the online edition of the IGF 2020 meeting will be carried out through Zoom platform and that all session organisers, including the NRIs, will be asked to revisit their proposals and update it to reflect transitioning to online hosting. The overall framework of the meeting is expected to be announced in the coming days.

6. Further, participants moved to a debrief from the IGF 2020 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting.
 - a) The Host informed that it was agreed that seven main sessions will be hosted during the IGF 2020, among which is the NRIs main session. Four main sessions will focus on the IGF 2020 main thematic tracks: data, environment, inclusion, trust; one on the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and one will be led by the Dynamic Coalitions focused on impact of COVID-19 pandemic on their work
 - b) Out of 237 evaluated workshops, 86 were provisionally confirmed by the MAG to be included in the annual programme. Given a suggestion by many that the IGF includes fewer sessions for its online edition, the MAG will continue discussing the final number of sessions in its next virtual deliberations.
 - c) The IGF Secretariat continues facilitating activities on strengthening the Youth engagement in its processes, in cooperation with the IGF 2021 Host.
7. It was further added that the NRIs were referenced several times by the community as important partners for building the IGF ecosystem. During a live address, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin, informed that the IGF has made progress in several areas, including growing network and linkages with the NRIs, adding UN DESA's commitment to continue supporting capacity development efforts through the NRIs (Annex A3).
8. The Host also shared that much support was given to the suggestion that the NRIs support the annual IGF 2020 meeting with hosting local remote hubs. This suggestion received support during the call with several questions raised, including: who will provide support for costs associated with the technical equipment and human support necessary, as well as costs for meals? Will the current pandemic allow for onsite gathering? And how to respond to the time zone difference challenges? It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will internally discuss the possibilities for the NRIs to support the IGF 2020 through organised local remote hubs and follow up with the network.
9. The first NRI that hosted its meeting online, EuroDIG shared its experience and lessons learned, summarised below:
 - a) A decentralised approach to hosting was used, implemented through three teams from The Hague, Berlin and Trieste, in addition to a central host location in Leipzig. This helped to avoid a single point of technical failure.
 - b) Each team of professional zoom moderators, composed of at minimum two persons, had professional technical equipment with multiple computer devices, backed up stable bandwidth. For example, only a studio in The Hague had 11 independent computer screens.

- c) Third-party interference ('Zoom bombing') prevented by pre-agreed assigned co-hosting privileges to those that will share their content. Also, of help was that the access to the Zoom platform was based on generated personalised links, through mandatory pre-registration.
 - d) The Forum replicated the meeting structure to the online hosting and did not reduce the number of parallel sessions. Overall, many of the over 1,000 registered participants shared positive sentiments regarding their EuroDIG 2020 experience. By the end of July, it is expected that a report reflecting full experience of hosting the meeting online, will be published and widely disseminate to the IGF and NRIs.
 - e) The meeting faced high costs in addition to helpful in-kind support from several supporters.
10. Participants also reflected the ICANN 68 experience currently underway, noting that it is hosted in the time zone of the initial host and has experienced some interruptions from third parties. It was agreed that the final experience from the ICANN 68 team will be helpful to the NRIs hosting meetings online. The African IGF reminded of their Toolkit developed to guide through a process of hosting meetings online. The Host added that this Toolkit, along with other shared resources by the NRIs, is available in the [shared document](#) (Annex A3).
11. Participants also reflected the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and agreed on the importance of the NRIs being referenced in this report (Annex A3). The Host further confirmed that the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs has communicated UN DESA's commitment to work on the Roadmap' recommendations to the IGF. The Bolivia IGF suggested that the NRIs from different regions could form an ad-hoc committee and organise monthly meetings to exchange views on what they do in a particular time period, for the sake of getting to know each other and keeping each other informed. The IGF Secretariat will communicate this proposal to all NRIs and explore support.
12. Regarding the next steps on preparing the NRIs main session, participants agreed on the following:
- a) By 15 August, each participating NRI will communicate short written input on perspectives they wish to bring to this session.
 - b) By 15 August, NRIs will communicate who will be their delegated speaker.
 - c) The session format should allow for an interactive session through an engaging moderator; time-limited interventions from speakers; include Zoom features for interaction such as surveys and possibly breakout rooms. On the latter, some expressed concerns that this could be distracting. Participants should be advised to turn their cameras on. Some parts of the session could be pre-recorded to help save time. Some suggested to structure the session around three parts:

introduction, followed by impact of COVID-19 on NRIs and open discussion. The Host added that the IGF-USA member said to share the Town Hall format with the NRIs list for consideration. It was agreed that the Host will ask for additional inputs from the NRIs through the NRIs mailing list for the format suggestions. It was also reminded that the session will be summarised by rapporteurs into a set of messages.

