



Draft IGF 2023 Summary

Eighteenth Meeting of Internet Governance Forum

8-12 October 2023

Kyoto, Japan

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Internet Governance Forum

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a global multistakeholder platform that facilitates the discussion of public policy issues pertaining to Internet governance.

The IGF was one of the most important outcomes of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) that mandated the United Nations Secretary-General to convene the Forum on 18 July 2006.

The existing mandate of the IGF as set out in paragraphs 72 to 78 of the Tunis Agenda was extended for a further 10 years in a resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly on 16 December 2015, (70/125), 'Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Institutionally, the IGF is supported by the IGF Secretariat, which is administered by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). The programme of the annual IGF meeting is developed by its Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), whose members are appointed by the UN Secretary-General. An IGF Leadership Panel, with members also appointed by the Secretary-General, supports IGF strategic improvements since 2022.

So far, eighteen annual meetings of the IGF have been hosted by various governments. The nineteenth annual IGF meeting will be hosted by the Government of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh.

Foreword



H.E. Mr. Junji Suzuki
Minister for Internal Affairs and
Communications of Japan

On behalf of the host country for the 18th Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Kyoto, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all participants from multi-stakeholders such as governments, international organizations, companies, engineers, academic communities, and civil society. It was my greatest pleasure to contribute to this historic success with welcoming many guests. I would also like to show my gratitude to the United Nations and all those who have been involved in the leadership of the IGF over the past 18 years for their preparation to bring about success.

The overarching theme of this meeting is “The Internet We Want - Empowering All People.” Under this theme, more than 300 sessions were organized to have a fruitful discussion to ensure that no one is left behind and that all people can enjoy the benefits of the internet. Without the active engagement of various stakeholders and tradition of the IGF, this meeting could have not achieved a great success.

Participation of diverse stakeholder groups is the core value of the IGF, which enabled lively discussions on a wider range of issues related to the internet from different perspectives. Over the five days from 8 to 12 October 2023, more than 9,000 guests including online from all over the world participated the meeting, along with the highest number of in-person attendees (6,279 participants). Besides the energetic debate in each session, many people enjoyed their conversation grabbing a coffee in the hallway and posted their experience with a photo on social media tagging #IGF2023. Such physical and virtual exchanges we experienced in Kyoto will certainly inspire us and provide bonds of friendship that will last for years to come. As expressed in the main theme, the internet has greatly contributed to connecting people together.

The internet has been an indispensable infrastructure for daily lives and economic and social activities, and has served as the foundation of democracy, providing access to diverse forms of expression, knowledge, and news from around the world. It is significant that the basic philosophy of the IGF embraces an open, inclusive and democratic process. When discussing ever-evolving topics on the internet, multi-stakeholder approach in all dialogue brings the source of fruitful outcomes.

In the IGF, Japan, as the host country, made contribution to better Internet via multi-stakeholder approach. Generative AI was a major topic at this meeting and the High-Level Panel provided a lively discussion with Prime Minister’s attendance. I am convinced that this session deepened our awareness about the risks of generative AI, and it will become a step forward to share its possibilities. The outputs and messages from the meeting will surely form the basis of further development in each of the issues.

In addition to the sessions, I hope you enjoyed exhibitions of the IGF Villages as well as hospitality events such as tea ceremony and Kimono where guests could experience Japanese traditional culture. I also hope you explored Kyoto, the host city with its rich history, and that your stay in Japan was enjoyable. I sincerely look forward to your next visit to Japan.

Lastly, I am confident that the IGF will continue to be the world’s leading forum for discussion on a wide range of issues related to the internet, believing that its community will grow for a better world.

Thank you very much.

