

# UN IGF-Internet Governance Forum - OPEN FORUM REPORT

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A dialogue between decision-makers and the young  
Youth IGF Movement – EU Delegation

Matthew SHEARS, ICANN Board and MEPs Alexandra GEESE & Karen MELCHIOR

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Cybersecurity \* Distribution of fakes online \* Online safety \* DNS industry ecosystem

And the role of the young leaders

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The purpose of this Open Forum is to allow the voice of young people to be heard by Information Society experts on issues related to internet governance and to help young people to take an active part in decision-making processes.

## High Level Dialogue between decision-makers and the young: Youth IGF Movement – EU Delegation



### RECOMMENDATIONS

✓ Reinforce the role of the young Leaders in building Trust in the Internet at the moment when a lot of people has been losing trust.

✓ Call to the Leadership from the European Parliament in supporting the Young Leaders of the Global South to be brought and being present at the IGF.

✓ Internet governance topic should be integrated in educational curricula as a transversal subject and not only as a subject for those who are interested in digital aspects.

### SUMMARY

The dialogue between the Global Leaders and the young activists of the IGF Movement took place in a very constructive manner. The Open Forum opened with the short presentation about the Youth IGF Movement, its global presence and the priority areas of work.

It has been followed by an introductory word of distinguished global players, namely: Matthew SHEARS (ICANN Board Member), Alexandra GEESE and Karen MELCHIOR (Members of the European Parliament) and Salwa TOKO (President of the French Digital Council).

The Young Leaders presented outcomes of the activities of the Youth IGF Movement in 2019 in the area of Online safety and Cybersecurity (Maria KORNIETS), Fakes and fake medicines online (Michel CHAMMAS), followed by the examples of the targeted projects that came out from the national Youth IGFs, such as the National Citizenship Campaign on Cyber Hygiene (Junior SAINT FLEUR) and the platform on the fight against cyber bullying: bully.id (Agita PASARIBU).

Innocent ADRIKO presented the situation in Uganda and a few recommendations that came out from the activities of the Youth IGF Movement in Uganda. Elisabeth Schauer mann brought a number of recommendations from the youth communities to the decision makers.

The global leaders remained absolutely impressed by the level of engagement of the young leaders and the quality of their outcomes.

*What the Global Leaders heard, it places the movement and the Leaders of the Youth IGF Movement in a position of being incredibly well prepared to discuss and to become parliamentarians or private sector leaders, and also detain the information on different opportunities, said Mr Matthew SHEARS.*

MEP GEESE underlined that problems and opportunities are quite similar all over the globe with different specificities and that the Delegation will take the recommendations of the Open Forum back to the European Parliament.

MEP MELCHIOR concluded that the Youth IGF Movement Leaders need to take the lead, as *"..we need politicians who understand how technology works, I hope that some of you will become politicians and parliamentarians in your countries."*

The President of the French Digital Council underlined the role of the voice of the young generation in the consultation process on digital national policies.

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