

# INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2024 NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES - Virtual Meeting IV | 22 April 2024 at 11:00 UTC -

# **SUMMARY REPORT**

### **Action Items:**

- NRIs to continue sharing views on the topic for the NRIs main session based on the so far shared suggestions.
- The fourth virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2024 preparatory cycle was hosted on 22 April 2024 at 11:00 UTC.
- The IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point hosted the meeting. 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 meeting inputs is attached as Annex A3.
- The Host opened the meeting by reminding the participants that its objective is to continue planning the thematic focus of the NRIs sessions at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting in Riyadh hosted on 15-19 December 2024.
- The discussion resulted in several action points summarised below.

#### **Summary of points**

- 1. The Host opened the meeting by briefing the participants about the state of preparations for the three collaborative sessions, happening within dedicated NRIs working groups. It was confirmed that all sessions are on track and aim to finalize their proposals by 30 April. The final versions of the proposals will be shared with all NRIs on the mailing list.
- 2. Participants were then invited to share their advice and insight on what could be the topics for the NRIs coordination and main sessions.
- 3. A rich discussion resulted in several conclusions and ideas for the way forward, as summarised further below.

# **NRIs Coordination Session**

- 4. Participants said that this this 90-minute session hosted on day 0 could focus on what NRIs could do for WSIS+20 or in other words how they could contribute. There was one input suggesting to also consider discussing how WSIS+20 is impacting NRIs. For example, UK IGF plans to dedicate a session to the importance of WSIS+20. Its outputs could feed into the coordination session.
- 5. It was agreed to add a placeholder in the draft agenda to reserve space for reflections on the GDC, depending on the outcome of the September negotiation process



- 6. It was suggested to engage other stakeholders not just the NRIs (coordinators and members of multistakeholder organizing teams).
- 7. There was a proposal to prepare a 1-pager to inform the NRIs about the WSIS+20 and GDC processes from NRIs perspective.
- 8. This segment concluded by participants agreeing that the NRIs network should be consulted on the above proposal and called to share regarding the materials that could be prepared to inform and support preparing this session.

#### **NRIs Main Session**

- 9. The Host confirmed that this 90-minute session is interpreted into six UN languages.
- 10. Participants advised to focus the session on a policy area of global relevance. One shared example of a possible focus was AI governance. Some caution was advised to avoid duplications with the Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence
- 11. Several supported the session to focus on NRIs' unique work aspects regarding the evolution of Internet governance and its multistakeholder model given the significant changes that happened over the years in the global Internet governance field.
- 12. It was further agreed that the NRIs Focal Point will share the results of the NRIs priority themes prepared earlier in the year to inform further consultations on endorsing the topic for NRIs main session.
- 13. Participants shared their understanding that the main session is prepared in collaboration with the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group, noting that the MAG hasn't yet commenced their discussion on the topics for the main sessions.

# Next steps:

- 1. The IGF Secretariat will send the action points to the mailing list after the meeting for a final endorsement, followed by a summary report.
- 2. NRIs will be invited to sign up to join the working groups to prepare for the NRIs collaborative sessions.
- 3. A doodle poll for the next NRIs call will be sent, offering later UTC hours for the second half of May 2024. The meeting will focus on discussing the topic for the NRIs main session and sharing ideas for the agenda flow of NRIs coordination session.
- 4. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: <u>anja.gengo@un.org</u>.

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# ANNEX A1 AGENDA: Virtual Meeting IV

- 1. Welcome and introductions
- 2. Overview of NRIs collaborative sessions preparations (5 min)
- 3. Topic and format for NRIs coordination session (20 min)



- 4. Topic and format for NRIs main session (20 min)
- 5. AoB

### ANNEX A2 MEETING PARTICIPANTS (in alphabetical order<sup>1</sup>):

- 1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
- 2. Abdías A. Zambrano A., Youth Panama IGF
- 3. Aboul Hassane CISSE, Mali IGF
- 4. Ahmad Farag, Nort African IGF
- 5. Aishath Adnan, Maldives IGF
- 6. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
- 7. Amrita Choudhury, India IGF
- 8. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
- 9. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
- 10. Athanase Bahizire, Youth DR Congo IGF
- 11. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
- 12. Bhubon Ahmed, Bangaldesh IGF
- 13. Bia Corrales, Brazil IGF
- 14. Carlos Alberto Afonso, Brazil IGF
- 15. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
- 16. Carol Roach, MAG Chair
- 17. Christine Arida, Arab IGF
- 18. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
- 19. Denise Leal, Youth LACIGF
- 20. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
- 21. Ellice Mansfield, UK IGF
- 22. Emilia Paukus, a community member from France
- 23. Francisco J. Montesdeoca, Youth LACIGF
- 24. Georgia Evans, Canada IGF
- 25. Giacomo Mazzone, Italy IGF
- 26. Ihita Gauranau, India Youth IGF
- 27. Jenna Fung, Youth APrIGF
- 28. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
- 29. Jennifer Chung, APrIGF
- 30. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
- 31. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
- 32. julian Casasbuenas G. Colnodo, Colombia IGF, LACIGF
- 33. Junko KAWAUCHI, Japan IGF
- 34. Karen Cruz, Youth LACIGF
- 35. Katarina Gevorgyan, Armenia IGF
- 36. Konstantina Nathanail, Digital World Summit Greece
- 37. Kossi Amessinou, Bénin IGF
- 38. Letsatsi Lekhooa, Lesotho IGF
- 39. Lia Hernandez, Panama IGF
- 40. Lilian Chamorro, LACIGF
- 41. Lily Edinam Botsyoe, Ghana IGF
- 42. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.



- 43. Mariam Jobe, African IGF
- 44. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
- 45. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
- 46. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
- 47. Millenium Anthony, Namibia IGF
- 48. Mohammad Abdul Haque, Bangaldesh IGF
- 49. Muriel ALAPINI, Benin IGF
- 50. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
- 51. Nigel Hickson, UK IGF
- 52. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
- 53. Patience Luyeye, DR Congo IGF
- 54. Pedro de Perdigão Lana, Youth LACIGF
- 55. Peter Koch, German IGF
- 56. Phyo, Youth Myanmar IGF
- 57. Rabie Bouyahiaoui, Youth IGF Movement community
- 58. Ramadhan, Iraq IGF
- 59. Rita Wehbe, Arab IGF
- 60. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
- 61. Saba Tiku, Youth Ethiopia IGF
- 62. Salieu Mansaray, Sierra Leonoe IGF
- 63. Salyou Fanny, Ivory Coast IGF
- 64. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
- 65. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
- 66. Sonali Zol, India Youth IGF
- 67. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
- 68. Susana Chaves Araya, Costa Rica IGF
- 69. Taiwo Peter Akinremi, West African IGF
- 70. Thy Try, Cambodia Youth IGF
- 71. Umut Pajaro Velasquez, Youth Colombia IGF
- 72. Wiktor Skwarek, Poland IGF
- 73. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
- 74. YingChu Chen, APrIGF
- 75. Zdravko Jukic, Croatia IGF
- 76. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF

#### ANNEX A3 INPUTS

• IGF 2024 NRIs Workplan https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot\_download/21/26977