1 IGF 2023 at a Glance

When	8-12 October 2023 Japan, Kyoto and online
IGF 2023 in Numbers	11,145 stakeholders registered from 92% of UN member states 6,279 onsite participants from 178 countries 3,000+ online participants 355 sessions
Overarching Theme	The Internet We Want - Empowering All People
8 Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI & Emerging Technologies• Avoiding Internet Fragmentation• Cybersecurity, Cybercrime and Online Safety• Data Governance and Trust• Digital Divides and Inclusion• Global Digital Governance and Cooperation• Human Rights and Freedoms• Sustainability & Environment
IGF Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic Area Tracks - IGF community sessions• IGF High-Level Leaders Track• IGF Youth Track• IGF Parliamentary Track• IGF Intersessional Work• IGF Newcomers Track

2 IGF 2023 Introduction

The [Internet Governance Forum](#) (IGF) is a global multistakeholder platform that brings stakeholders together to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet. The forum is convened by the United Nations Secretary-General, in line with the mandate set out in paragraph 72 of the [Tunis Agenda for the Information Society](#). The IGF's mandate was renewed in 2015 for 10 years.

In 2023, the forum held its 18th annual meeting in a hybrid format, hosted by the Government of Japan in Kyoto. Under the overarching theme [The Internet We Want - Empowering All People](#), the meeting featured discussion on some of the most pressing Internet and digital policy issues, from access to the Internet and human rights, to Internet fragmentation, cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies.

The [IGF 2023 Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#) (MAG), with members appointed by the UN Secretary-General from all stakeholder groups, supported the planning of the 18th annual IGF

meeting. The [IGF Leadership Panel](#) met in person to exchange views on approaches to strengthening the Forum and enhancing its visibility.

3 IGF 2023 Highlights

Opening Ceremony

The meeting opened with [remarks](#) from the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and from the Prime Minister of Japan.

"For nearly two decades, this multistakeholder cooperation has proven remarkably productive and remarkably resilient, in the face of growing geopolitical tension, proliferating crisis and widening divisions. Your work is now more important than ever. We need to keep harnessing digital technologies enabled by the Internet to help deliver on the sustainable development goals, take climate action and build a better world."

(United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres)



"I am convinced that we can maximise the benefits of the Internet while reducing its risks by bringing together participants from all over the world in various positions and with different perspectives to share their wisdom through multistakeholder approach. I believe the overall theme of this year's meeting, which is "The Internet We Want - Empowering All People" is a powerful expression of our determination to realise an inclusive Internet that leaves no one behind and to pace a way for sustainable future for humanity."

(Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida)



Hybrid IGF

The 18th IGF was held as a fully hybrid meeting, with participants joining onsite, in Kyoto, and online. With the overall objective of making participation in the meeting meaningful and inclusive for all attendees, the hybrid format included several features:

- Through the IGF website serving as a primary entry point, all online participants, including those with active roles of speakers/moderators/rapporteurs were able to participate and contribute as those participating onsite.
- A [3D Venue](#) was created as an equivalent to the onsite venue. As onsite participants, the online participants also had the opportunity to enter the meeting rooms and connect to the participating platform.
- The [IGF Village](#) booths, hosted by over 80 organisations at the venue, had their online equivalents.
- [Remote hubs](#) facilitated the participation of those unable to travel.
- [Bilateral meetings](#) could also be organised with online participation.
- A dedicated [website landing page](#) and adjusted [mobile app](#) were also made available to support easier navigation of the IGF 2023 content.



IGF 2023 3D Venue

Involvement of UN Agencies

The Forum saw over 40 entities from the UN system, represented both as organisers and speakers in many sessions.

Focus on Youth

To effectively engage youth, a dedicated [IGF 2023 Youth Track](#) was designed and implemented throughout the year. In cooperation with all Youth IGF coordinators, as well as international youth-focused organisations, the track was designed and delivered through four capacity development workshops hosted in conjunction with [regional IGFs](#), namely [EuroDIG](#) in Finland, [Youth LACIGF](#) in Colombia, [APriIGF](#) in Australia and [African IGF](#) in Nigeria, as well as a [IGF 2023 Global Youth Summit](#) at the 18th IGF in Kyoto. The track focused on unpacking various digital transformation policy aspects and engaged over thousands of young people.



IGF 2023 Global Youth Summit

Thematic Approach

The IGF 2023 themes were aligned closely with the areas the community prioritised through a traditional public call and reflective of the priorities the Secretary-General set for the Global Digital Compact. The programme's structure aimed to encourage focused discussion that delves more deeply into specific issue areas thereby potentially leading to more focused outcomes.