13. As the last agenda item, the national IGF of Greece asked for advice on how to conduct an effective outreach for hosting the annual meeting online. Several suggestions were shared from NRIs experience, including from the IGF-USA that advised to promote the meeting through other popular platform, sharing as an example the article on their 2020 meeting for www.circleid.com (Annex A3); avoid having concurring sessions and stretch the meeting over two days instead hosting it in one single day with a later start to accommodate the West Coast and allow for more flexibility for participants' organization of their individual schedules. EuroDIG, West African IGF, Armenian IGF and SEEDIG followed advising also to use actively the social media to promote the event; issue press releases to relevant media outlets; and continuously motivate session organizers to promote their sessions and reach out to various stakeholders inviting them to attend. The IGF Secretariat said to follow up with some good practices with the Greece IGF.
 14. **Next meeting:** A doodle poll to plan the next meeting will be communicated in the next two weeks.
 15. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.
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ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting V

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Virtual IGF 2020: implications for NRIs – 15 min
3. Debrief from the 2nd IGF 2020 Open Consultations and MAG meeting – 15 min
4. Reflections on the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation – 15 min
5. Debrief from EuroDIG 2020 – 10 min
6. NRIs main session proposal: exchange of ideas for format, deadlines for input contributions and overall timeline – 30 min
7. AoB

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
2. Aleksandar Ichokjaev, N. Macedonia IGF
3. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
4. Amir Mokabberi, observer from Iran
5. Amrita Chaudry, Youth India IGF
6. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
7. Augustine CHII Ngek
8. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
9. Beatriz Rodríguez, Uruguay IGF
10. Brice Abba
11. Carlos Afonso, MAG member from Brazil / Brazil IGF
12. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
13. Chike
14. Concettina Cassa, Italian IGF
15. Fabio Monnet, YCoE
16. Federica Tortorella, Dominican Republic IGF
17. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF
18. Giacomo Mazzone, Italian IGF, EuroDIG
19. Harimino Rakotondrainibe, Madagascar IGF (*in-formation)
20. Isadora Peixoto
21. Ishaku Simon, Nigeria IGF
22. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
23. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
24. Juliano Cappi
25. Konstantina Nathanail, Greece IGF (*in-formation)
26. Lianna Galstyan, Armenia IGF, SEEDIG
27. Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Ghana IGF
28. Lucien Castex, France IGF
29. Makane Faye, African IGF
30. Maria Tataki
31. Martin Bafima Téli Traore, Burkina Faso IGF
32. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
33. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
34. Michel TCHONANG, Cameroon IGF
35. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
36. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
37. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
38. Paul Rowney, Namibia IGF
39. Penelope O'Leary
40. Peter Koch, German IGF
41. Priyatosh Jana, Youth India IGF

¹ Names indicates as participants have identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

42. Rabie Bouyahiaoui
43. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
44. Rowena Schoo, UK IGF
45. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
46. Sorina Teleanu, SEEDIG
47. Tracy F. Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago IGF
48. Vinicius W. O. Santos, Brazil IGF
49. Vrikson Acosta,
50. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF, Arab IGF

ANNEX A3

LIST OF SHARED INPUTS

- *Agenda and meeting inputs:*
https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/7507/2174
- *Draft proposal for the NRIs main session:*
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fUdXTT6EIFfV7GqEKUrYw3GQVAzv0pVQinCEZ-l2mpo/edit?usp=sharing>
- *Looking at the best practices from the NRIs that will host their annual meetings online, inputs: here.* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KH7fLfaWnV6MRQmwBPIMepQ00yTxd5f82A73CKsk5tE/edit?usp=sharing>
- *UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation:*
<https://www.un.org/en/content/digital-cooperation-roadmap/>
- *Under-Secretary-General's address to the 2nd IGF Open Consultations:*
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-2nd-ocs-and-mag-meeting-usg-un-desa-remarks>
- *IGF-USA article for cirrcelid.com:* <http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200622-meta-2020-talking-internet-on-the-internet/>