



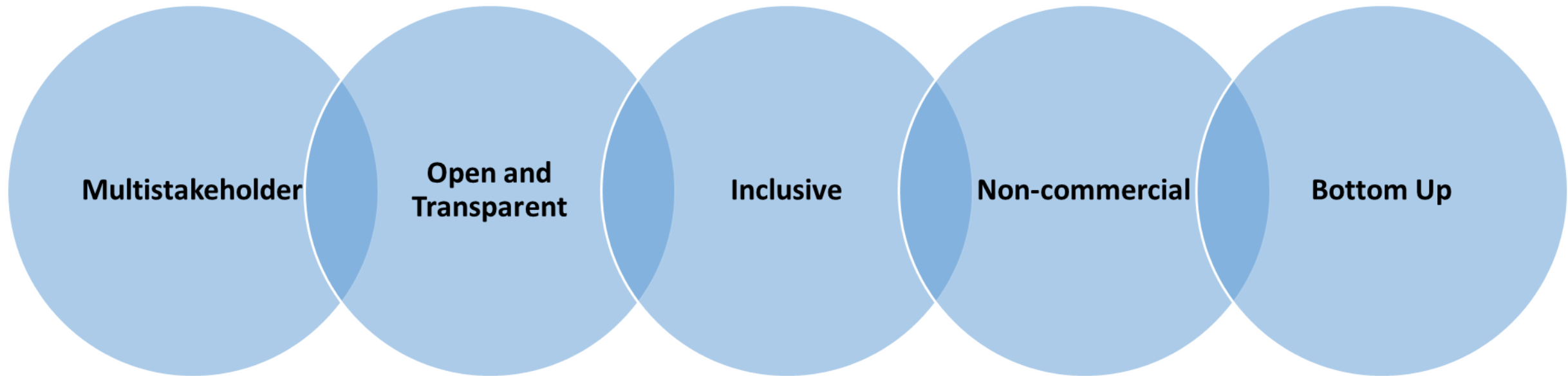
Update on national, regional, sub-regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs)

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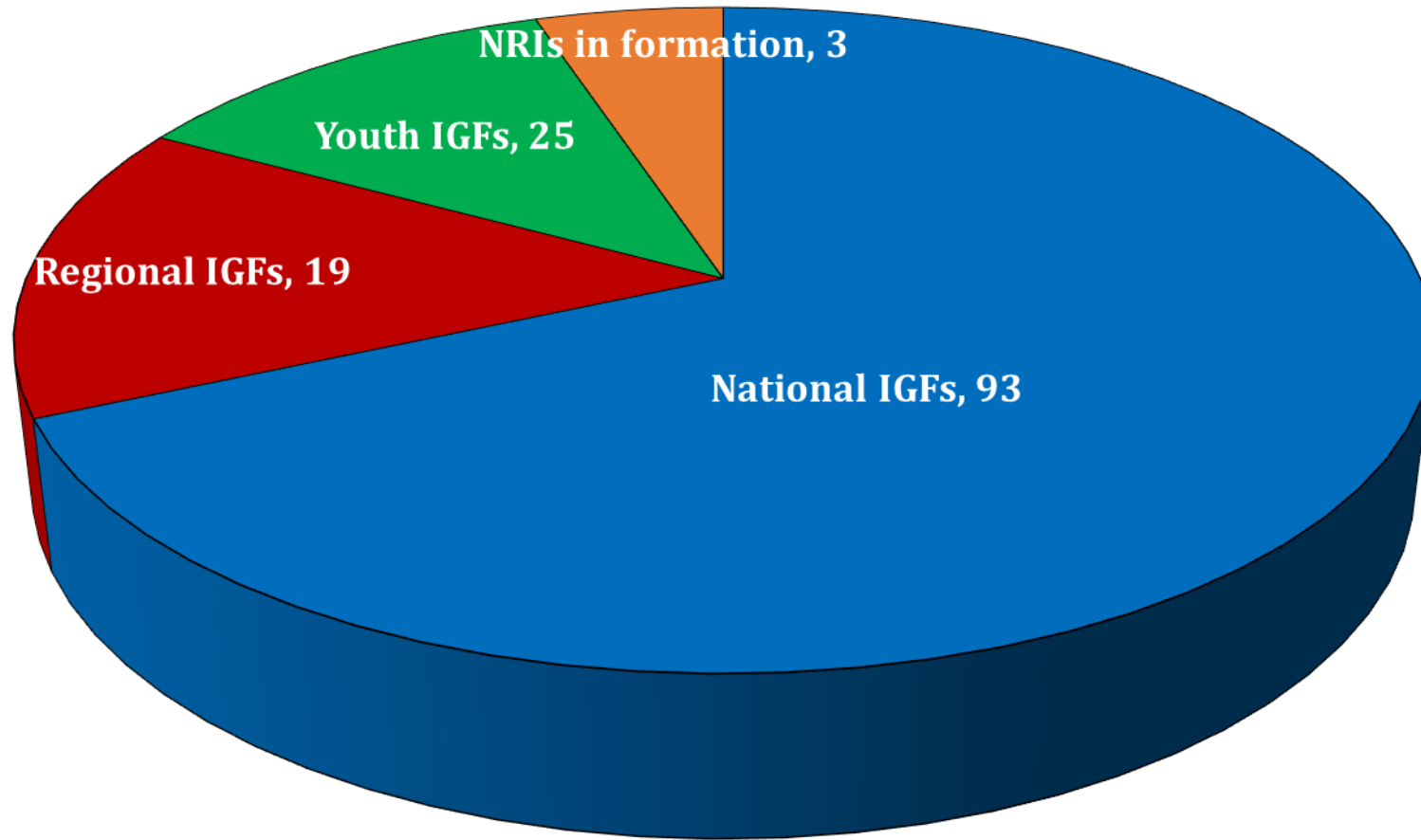
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Who Are the #NRIs?