Capacity Development

Throughout 2023, the IGF Secretariat has been engaged in a series of [capacity development activities](#), including organising workshops, providing grants to NRIs, supporting youth engagement and schools of Internet governance, providing travel support for IGF 2023 participants and remote hubs. Specifically, capacity development included several activities:

- Workshops organised in conjunction with the NRIs, to foster cooperation and develop capacity. Among these, some specifically were organised as part of the youth and parliamentary tracks.
- Training sessions for IGF 2023 session organisers and participants, focused broadly on explaining mechanisms of hybrid participation.
- [Newcomers session](#) for orienting first time IGF participants.
- Grants support to 15 [NRIs](#) and 5 [remote hubs](#) serving communities from developing countries.
- [Travel support](#) to 125 participants coming from developing countries.

Leadership Panel and Follow-up to the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda

Continuous efforts are invested to improve the IGF, in line with its mandate. This also includes responding to the UN Secretary-General's [Roadmap for Digital Cooperation](#) and [Our Common Agenda](#). The Secretary-General appointed the [Leadership Panel](#), as a strategic high-level multistakeholder body. The 15-member Panel continued its work in 2023 through regular online meetings and three in-person meetings, hosted during the IGF open consultations and MAG meeting in March in Vienna and in July in Geneva, as well as in September in New York, hosted at the margins of the UN General-Assembly High Level Week. At the 18th IGF in Kyoto, the Panel members met with many other initiatives and organisations and engaged with the community through two open town halls enabling the Panel to present and discuss their joint ["The Internet We Want" paper](#) that outlines the key priority areas of work for digital technologies to serve humanity. The town halls also provided a platform for the Panel to collect input on their accomplishments thus far and to receive suggestions that would guide their future work.

The IGF continues to plan its contribution modality to the Secretary-General's proposed [Global Digital Compact](#) on norms, principles and values. The IGF 2023 Messages, reflecting key takeaways from the forum's discussions, are expected to broadly inform the community including the GDC development process.

Continuous efforts are invested in advancing long-term sustainability of the forum. In this regard, the next host countries are being explored, as well as new partnerships and cooperation approaches.

IGF 2024

During the ceremonial part of the 18th annual IGF meeting, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announced it will host the IGF 2024 annual meeting in Riyadh.

To plan the 19th annual IGF meeting in 2024, following the public call for nominations, the Secretary-General appointed a Chair and eleven new members to its IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group. The [list of MAG 2024](#) members and its Chair is available at the IGF website.

Communications

A press briefing was held on Day 1, Monday 9 October, with the IGF Leadership Panel Vice-Chair Maria Ressa and Panel Member 'Gbenga Sesan to present the Panel's vision paper on the "Internet We Want". The briefing was attended by Japanese and international media onsite and online. The IGF was [announced](#) by the UN Secretary-General's spokesperson during the daily noon briefing at UN Headquarters on 9 October.

Daily [media wrap-ups](#) were also produced and distributed to IGF-accredited journalists, the IGF main press mailing list and media lists at the UN Secretariat through the Department of Global Communications. Wrap-ups were made publicly available on the IGF website.

The 18th IGF, supported by the hashtags #IGF2023 and #IntetrnetWeWant, was featured across UN social media channels - IGF channels as well as those of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and UN Secretariat.

Week-of media monitoring showed that the IGF was covered in a very high number of major Japanese media outlets, including NHK, Nikkei, Yomiuri Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Mainichi and Kyoto, in print and broadcast. It appeared in international outlets such as Politico, Deutsche Welle, La Stampa, EU Reporter and Devex. Services in Indonesia, Georgia, Nigeria, Hungary and other countries also picked up IGF-related stories.

A press kit was prepared via [Trello](#), containing [fact sheets on IGF](#), a main [media advisory](#), essential details about the meeting, access to [photos](#) and [videos](#) and contact information in case of interest in interviews. Opening and closing press releases were issued.

Also via [Trello](#), communications materials were shared with the IGF's session organisers to enhance the promotion of their sessions, from thematic cards, to social media guidance, powerpoint templates and high-resolution logos.

All sessions were streamed and transcribed. The high-level and main sessions were interpreted in six official UN languages and Japanese as the language of the Host Country.

