

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES
- Virtual Meeting V | 21 June 2021 at 14:00 UTC -**

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items

- IGF Secretariat to call for forming of the two NRIs working groups for (i) main session and (ii) coordination session.

About

1. The 5th virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle, took place on 21 June 2021 at 14:00 UTC.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. 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 annexed as Annex A3.

Summary of key points

3. The Host welcomed participants to the fifth planning meeting of the 16th IGF preparatory cycle and invited everyone to post introductions into the chat.
4. It was reminded that the goal of the meeting is to reflect on the ways of ensuring the financial sustainability of the NRIs; to plan the NRIs main session and coordination session; reflect on the agenda for the upcoming IGF 2021 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting and exchange other updates pertaining to the NRIs.

NRIs funding

5. During the first agenda item on the means of funding, two guest speakers joined, from the organizations that traditionally have been supporting the NRIs: Mr. Markus Kummer of the IGF Support Association (IGFSA) and Ms. Tasnim Broud of ISOC Foundation. Mr. Kummer underlined the IGFSA's mission to support the IGF including supporting the NRIs from developing countries with financial grants. Specifically, it was said that the national IGFs can apply for 2,000 USD grants while the regional ones can apply for 3,500 USD grants. It was further said that the NRIs which are closely connected to the institutional stakeholders, rather than individuals, tend to have more sustainable funding. In this regard, it was advised that the NRIs should build close connections with various institutions in the country/region, such for example are universities. The APrIGF build on this by sharing their experience of being supported in various ways, not just financially. For example, a number of in-kind support was given, such for example is a venue free of charge at the local university, online participation tools and similar. It was advised that the NRIs look at the donations spectrum in this broad way and learn from other good practices.

6. From the ISOC Foundation, Ms. Tasnim Broud explained that the NRIs are welcome to apply for financial grants with them regardless of the country's profile they come from or affiliation with ISOC chapters.
7. The host also joined this brief exchange, noting that around 20 NRIs are approved to receive financial grants from the IGF Secretariat. It was further noted that the NRIs in developed countries face challenges regarding receiving funds from the international domain, as a number of funding sources prioritise developing countries.

NRIs Coordination and Main sessions

8. The host reminded that the traditional 90-min long coordination session serves as an opportunity for all NRIs, as well as the institutional parties of the IGF such as the UN DESA, MAG and its Chair and IGF Secretariat, as well as for all other stakeholders interested in NRIs, to meet and discuss matters related to the NRIs work and ways to advance the network.
9. It was further reminded of the inputs NRIs submitted through their public call for issues for the coordination session agenda. The NRIs focal point categorised the issues under 6 clusters for NRIs further consideration (Annex A1).
10. From the community of EuroDIG and UK IGF, it was suggested that the coordination session could reflect the position of the NRIs in the framework of the IGF improvements recommended by the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation.
11. Participants agreed that a focus working group of interested NRIs will be formed to plan the session on the basis of inputs received through the NRIs call for thematic inputs. The group will be open to all NRIs-affiliated community members, while the formal inputs will be sought from the NRIs coordinators. The group's final proposal will be subject to the endorsement of all NRIs coordinators as delegated representatives of the NRIs organizing committees. The group is expected to be formed in July/August when the first working meeting could be convened, while the final proposal should be concluded in October.
12. For the main session, it was reminded that the group agreed to also form a working group that will plan its structure, on the basis of received proposals from the NRIs through their public call for thematic inputs. The group will be open to all NRIs-affiliated community members, while the formal inputs will be sought from the NRIs coordinators. The group would be formed in July/August and ensure the proposal is submitted to the NRIs coordinators in late September for the final endorsement.

IGF 2021 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

13. Participants were informed that the IGF 2021 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting will be hosted on 22, 23 and 30 June to discuss the preparations of the IGF 2021 cycle. In that framework, it was said, an update on the NRIs landscape will be presented. The NRIs focal point invited feedback on the suggested presentation to be displayed during the open consultations (Annex A3).

IGF 2021 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

14. Finally, participants were invited to join the IGF Secretariat's hosted capacity development session at the upcoming EuroDIG (28 June 15:15 CEST) and the West African IGF (30 July at 11:30 UTC).

Next Steps

15. A full summary report will be sent to the NRIs mailing list with outlined action items.
16. *Next meeting*: The timing of the next meeting will be agreed upon among the NRIs through their mailing list. A doodle poll will be sent one week before the proposed meeting options.
17. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA: Virtual Meeting V

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Financial sustainability of the NRIs (30 min)
 - i. IGFSA Chairman
 - ii. ISOC Foundation officer
3. Review of suggestions for the NRIs coordination session and main session – 15 min
4. Review of the agenda for the Second IGF 2021 Open Consultations and MAG meeting and briefing package on NRIs for the meeting – 10 min
5. Update: IGF 2021 at EuroDIG and West African IGF – 5 min
6. AOB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (*in alphabetical order¹*):

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
3. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
4. Alyssa Quinn, Canada IGF
5. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
6. Carlos Vera, Ecuador IGF
7. Cristina Morales, Honduras IGF
8. Dustin Loup, IGF-USA
9. Eileen Cejas, Argentina Youth IGF, Youth LACIGF, YCIG
10. Fanny Salyou, Ivory Coast IGF
11. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF
12. Frédéric Cohen
13. Georgia Evans, Canada IGF
14. Hisham Aboulyazed, Arab IGF
15. Igonor Oshoke, Nigeria IGF
16. Jennifer Chung, APriGF, IGFSA
17. José Félix Hernandez, Spain IGF
18. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
19. Judy Okite, Kenya IGF community
20. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
21. June Parris, Barbados IGF
22. Lucien Castex, France IGF
23. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF

¹ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

24. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u, PRIDA Project
25. Markus Kummer, IGfSA
26. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
27. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
28. Muriel Alapini, Benin IGF
29. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF
30. Nigel Hickson, UK IGF community
31. Olga Kyryliuk, SEEDIG
32. Paul Charlton, Canada IGF
33. Peter Koch, German IGF
34. Pierre-Jean Darres, Quebec IGF
35. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF, West African IGF
36. Rakotondrainibe Harimino Lalatiana, Madagascar IGF
37. Rita Wehbé, UN ESCWA
38. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
39. Shin Yamasaki
40. Stephanie Teeuwen, The Netherlands IGF
41. Tasnim Broud, ISOC Foundation
42. Tracy F. Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago IGF
43. Vinicius W. O. Santos, Brazil IGF
44. Wai Min Kwok, UN DESA
45. YingChu Chen, APriGF community

ANNEX A3
MEETING INPUTS

https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/7507/2620