IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum on Gender and Access
Online meeting II | 28 May 2020
Summary report

The second online meeting of the IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Gender and Access was focused on discussing the next steps in the BPF work plan. The meeting was attended by 10 participants.

Participants were reminded that in 2020 the BPF will look at policy processes and spaces that foster discussions or develop policies, recommendations, guidelines focused on online violence, harm, pleasure and consent online. These policies and processes will be assessed from a double perspective: (a) whether and how the policies, recommendations, guidelines, etc. they develop approach the focus issues from a gender diversity perspective; and (b) whether and how they include women and gender diverse people in their policy discussions and decision-making processes. (*Read more in the [BPF work plan](#).*)

To this aim, the first step would be to map the spaces and actors that work on issues related to violence, harm, pleasure and consent online. The goal then would be for the BPF to shed light on and assess the work of identified spaces and actors. They would be invited to present their work, case studies, good practices, etc.

During the discussions, a question was raised on whether BPF participants have a shared understanding on what constitutes violence, harm, pleasure and consent online. It was noted that a further assessment of these concepts may be useful before the BPF goes ahead with the mapping exercise. A short text explaining how the BPF understands these concepts could be included in the BPF survey and report.

Building on this discussion, participants agreed on the following:
- Focus the upcoming two BPF meetings on (1) online violence and harm and (2) online pleasure and consent.
- For each meeting, launch a call on the mailing list to:
    - Invite people working on these issues to attend the meeting and present their work
    - Invite suggestions on actors working on these issues that could be invited at the meeting
    - Share resources (case studies, good practices, reports, etc) on the issues discussed.
- Each meeting would then help:
    - Clarify how the BPF understands the concepts explores (violence, harm, pleasure and consent online)
    - Identify actors/processes focused on these issues
    - Collect case studies, good practices, tools etc

- ○ Develop questions to be included in the BPF survey
- The BPF survey would be developed after these meetings, as a tool to collect further case studies, good practices, etc and assess them.
- The assessment will be followed by a series of recommendations that would then feed into other processes

Next steps

- BPF meeting III will focus on online harm and violence
  - ○ The next meeting is on **11 June, 13:00 UTC**.

- Until the next meeting, the BPF co-facilitators will:
  - ○ Prepare a work calendar and share with the list
  - ○ Share a call on the mailing list to:
    - ■ Invite actors working on online harm and violence to attend the meeting and present their work
    - ■ Invite suggestions for other actors working on online harm and violence that could be invited at the meeting
    - ■ Invite list members to share resources (case studies, good practices, reports, etc) on online harm and violence.

- The community is invited to further contribute to the BPF collaborative document