

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2025
NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES**

- Virtual Meeting III -

25 March 2025 at 12:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- IGF Secretariat to set up three mailing lists and shared documents for the network to prepare the NRIs collaborative sessions as per the agreed timeline.
- IGF Secretariat to set up a shared document to gather feedback on the NRIs main session policy orientation by the next NRIs meeting.
- NRIs to comment on the draft input document to the WSIS+20 review process by 5 April, end of day.

1. The third virtual meeting of the NRIs in the IGF 2025 preparatory cycle took place on 25 March 2025 at 12:00 UTC. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final adopted version of the Agenda is attached as Annex A1, the list of meeting participants as Annex A2, and the list of meeting inputs as Annex A3.
2. The meeting was convened to confirm the topics for the NRIs sessions at the 20th annual IGF meeting in Norway and decided on the next steps.

Summary of points

3. Participants confirmed they endorse the results of the second consultation round's outcomes as presented on the NRIs mailing list, agreeing that the thematic NRIs sessions at the 20th annual IGF meeting will focus on:
 - NRIs Main Session: Strengthening multistakeholder approach to Internet governance (taking into account important processes such as NetMundial, GDC, WSIS+20, SDGs 2030 etc.). The session will be between 75-90 minutes long and interpreted into 6 official UN languages.
 - Three NRIs collaborative sessions:
 - Local connectivity and community-based networks and solutions for affordable universal access. (This topic could be combined with capacity building.)
 - Data governance: ensuring transparency, protection and responsible use of personal and organizational data. (This could also be looked at in the context of AI.)
 - Managing cybersecurity threats.
 - All three sessions will be up to 60 minutes long.
4. The already agreed timeline was re-confirmed:
 - Respond to the survey: 18 March
 - Final endorsement of its results: 25 March
 - Form 4 working groups: 28 March

- Each group to finalize the draft proposal: 11 April
 - Proposals uploaded to the IGF website: 12 April
 - Mark proposals final: 30 April
 - Session preparations: April – 1 June
 - Session implementation: 23-27 June
5. It was agreed that preparations for the NRIs Main Session and the Coordination Session will be facilitated through the regular monthly NRIs meetings and the main NRIs mailing list. In contrast, the three NRIs Collaborative Sessions will be organized via dedicated mailing lists by a group of interested NRIs, following an open and transparent consultative process. The IGF Secretariat will share subscription details for the mailing lists within the next 24 hours.
 6. Shared working documents will be created for all sessions to facilitate collaborative drafting of session proposals.
 7. Participants discussed their approach to the NRIs Main Session policy focus. In light of the thematic similarities with last year's session held during the 19th IGF in Riyadh, it was agreed that this year's session could build upon its key takeaways and lessons learned. The session should be issue-driven, structured around a set of concrete policy questions of relevance to both the co-organizers and the broader public. It was emphasized that the discussion should remain firmly focused on digital policy and be supported by evidence-based inputs, avoiding sharing individual experiences.
 8. Participants identified the following policy-related aspects to be addressed in the NRIs Main Session:
 - Reflect on how the multistakeholder model functions within the UN context, and explore ways to strengthen it.
 - Examine the role of the multistakeholder model in Internet governance, including challenges and opportunities.
 - Reaffirm core values of the multistakeholder model by highlighting key principles such as inclusiveness, openness, and transparency that support the multistakeholder approach.
 - Contextualize the multistakeholder model within global frameworks by exploring the relevance and applicability of the NetMundial+10 São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines¹ within the WSIS+20 review process, supported by evidence-based contributions from NRIs.
 - Identify concrete changes that could be advanced through the WSIS+20 process to improve global digital cooperation.
 - Through policy-focused and evidence-supported dialogue, illustrate the impact of NRIs on the global Internet governance ecosystem and the multistakeholder model.
 - Consider discussing the impact of the Internet protocol upgrade on the multistakeholder model and governance structures.
 - Explore ways to more effectively engage policymakers and legislators, underlining the importance of active government participation in multistakeholder processes.
 9. It was acknowledged that achieving a single, unified position on the multistakeholder model may be difficult in this format. Instead, it was reminded that participants should share policy-focused and evidence-based perspectives from their respective communities, reflecting varied understandings of global digital governance and ways to improve it.