4 Overarching Theme: *The Internet We Want - Empowering All People*

The headline of this year's Forum is *The Internet We Want - Empowering All People*. This title symbolises a vision for the Internet that emphasises inclusivity, accessibility, and empowerment for everyone everywhere.

5 Kyoto IGF Messages

The [Kyoto IGF Messages](#) provide a high-level overview for decision-makers of the most current thinking on key Internet governance and digital policy issues. They are sourced directly from over 300 sessions held during IGF 2023. Session organisers were invited to self-identify key takeaways at the end of their session as input for these messages. A set of draft messages, curated by the IGF Secretariat, are published for community review. The final IGF 2023 Messages will be published as part of the annual meeting's outcomes.

Kyoto IGF Messages are compiled for each of the five themes, available on the [IGF website](#).

6 Thematic Focus - IGF Community Sessions

Community-led sessions, including MAG-organised main sessions, as well as sessions organised by hundreds of other stakeholders, were built around the eight [IGF 2023 sub-themes](#) (selected on the basis of a public call for issues). Stakeholders were invited to submit session proposals under one of the eight themes:

- **AI & Emerging Technologies**
- **Avoiding Internet Fragmentation**
- **Cybersecurity, Cybercrime and Online Safety**
- **Data Governance and Trust**
- **Digital Divides and Inclusion**
- **Global Digital Governance and Cooperation**
- **Human Rights and Freedoms**
- **Sustainability & Environment**

Over 800 [session proposals](#) were received, reviewed and evaluated for final adoption into the IGF 2023 programme.

7 IGF 2023 High-Level Leaders Track

Co-organised by the [Host Country](#) and [UN DESA/IGF Secretariat](#), the [IGF 2023 High-Level Leaders' Track](#) engaged experts and leaders from all stakeholder groups into discussions on a series of key questions such as data free flow with trust, disinformation, WSIS+20 and multistakeholder process, sustainable development goals and Artificial Intelligence. The track saw participation of eighteen ministers and vice-ministers. Overall, eighty-seven high level experts took part in the track, with more than thirty in an active role.

8 IGF 2023 Youth Track

The [IGF 2023 Youth Track](#) was composed of four capacity development workshops and a Global Youth Summit, all focused on a safe digital future. It was designed and co-organized by the Youth IGF coordinators, IGF Secretariat and several international youth-focused organisations.

Capacity development workshops

Four capacity development workshops were hosted in conjunction with the [regional IGFs](#) ([EuroDIG](#) in Finland, [Youth LACIGF](#) in Colombia, [APriGE](#) in Australia and [African IGF](#) in Nigeria), focusing on particular aspects of cybersecurity and trust such as youth mental wellbeing, human rights, Artificial Intelligence and cybersecurity capacity development.

IGF 2023 Global Youth Summit and Messages from Youth

The four workshops feed into the final activity of the track, the [IGF 2023 Global Youth Summit](#), a traditional IGF session which facilitates dialogue between youth and senior stakeholders. Youth from all five regions of the world engaged in a dialogue with senior experts from different backgrounds and countries. More details about the IGF 2023 Youth Track and the Summit are available on the [dedicated page](#). All discussions are consolidated in [Messages from Youth](#).

9 IGF 2023 Parliamentary Track

Building on the past years' experience, the IGF focused on further strengthening its [Parliamentary Track](#), in particular through expanding a set of intersessional activities dedicated to fostering inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation on key digital policy issues. The engagement was done at regional levels throughout the year by cooperating with the regional IGFs. Below is an overview of activities undertaken in 2023.

Parliamentary track at regional IGFs

To foster meaningful engagement with members of parliaments from different regions, the IGF Secretariat cooperated with regional IGFs. At the [Asia Pacific regional IGF](#) hosted in Australia and [African IGF](#) hosted in Nigeria, parliamentarians from respective regions gathered to discuss digital issues of interest such as data protection and privacy, cybersecurity, regulation of AI, disinformation and others.

Parliamentary Track at IGF 2023

During the IGF meeting in, over 70 parliamentarians from 38 countries, as well as the European Parliament and the Pan-African Parliament, got together - on site and online - to exchange experiences and interact with other stakeholders on [issues related to trusted Internet](#). Over four very rich and engaging sessions, parliamentarians highlighted the importance of multistakeholder cooperation for empowering legislators to make informed decisions.