IGFs organized around the world !



Records of recognized NRIs is 137 (+ 2 in-information)



■ National IGFs ■ Regional IGFs ■ Youth IGFs ■ NRIs in formation



NRIs landscape in 2021

- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose challenges to the NRIs meetings
- 51 NRIs meetings confirmed so far. Visit the IGF calendar <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/calendar>
- Some NRIs experimenting with the formats (series of online discussions; online with remote studios; hybrid = onsite + online). For example:



NRIs at IGF 2021

NRIs collaborative sessions (NRIs-to-NRIs exchanges)


- *Smart local solutions to connect everyone. Special focus: people living in remote and rural areas*
- *Securing the trusted Internet now for the generations to come
Special focus: child online safety.*
- *Enabling local smart solutions to close the global digital divides. Special focus: technical Internet governance, standards and cooperation.*
- *Digital sovereignty and digital self-determination*
- *E-commerce challenges and opportunities in 2021 - looking at the national practices
Special focus: digital transformation and monetization*

NRIs main session

NRIs coordination session

Supporting engagement of parliaments and governments in NRIs processes

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES

 The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a global multistakeholder platform that facilitates the discussion of public policy issues pertaining to Internet governance. The IGF was one of the most important outcomes of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which requested the United Nations Secretary-General to formally convene the Forum on 18 July 2006 as a multilateral, multistakeholder, democratic and transparent platform for discussions on Internet governance issues.

Institutionally, the IGF is supported by the IGF Secretariat, administered by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), while the programme of the annual IGF meeting is developed upon advice from the IGF's Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), appointed annually by the Secretary-General.

So far, fifteen annual meetings of the IGF were hosted by various governments¹. The 2021 annual meeting of the IGF will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from the 6th to 10th of December². The IGF 2022 is planned to be hosted by the Government of Ethiopia, IGF 2023 by the Government of Japan, and the IGF 2025 by the Russian Federation. The Host for IGF 2024 is yet to be confirmed.

IGF is a process
The IGF functions as a year-long process including annual meetings and intersessional activities. Each year, the IGF annual meeting brings together stakeholders from around the world to discuss some of the most pressing Internet governance issues. Participants represent governments, intergovernmental organisations, the private sector, the technical community, and civil society. The programme of the meeting is interactively developed through the active involvement of all interested stakeholders.

 In between the two annual IGF meetings, the community works on several substantive activities and discusses them at the annual IGF meeting. These typically include the best practice forums, dynamic coalition and policy networks focused

IGF 2019 in Berlin: Opening by the UN Secretary-General and the German Chancellor

¹ <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/funding>
² <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/>

- Through collaborative efforts among the NRIs, the brochure is developed to provide essential information on why members of parliaments and governments should engage in NRIs processes.
- The brochure, originally in English, is translated to Spanish and Arabic. Announced translations: French, Portuguese, German.
- <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/nris-brochure-to-support-engagement-with-parliaments-and-governments>

More about NRIs



Issues in focus of NRIs in 2019 and 2020



Youth IGFs and youth capacity-development initiatives in action



Youth-focused discussions hosted regularly by the Polish Youth IGF – as members of the Host Country team.

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process>

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