¹ <https://netmundial.br/pdf/NETmundial10-MultistakeholderStatement-2024.pdf>

10. NRIs that have undertaken activities related to this topic are encouraged to support the preparation of the session by sharing their outcomes, outputs, and lessons learned. Contributions in the form of written inputs should be submitted via the NRIs mailing list. For example, the Lebanon IGF noted that members of Parliament who participated in their most recent annual meeting emphasized the importance of collaboration with the multistakeholder community to make informed decisions on the regulation of digital technologies.
11. Participants agreed to consolidate the so far shared suggestions in a shared document and further work on improving the main session's policy orientation, aiming to have a more complete draft by the next meeting in four weeks' time.
12. All NRIs sessions will follow the format of the last year's NRIs sessions.
13. A brief discussion was held on the possibility of the NRIs contributing input to the WSIS+20 review process in line with the WSIS+20 modalities, which are pending adoption by the UN General Assembly. It was agreed that the NRIs network will provide feedback on the initial draft document - originally proposed by the North African IGF and already commented on by several NRIs. The network will aim to submit comments within the next ten days, after which the NRIs focal point will consolidate the input into a draft for further review. It was noted that this document could serve as a contribution to the consultations within the framework of the agreed modalities. The network also agreed that it may not be realistic to produce a first draft in time to contribute to the 28th session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD). However, individual members are encouraged to participate in the session and may base their inputs on the existing draft document.

Next Steps

9. The IGF Secretariat will circulate the action points for final endorsement on the NRIs mailing list.
10. The three mailing list for the NRIs collaborative sessions will be created and NRIs invited to subscribe.
11. All main session-related policy suggestions will be consolidated into one shared document for the group's further work.
12. NRIs to comment on the NRIs input document to WSIS+20 review process by 5 April, end of day.
13. A doodle poll will be sent for scheduling a call in the second half of April.
14. For any suggestions or questions regarding the report, NRIs coordinators can contact the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point at: anja.gengo@un.org.

ANNEX A1

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction
2. NRIs sessions at IGF 2025
 - a. 3 NRIs collaborative sessions: focus review
 - b. NRIs main session: policy focus
 - c. NRIs coordination session: thematic focus
3. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order²):*

1. Agustina Ordoñez, Argentina IGF
2. Ahmed Farag, North African IGF, Arab IGF
3. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
4. Alishah Shariff, UK IGF
5. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
6. Athanase Bahizire, IGF DR Congo
7. Bendjedid Rachad Sanoussi, Benin Youth IGF
8. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
9. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
10. Eunice Alejandra Pérez Coello
11. Eyob Esatu, Ethiopia IGF
12. Franck Bignon KOUYAMI
13. Gabrielle Johnson, Caribbean Youth IGF
14. Georgia Evans, Canada IGF
15. Godsway Kubi, Ghana Youth IGF
16. Henry Wang, Singapore IGF
17. Jasmine Ko, Hong Kong IGF
18. Jennifer Chung, APriGF
19. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
20. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
21. June Parris, Barbados IGF
22. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
23. Kasun Tharaka, Sri Lanka IGF
24. Letsatsi Lekhooa, Lesotho IGF
25. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
26. Lucien Castex, France IGF
27. Marcelo Valenzuela, Chile IGF
28. Mare Vahtre, Estonia IGF
29. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
30. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
31. Masanobu Katoh, Japan IGF
32. Michel Tchonang Linze Capda, Cameroon IGF, Central African IGF
33. Mohamed Athie, Mauritania IGF
34. Mohammad Abdul Haque, Bangladesh IGF
35. Muriel Alapini, Benin IGF
36. Nancy Carter, Canada IGF
37. Nazar Nicholas, Tanzania IGF

² Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

38. Nia Nanan, Caribbean IGF
39. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
40. Obed Sindy, Haiti IGF
41. Oksana Pryhodko, Ukraine IGF
42. Osvaldo Larancuent, Dominican Republic IGF
43. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF
44. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
45. Priyatosh Jana, India IGF
46. Qasim Pirzada, Pakistan Youth IGF
47. Ramadhan, Iraq IGF-Kurdistan branch
48. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF
49. Saba Tiku, Ethiopia Youth IGF
50. Sabrina Heber, German IGF
51. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG
52. Shanea Lewis, Caribbean IGF
53. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
54. Suada Hadzovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF
55. Suzete Centeio Pereira, Cabo Verde IGF
56. Thy Try, Cambodia IGF
57. Tiago Martins, Portugal IGF
58. Tijani Ben Jemaa, North African IGF
59. Ucha Seturi, Georgia IGF
60. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
61. Zdravko Jukić, Croatia IGF
62. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF

ANNEX A3 INPUTS

- Draft IGF 2025 timeline https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/335/28650
- Reports from all NRIs sessions held at IGF 2024
 - NRIs coordination session
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nmvTLKl_6fbntgzkAazruLs_pHVsmnfH/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nmvTLKl_6fbntgzkAazruLs_pHVsmnfH/view?usp=drive_link)
 - NRIs main and collaborative sessions reports available at
<https://intgovforum.org/en/igf-2024-reports>
- Draft IGF 2025 NRIs workplan
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NoT1Wn60Iekox8nuAqtceTPfL-dHF635oVZ3ULTI6Y/edit?usp=sharing>