

## IGF Intersessional Activities - key modalities overview\*

This informative overview of the four IGF intersessional activities intends to clarify purpose and process of the different workstreams, and be a helpful background for exploring how to strengthen linkages between intersessional activities and better integrate the intersessional work and the overall IGF programme.

IGF Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open groups, dedicated to one or more Internet governance issue(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements to be recognised as IGF DCs:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open membership,</li> <li>Open mailing lists,</li> <li>Open archives.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Applications need to state (1) need for a DC, (2) Action plan, (3) mailing list, (4) contact person, (5) list of representatives from at least 3 stakeholder groups.</li> <li><a href="#">Guidelines for DC work</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New DCs to submit a written application to the IGF Secretariat.</li> <li>IGF Secretariat to review and decide.</li> <li>DCs do not have to reapply, but have to confirm their recognition status by submitting an annual report.</li> <li>DCs are invited to join the <a href="#">DC Coordination Group</a> and mailing list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAG has no organisational function.</li> <li>One MAG member volunteers as liaison between the DC Coordination group and the MAG</li> <li>Individual MAG members can join DCs of their interest in a personal capacity.</li> <li>The MAG advises how to include DCs in the overall programme of the annual meeting and encourages links with other intersessional activities and programme elements as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual DCs do not receive secretariat support.</li> <li>DCs are expected to be self organising.</li> <li>Limited secretariat support for the Coordination Group</li> </ul>
IGF Best Practice Forums (BPFs)				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IGF platforms for MS discussion on IG issues, to facilitate dialogue and collect emerging and existing practices to address specific issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPFs are a MAG-facilitated intersessional activity</li> <li>BPFs are expected to hold regular open sessions and develop a substantive output.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPF proposals to be submitted by at least one MAG member.</li> <li>MAG to select BPFs for the year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAG is Steward of the BPF process</li> <li>MAG selects the BPF topics / proposals</li> <li>At least one MAG-facilitator joins the BPF's coordinating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPFs receive secretariat support to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish and run the BPF mailing list;</li> <li>- Organise regular BPF virtual meetings;</li> <li>- Update the BPF's page(s) on the IGF</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">BPF Definitions, Procedures and Modalities</a></li> </ul>		<p>team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPFs are free to define their methodology, tailored to the topic.</li> <li>• BPFs, via the MAG-facilitator, are expected to regularly update the MAG on BPF activities and progress.</li> <li>• Individual MAG members can join BPFs of their interest in a personal capacity.</li> <li>• The MAG advises how to include BPFs in the overall programme of the annual meeting and encourages links with other intersessional activities and programme elements as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>website;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support BPF activities (such as setting up surveys &amp; limited research);</li> <li>- The Secretariat serves as an independent penholder for the BPF output report.</li> </ul>
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**National, sub-regional, regional and Youth IGFs (NRIs)**

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Independently organized IGFs at the national and regional levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For an NRI to be recognised and listed on the IGF website, the Secretariat runs the recognition process against the core IGF principles and procedures (open, transparent, inclusive, bottom up, multistakeholder, non-commercial).</li> <li>• <a href="#">Frequently asked questions about NRIs</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRIs that wish to be recognised and listed on the IGF website need to submit a detailed written statement to the IGF Secretariat.</li> <li>• The Secretariat runs the recognition process against the core IGF principles and procedures (open, transparent, inclusive, bottom up, multistakeholder, non-commercial)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAG has no organisational function.</li> <li>• Individual MAG members can join NRIs of their interest in a personal capacity.</li> <li>• The MAG advises how to include NRIs in the overall programme of the annual meeting and encourages links with other intersessional activities and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRIs are guided by the Secretariat on how to organise their structures and become independently functional.</li> <li>• Collective NRIs work is supported by the IGF Secretariat. On an individual basis, the NRIs receive support upon requesting the Secretariat to do so. This support can relate to guidance on improving the</li> </ul>

			programme elements as appropriate.	process, mediating among committee members etc..
<b>(new) IGF Policy Networks</b>				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a response to the Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, the policy network concepts are introduced with an aim to develop multistakeholder expert-led frameworks that address in-depth issues, challenges, good practices and ways forward of a broad Internet governance matter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The focus of the PN emerges from the current priority, emerging global situation, taking into account the IGF's overall reception and address of that particular topic (e.g. during the latest IGF process).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IGF Secretariat neutrality facilitates the potential among stakeholders and the MAG on the feasibility and benefits of the PN implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MAG delegates a liaison(s) to maintain linkages between the PN and the MAG as a whole.</li> <li>The MAG advises how to include PNs in the overall programme of the annual meeting and encourages links with other intersessional activities and programme elements as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat facilitates the PN implementation, including development of a proposal, contracting an expert consultant, conducting outreach, conducting research, drafting outputs etc.</li> </ul>

\*Disclaimer: Only key modalities are included in the table. Detailed information on the processes and requirements can be found on the IGF website or requested with the Secretariat.