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 19th 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: anja.gengo@un.org.

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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[1]):*

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

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[1] 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