A firm interest was expressed by many parliamentarians to continue and strengthen their engagement with the IGF, take part in national and regional IGF initiatives, and consider the work carried out in these fora as resources to inform their parliamentary discussions and activities.

These and other messages are reflected in an [output document](#) which is intended to inform parliamentary action in the years to come.

10 IGF 2023 Intersessional Work

10.1 Policy Networks

The [Policy Network \(PNs\)](#) are dedicated to identifying status quo and current issues including the policy gaps, existing capacity and conditions, local specificities, good and bad practices and possible ways forward through actionable activities led by identified implementation parties.

- [Policy Network on Meaningful Access](#), created a space for a multistakeholder public discussion on urgent matters related to connectivity, digital inclusion and digital capacity development to influence policy change towards achieving meaningful and universal Internet access, aligned with the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and Sustainable Development Goals.
- [Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation](#) focused on furthering the discussion on technical, policy, legal and regulatory actions that may pose a risk to the open, interconnected and interoperable Internet and start a dialogue on how to avoid and address different dimensions of internet fragmentation.
- [Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence](#), explored ways to strengthen the multistakeholder approach to global AI governance, and protect the environment and human rights in the era of generative AI.

10.2 Best Practice Forums

The [Best Practice Forums \(BPFs\)](#) provide a platform to exchange experiences in addressing Internet policy issues. The objective is to collect existing and emerging good practices from community experience. BPFs are open, bottom-up and collective processes to produce community-driven outputs. BPF outputs intend to contribute to an understanding of global good practice, and to serve as a resource to inform policy discussions, standards development, business decisions, as well as public understanding, awareness, and discourse.

- [Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity](#) explored cyber incidents, norms, and the impacts at the human-level with the aim to connect and present the voices of those most affected to those developing policies and norms.

10.3 Dynamic Coalitions

[Dynamic Coalitions](#) (DCs) are open, multistakeholder and community-driven groups dedicated to an internet governance issue or set of issues. They emerged at the first IGF meeting in 2006. Currently there are [28 active dynamic coalitions](#) focused on topics such as Internet rights and principles, innovative approaches to connecting the unconnected, accessibility and disability, and child online safety. The activities of the DCs are coordinated by the [Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group](#) (DCCG) with aid from the IGF Secretariat.

At IGF 2023, [24 DCs held individual sessions](#) to discuss Internet policy issues within their focus and present their work. A DC main session on the theme *The Internet we want* showcased how coalitions can contribute to the development of the Internet that is conducive to human rights

10.4 National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives

[National and Regional IGF Initiatives](#) (NRIs) are organic and independent multistakeholder networks that discuss issues pertaining to Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF. To date, 162 NRIs are recognized by the IGF Secretariat.

At the 18th IGF in Kyoto, over 100 NRIs co-organized five sessions, including three thematic collaborative sessions, main session and a coordination session. Specifically, the main session focused on good data governance, while the coordination session looked into ways to strengthen the NRIs network to contribute to a more inclusive and resilient IG(F) ecosystem including through active participation in WSIS+20 and GDC processes. The collaborative sessions unpacked local specificities on Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity and digital inclusion. More information about the NRIs sessions is available at the [IGF website](#).

10.5 Other Sessions Accommodated in the IGF 2023 Programme

The IGF 2023 Programme, in addition to the above mentioned tracks, accommodated several other types of sessions, including:

- [High-Level Sessions](#) organized by the Host Country and the UN;
- [Main Sessions](#) organized around priority issues related to the IGF 2023 programme sub-themes by members of the MAG;
- [Workshops](#) as community-organized multistakeholder interactive sessions;
- [Open Forums](#), sessions organized by governments, treaty-based international organisations, and global organisations with international scope and presence, with operations across regions, dealing with Internet governance issues;
- [Town Halls](#), sessions organized by entities dealing with Internet governance issues of international scope;
- [Launches and Awards](#), sessions to present and discuss Internet governance-related academic and/or research initiatives or outputs such as research or think tank work, book launches and similar;
- [Lightning Talks](#), brief, to-the-point, prepared presentation on a specific Internet governance issue;
- [Networking Sessions](#), gatherings of stakeholders interested in a same or similar issue; icebreaker sessions; social gatherings; gatherings of people and organisations from a particular region, stakeholder group, or area of activity;
- [DC Sessions](#), as collaborative sessions organized by multistakeholder teams of different DCs;
- [NRIs Sessions](#), as collaborative sessions organized by multistakeholder teams of NRIs coming from different regions;
- [Pre-events](#), sessions hosted on the day before the IGF official programme begins (8 October).

