



About IGF and NRIs

Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on IG (MEAC-SIG) 6 July 2021

16 years of the IGF

Quick look at the IGF's beginnings

Outcome of the *UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)*. Convened by the *UN Secretary-General* on 18 July 2006. Inaugural meeting held in Athens, Greece (30 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2006).

IGF's processes

- Community guides the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) and its Chair to advise the United Nations Secretary-General on the IGF programme.
- Neutral coordination of the process entrusted to the IGF Secretariat (UNOG), institutionally placed with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNHQ).

Become member of the MAG 2022

2022 MAG Renewal announcement expected in the second half of 2021.





Engage in IGF 2021 Processes



IGF is a community-led process. Your voice can make a difference.



16th IGF: Internet United





Venue: International Congress Centre in Katowice, Poland



IGF 2021 PROCESS

KATOWICE, 6-10 DECEMBER 2021

The IGF 2021 process will feature a preparatory and engagement phase.

'Issue-Driven Approach'

• The MAG opted for using an issue-driven approach to design the IGF 2021 programme, on the two main focus areas and four emerging and cross-cutting issue areas:

IGF 2021 Main focus areas

- Economic and social inclusion and human rights
- Universal access and meaningful connectivity

IGF 2021 Emerging and cross-cutting issue areas

- Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/users rights regulation
- Environmental sustainability and climate change
- Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation
- Trust, security, stability

Narratives available in the IGF 2021 Guide to Issues and Policy Questions



IGF 2021 PREPARATORY AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE

KATOWICE, 6-10 DECEMBER 2021

IGF 2021 PREPARATORY AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE July – November 2021

Outputs incorporated into IGF 2021 Meeting Guide on Issues and Policy Questions

THE 16th ANNUAL IGF 6 - 10 December 2021 Katowice, Poland

OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate in-depth engagement with IGF 2021 issue areas towards achieving the goal of a more focused and impactful IGF
- Facilitate engagement with IGF intersessional activities, and,
- Broaden participation and inclusion in all aspects of the IGF process.

OBJECTIVES

- Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices
- Create space for a meaningful participation of all stakeholder groups from all regions, regardless if participating online or onsite in Katowice.



IGF 2021 PREPARATORY and ENGAGEMENT PHASE

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Deep diving into IGF 2021 issue areas

Mapping links between IGF 2021 issue areas and activities of the IGF community at large – cooperation through shared online space

Unpacking GF 2021 issue areas through introductory sessions

Multistakeholder community organized feeder workshops – workshops with good score wishing to be hosted during the preparatory phase fully online

Engaging IGF 2021 Intersessional Work and NRIs

Policy Networks

- Environment
- Meaningful Access

Best Practice Forums

- Gender and Digital Rights
 - Cybersecurity

Dynamic Coalitions

137 NRIs

Capacity development activities

Workshops: engagement in the IGF

Training for session organizers and participants

Workshops on IGF issue areas (on demand)

"Our Digital Future"



- The 16th annual IGF will be hosted in a **hybrid format**. The meeting will aim at accommodating the participation of stakeholders present onsite in Katowice or participating online, in the same way as much as possible.
- This will make possible:
 - ✓ Session teams participating fully online

 If a session's organizing team participates only online (includes online speakers, moderators, rapporteurs and other involved resource parties), the session would still be assigned a meeting room at the 16th IGF in Katowice. The onsite participants may choose to join the session from the meeting room or some other space they feel comfortable in, through the meeting's platform.
 - ✓ Session teams with mixed online and onsite presence

 If the session will have a mixed component, with some speakers/panelists joining online and some onsite, the room moderator(s) will insure connectivity.



- Workshops / open forums / town halls/ launches and awards / lightning talks/ networking sessions / DC Sessions / NRI sessions/ Pre events (Day zero)
 Over 400 session proposals received, currently under the evaluation. New types of sessions formalized.
- The 16 IGF will also feature a high-level leaders track, parliamentary track, youth track and newcomers track.
- Stakeholders can still request a slot for networking sessions.
- The bilateral room system to open soon.
- IGF Village will accommodate physical and virtual booth.
- Remote hubs applications can be submitted by 20 September.

IGF 2021 INTERSESSIONAL WORK

Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

multistakeholder networks focusing on existing and emerging good practices

Policy Networks (PNs)

multistakeholder efforts that provide in-depth expert view on broad Internet governance topics of global population's interest

Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

open, multistakeholder and community-driven initiatives dedicated to exploring a certain Internet governance issue or group of issues

BPF Cybersecurity on the use of norms to foster trust and security

BPF Gender and Digital Rights

PN Environment (PNE)

PN Meaningful Access (PNMA)

22 DCs focused on particular IG issues

Cybersecurity agreements; norms; cooperation.

Gendered disinformation

Digital technologies for environment; environmental data; food & water security; energy security; supply chains; overarching issues etc.

How to achieve meaningful and universal access?

DCs on: accessibility; blockchain; child rights online; connectivity; Internet values; data; health; DNS; gender; jobs; IoT; rights; IG schools; media; Internet universality indicators; security; and more.

JOIN THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK!

Participate in regular monthly meetings, exchange views via mailing lists, respond to surveys and more. Visit the IGF website and subscribe to the mailing lists, https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/thematic-intersessional-work

IGF 2020 Call for Remote Hubs

Those unable to participate in-person at the IGF 2021, can organize remote hubs for their networks. Gather in your office and follow the IGF 2021 live webcast; discuss among yourself and with other in-room participants.

