

IGF 2020
Best Practice Forum
Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context

Virtual meeting I
20 February 2020 - 15:00 UTC

Summary

Introduction

1. Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context is one of the four topics selected by the IGF MAG for a Best Practice Forum (BPF) in 2020. BPFs are intersessional activities that discuss and collect best practices pertaining to an internet governance policy question. BPFs work via regular virtual meetings and online discussions towards the IGF's annual meeting where they present their work. A BPF is expected to publish a substantive output report.
2. The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 2 to 6 November 2020 under the overarching theme Internet United.
3. The BPF on Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context follows on the BPF on IoT, Big Data, AI that ran in 2018 and 2019. Their summaries and final outputs can be found here:
IGF2019 BPF IoT, Big Data, AI - [Final Output Report](#) (summary)
IGF2018 BPF IoT, Big Data, AI - [Final Output Report](#)
4. The BPF Data and New Technologies will be coordinated by the BPF Co-Facilitators Concettina Casa (MAG member) and Emanuela Girardi. The IGF Secretariat will provide a BPF consultant to support the work.

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5. The BPF intends to focus on how users' data is collected, analyzed and used, and best practices to ensure that data is used to bring benefit and not to harm users. While data from connected devices, networks and applications contributes to solving complex problems and facing global challenges one can observe growing concerns on how the same data can be used and abused to do harm and risks to put users in a weak and powerless position.
6. The BPF's intended work plan covers the following three stages: 1) Identifying the issues to cover; 2) Identifying stakeholders and existing stakeholder dialogue; 3) Collecting and sharing best practices. It was suggested that the BPF would also look into how to promote and support the implementation of best practices.

7. It was pointed out that the current covid-19 crisis leads to an increased use of smart-working and other apps and solutions that share data.
8. The BPF envisages the following action plan:
 - March/April: BPF focus & work plan, drafting background paper
 - May/June: publication of BPF background paper and call for contributions
 - Sept/Oct: publication draft BPF output and BPF workshop at IGF 2020
 - December: publication final report
9. BPF participants were invited to suggest stakeholders, stakeholder groups, experts and policy makers who would be interested in contributing to the work of the BPF.
10. Next meeting: Friday 17 April 2020, 15:00 UTC.
11. Links and additional information:
 - IGF website <https://www.intgovforum.org>
 - BPF webpage url <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/bpf-internet-of-things-iot-big-data-and-artificial-intelligence-ai>
 - Subscribe to the BPF mailing list https://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/aiiotbd_intgovforum.org
 - MAG agreed Proposal BPF Data and New Technologies in and Internet Context https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot_download/9655/1965
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Meeting recording

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