A number of [social events](#) were organized by the Host Country as well as other participating stakeholders.

11 Annex A: IGF 2023 Statistics

11.1 Breakdown of Registrations

The 18th IGF annual meeting gathered 6,279 onsite participants coming from 178 different UN member states and over 3,000 online participants. Below are the breakdowns by stakeholder and regional groups.

By Stakeholder (Percentage)		By Region (Percentage)	
Government	16%	African Group	8%
		Asia-Pacific Group	57%
Intergovernmental Organisation	6%	Eastern European Group	3%
Civil Society	24%	Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	7%
Private Sector	37%	Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	20%
Technical Community	14%	Intergovernmental Organisation	5%
Press/Media	2%		
Children	1%		

Compared to IGF 2022, this year's IGF doubled the number of participants coming from the private sector (+11%) and saw an increase in press and media participation (+1%); as well as an increase in representation of stakeholders from Asia Pacific (32%).

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By Gender (Percentage)		Newcomers (Percentage)	
Female	38%	Newcomers	67%
Male	61%		
Other	<1%		

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Youth (<30 years old; Percentage)		Members of Parliaments (Percentage)	
Youth	18%	Parliamentarians	2% from 38 countries

11.2 Global South Support

Estimated 1,725 stakeholders benefited from support

- 15 grants to NRIs
- 5 grants to Remote Hubs
- 125 received Travel Support

11.3 Remote Hubs

35 [remote hubs](#) at IGF 2023 from 24 countries

Represented 5 regions

- 60% from Africa
- 23% from Asia Pacific
- 11% from Latin America and Caribbean
- 0% from Eastern Europe
- 6% from WEOG

11.4 Sessions

355 [sessions](#) at IGF 2023

- 1 Opening Session
- 1 Opening Ceremony
- 6 Main Sessions
- 78 Workshops
- 58 Open Forums
- 20 Town Halls
- 21 Launches and Awards
- 44 Lightning Talks
- 23 Networking Sessions
- 24 DC Sessions
- 3 NRI Collaborative Sessions
- 45 Pre-Events (Day 0 Sessions)
- 5 High-level Leaders Track
- 4 Parliamentary Track sessions
- 1 Global Youth Summit
- 1 BPF Sessions
- 3 PN Sessions
- 3 other sessions
- 1 Open Mic
- 1 Closing Ceremony

11.5 Media

The meeting's live stream service attracted close to 10,000+ views¹. Over 70% of viewers were between 18 and 44 years of age. Livestream was mostly viewed in Japan (+53%), followed by Indonesia, India, United States and Saudi Arabia.

One press briefing was held and five [media wrap-ups](#) communicated to all registered media and five daily [media wrap-ups](#) were also produced and distributed to IGF-accredited journalists, the IGF

¹ Exact figure under processing.

main press mailing list and media lists at the UN Secretariat through the Department of Global Communications.

Thousands of stakeholders interacted with the 18th IGF hashtags #IGF2023 and #InternetWeWant².

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11.6 Preparation

IGF 2023 preparation

- 40 Members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
- 2 Open Consultation and MAG Meetings
- 35 Virtual MAG and MAG-WG meetings
- 2 MAG Working Groups and 6 Main Session Preparatory Groups

12 Annex B: Documentation and Process

IGF 2023 host country website
<https://www.soumu.go.jp/igfkyoto2023/en/>
IGF Website
<https://www.intgovforum.org>

12.1 IGF 2023 Outputs

IGF 2023 outputs, including IGF 2023 messages, session reports, press releases, and IGF participant statements, can be found at:

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2023-outputs>

12.2 IGF 2023 Session Reports, Recordings and Transcripts

² Precise statistics will be made available in a few days.