Session moderators will give a priority to the interventions coming from the Remote Hubs over other remote participants!

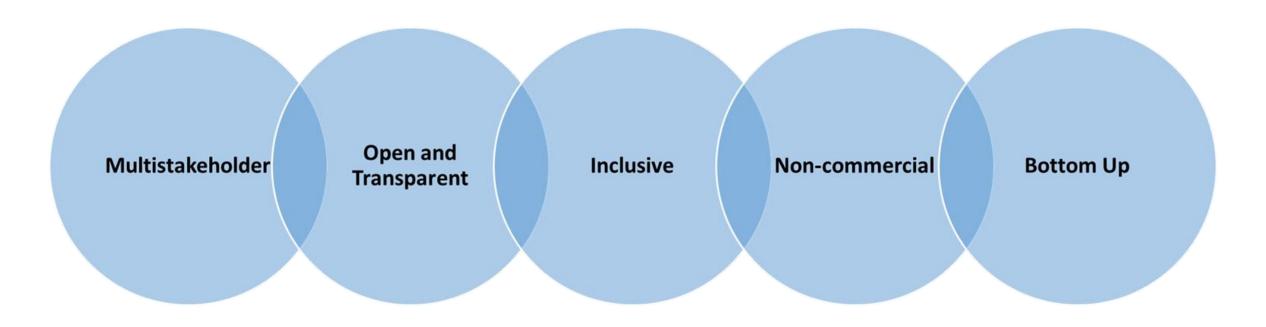
Register your Remote Hub online by 20 September 2021.

More about the IGF 2021 Remote Hubs at: www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-remote-hubs

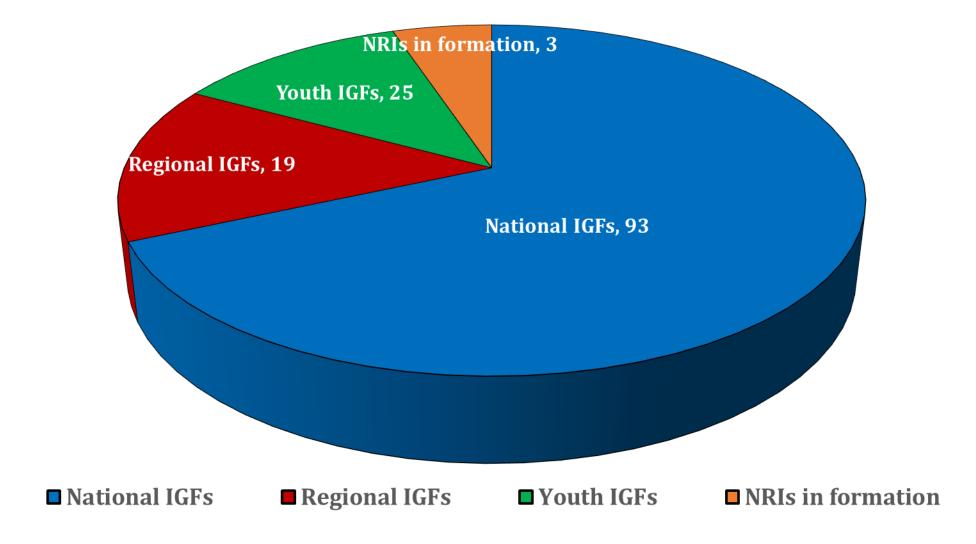


National, Regional, (Sub)Regional and Youth IGFs (NRIs)

IGFs organized around the world!



Records of recognized NRIs is 137 (+ 2 in-formation)







NRIs landscape in 2021

- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose challenges to the NRIs meetings
- 51 NRIs meetings confirmed so far. Visit the IGF calendar https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/calendar
- Some NRIs experimenting with the formats (series of online discussions; online with remote studios; hybrid = onsite + online). For example:















































NRIs at IGF 2021

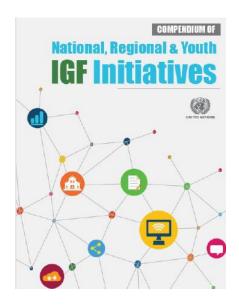
NRIs collaborative sessions (NRIs-to-NRIs exchanges)

- Smart local solutions to connect everyone. Special focus: people living in remote and rural areas
- Securing the trusted Internet now for the generations to come Special focus: child online safety.
- Enabling local smart solutions to close the global digital divides. Special focus: technical Internet governance, standards and cooperation.
- Digital sovereignty and digital self-determination
- E-commerce challenges and opportunities in 2021 looking at the national practices Special focus: digital transformation and monetization

NRIs main session
NRIs coordination session



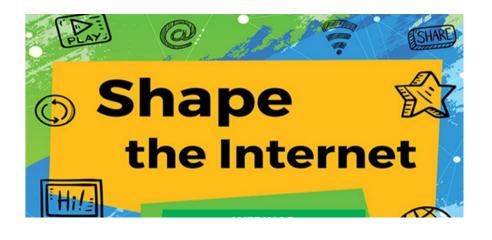
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Issues in focus of NRIs in 2019 and 2020

Youth IGFs and youth capacity-development initiatives in action



Youth-focused discussions hosted regularly by the Polish Youth IGF — as members of the Host Country team.

https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process





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