Reports	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/igf-2023-reports
Transcripts	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/igf-2023-transcripts
Recordings	https://www.youtube.com/user/igf/videos

12.3 IGF 2023 Intersessional Work

The community-led [intersessional activities](#) that occur throughout the year offer the IGF community the opportunity to work on substantive and concrete longer-term projects in the field of Internet governance:

Policy Networks (PNs)

Internet Fragmentation (PNIF)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-internet-fragmentation
Meaningful Access (PNMA)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-meaningful-access-pnma
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-artificial-intelligence-pnai

Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

Cybersecurity	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/bpf-cybersecurity
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Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

The activities of the 28 DCs are coordinated by the [Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group](#) (DCCG).

Accessibility and Disability	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-accessibility-and-disability-1
Blockchain Technologies	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-blockchain-technologies-0
Children's Rights in the Digital Environment	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-childrens-rights-in-the-digital-environment
Community Connectivity	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity-0
Core Internet Values	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity-0
Data and Trust	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-trust-dc-dt
Data Driven Health Technologies	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-driven-health-technologies-dc-ddht

Digital Health	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-digital-health
DNS Issues	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-dns-issues-dc-dnsi
Environment	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-environment-dce
Gender and Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-gender-and-internet-governance
Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-innovative-approaches-to-connecting-the-unconnected-0
Internet and Jobs	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-jobs-dc-jobs
Internet of Things	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-internet-of-things-0
Internet Rights & Principles	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-rights-and-principles-1
Internet Standards, Security and Safety	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-standards-security-and-safety-dc-iss
Internet Universality Indicators	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dc-on-internet-universality-indicators-dc-iui
Network Neutrality	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-network-neutrality-1
Platform Responsibility	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility
Public Access in Libraries	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-public-access-in-libraries-1
Schools of Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-schools-of-internet-governance
Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-small-island-developing-states-in-the-internet-economy-dc-sids
Sustainability of Journalism and News Media	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-sustainability-of-journalism-and-news-media-dc-sustainability
Youth Coalition on Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-coalition-on-internet-governance-1
Dynamic Teen Coalition	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-teens
Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Assurance and Standardization	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-blockchain-assurance-and-standardization-dc-bas
Dynamic Coalition	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-artificial-

on Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance	intelligence-governance-dc-daig
Dynamic Coalition on Open Educational Resources	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-open-educational-resources-dc-oer

National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are organic and independent formations that are discussing issues pertaining to Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF.

The status of NRIs in 2023:

- 162 NRIs recognised in total
- 100+ NRIs represented at IGF 2023
- 7 more countries/regions have established IGF processes since IGF 2022

Below are the sources to find more information about the NRIs and their work:

About the NRIs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-and-regional-igf-initiatives
National IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-igf-initiatives
Regional IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/regional-igf-initiatives
Youth IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-initiatives
Preparatory work of the NRIs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/nris-collaborative-work

12.4 IGF 2023 Preparatory Process

The IGF meeting programme is prepared by the MAG and the IGF Secretariat over the course of the year. Key decisions on the programme are taken in the face-to-face meetings as well as regular virtual meetings of the MAG leading into the IGF.

Following a traditional approach, the process was triggered by a public call for inputs which helped identification of the main themes. These were developed by the MAG based on input and contributions submitted by the community. The programme for IGF 2023 was then built around the eight main sub-themes which were prioritised through the public call and aligned with the themes of the Global Digital Compact.

Key elements of the preparatory processes included:

- A call to [Take Stock of IGF 2022 and Suggest Improvements for IGF 2023](#) was open until 16 January 2023. The contributions were summarised in a [synthesis output document](#).
- A [call for thematic inputs](#) was open until 31 January. The [list of received inputs](#) and an [analysis](#) are available.
- The MAG identified main themes during its first MAG meeting and open consultations.

- A [call for session proposals](#) was open until 24 May, inviting all stakeholders to consider applying for the type(s) of session that best fit their interests.

In addition to the overall collective work, the MAG worked on particular segments of the Forum's preparations to advance the overall process through its working groups:

Working Group on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/working-group-on-igf-strengthening-and-strategy-wg-ss
Working Group on Workshop Process (WG-WSP)	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/working-group-on-workshop-review-and-evaluation-process-wg-wrep
