

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

- Virtual Meeting I -

28 January 2025 at 13:00 UTC

SUMMARY REPORT

Action Items:

- IGF Secretariat to integrate all proposals into a draft annual work plan for NRIs' consideration.
- Ghana IGF Coordinator to share an outline of a proposal for NRIs to organize regional workshops.
- North African IGF community member to provide a written input on NRIs' position regarding the WSIS+20 review process and its expected resolution.
- IGF Secretariat to share a resource explaining the difference between the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and the Global Digital Compact (GDC).
- Consider strategies to improve how NRIs and the global IGF can better measure stakeholder participation levels.
- IGF Secretariat to create a centralized access point for all NRIs-related documents.
- More information about the MAG WG-Strategy work to be shared via NRIs mailing list.

1. The first virtual meeting of the NRIs in the IGF 2025 preparatory cycle took place on 28 January 2025 at 13:00 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 plan the NRIs 2025 annual workplan.

Summary of points

3. Participants agreed to maintain the same approach as last year regarding the number and nature of sessions at the 20th annual IGF in Norway. Specifically, the group will organize a coordination session, a main session, and up to three collaborative sessions. It was emphasized that the coordination session should facilitate the exchange of good practices related to NRIs' work and impact, while the other sessions should focus on thematic and issue-driven discussions, leveraging expertise from multistakeholder NRIs processes.
4. A proposal was made for NRIs to extend their collective discussions beyond the annual IGF meeting by hosting five thematic sessions at major regional meetings. The Ghana IGF coordinator committed to submitting a written outline of this proposal to the NRIs mailing list for further consultation. Another suggestion emphasized the importance of creating a dedicated space for NRIs to exchange best practices and address common challenges throughout the year.
5. There was broad support for NRIs to actively engage in the World Summit on the Information Society 20-year review process (WSIS+20) and contribute to the implementation of the Global Digital Compact (GDC). Some participants stressed the need for a holistic approach to ensure

that NRIs provide meaningful input into the overall WSIS vision, its action lines, and the IGF mandate review. Related to this, a former CSTD Chair and Portugal IGF coordinator provided a brief overview of the WSIS process and its relation with the WSIS Forum, highlighting the need to focus on the overall WSIS process when contributing inputs.

6. A proposal was made for NRIs to develop a common position on WSIS+20 and its expected resolution. Some participants suggested conducting a survey to gather NRIs' perspectives on WSIS+20 and their expectations. A North African IGF representative offered to draft an initial input for NRIs' review and consultation. This position paper would then be integrated into key processes related to shaping of WSIS+20 review once announced by the recently appointed co-facilitators, Kenya and Lithuania. Several participants emphasized that WSIS+20 and GDC are critical processes, underscoring the importance of demonstrating NRIs' contributions and achievements.
7. To coordinate further on the IGF's overall contributions to WSIS+20 and GDC, some participants encouraged NRIs to actively engage in the MAG Working Group on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy). It was noted that further details will be shared via the NRIs mailing list.
8. Some participants requested that the IGF Secretariat share a resource clarifying the differences between the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society. The Secretariat committed to do so over NRIs mailing list.
9. At an individual level, NRIs were encouraged to enhance multistakeholder engagement and promote the inclusion of underrepresented stakeholder groups. A proposal was made to develop a template that would enable a simple yet effective methodology to measure stakeholder engagement and identify gaps in representation.
10. Participants raised concerns that global NRIs processes and IGF discussions tend to involve the same familiar stakeholders. It was stressed that greater efforts should be made to engage newcomers and experts who can contribute fresh perspectives, drive impactful change, and ensure long-term sustainability.
11. A request was made for the Secretariat to create a centralized platform where all NRIs-related documents can be stored and accessed easily.
12. It was agreed that all discussed action points would be compiled into a draft annual action plan, which will be finalized and submitted for NRIs' endorsement by mid-February.

Next Steps

13. The IGF Secretariat will circulate the action points for final endorsement on the NRIs mailing list.
14. A doodle poll will be sent for scheduling a call in the second half of February.
15. 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 work objectives for 2025
 - a. NRIs at the 20th IGF in Norway
 - b. NRIs and WSIS+20
 - c. NRIs to NRIs communication/collaboration
 - d. Other activities of interest
3. AoB

ANNEX A2

MEETING PARTICIPANTS *(in alphabetical order¹):*

1. Amrita Choudhury, APriIGF, India IGF
2. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
3. Ahmed Farag, North African IGF
4. Ana Neves, Portugal IGF
5. Anupam Agrawal, India IGF
6. Athanase Bahizire, DR Congo IGF
7. Athie Mohamed, North African IGF community from Mauritania
8. Aws Al-Saadi, Iraq IGF
9. Baratang Miya, at large
10. Barrack Otieno, Kenya IGF
11. Christine Arida, Arab IGF, Government of Egypt
12. Dana Cramer, Youth Canada IGF
13. Dorijn Boogaard, The Netherlands IGF
14. Emmy Okwir Ogule, Uganda IGF
15. Erick Sotelo, did not identify
16. Godsway Kubi, Ghana IGF
17. Hisham Aboulyazeed, Arab IGF, Government of Egypt
18. Iombonana Andriamampionona, Madagascar IGF
19. Jacques Beglinger, Swiss IGF
20. Jasmine Ko, Hong Kong IGF
21. Jose Felix Hernandez-Gil, Spain IGF
22. Judith Hellerstein, IGF-USA
23. Julian Casasbuenas G., Colombia IGF
24. June Parris, Barbados IGF
25. Junko Kawauchi, Japan IGF
26. Karim Attoumani Mohamed, Comoros IGF
27. Keith Andere, Youth Kenya IGF
28. Khouzeifi Issakha Doud-bane, Chad Youth IGF
29. Kristina Hakobyan, Armenia IGF
30. Lilian Chamorro, LACIGF

¹ Names indicated as participants identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

31. Lillian Nalwoga, African IGF, Uganda IGF, East African IGF
32. Lito Ibarra, El Salvador IGF
33. Marcelo Valenzuela, Chile IGF
34. Marko Paloski, North Macedonia IGF
35. Markus Kummer, DCCG coordinator
36. Mary Uduma, West African IGF
37. Masanobu Katoh, Japan IGF
38. Millenium Anthony,
39. Mohammad Kawsar Uddin
40. Mutegeki Cliff, Uganda IGF, Youth African IGF
41. Nancy Carter, Canada IGF
42. Natálie Terčová, Czechia IGF
43. Nazar Nicolas, Tanzania IGF
44. Nnenna Nwakanma, West African IGF
45. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Uruguay IGF
46. Nigel Cassimire, Caribbean IGF
47. Martha Negedu, Nigeria IGF
48. Oksana Prykhodko, Ukraine IGF
49. Olga Cavalli, Argentina IGF, LACIGF
50. Olga Kyryliuk, SEEDIG
51. Omar Shuran, Lybia IGF
52. Patience Luyeye, DR Congo IGF
53. Pedro de Perdigão Lana, Youth LACIGF
54. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF
55. Phyo Thiri Lwin, Myanmar Youth IGF
56. Plantina Tsholofelo Mokone, South Africa IGF
57. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
58. Qasim Pirzada, Youth Pakistan IGF
59. Ramadhan Rahman, Iraq IGF
60. Rita Wehbe, Arab IGF, UN-ESCWA
61. Rosemary Koech-Kimwatu
62. Saba Tiku, Ethiopia Youth IGF
63. Salieu Mansaray, Sierra Leone IGF
64. Sameer Gahlot, Singapore IGF
65. Shin Yamasaki, Japan IGF
66. Sinédrio Cuambe, Mozambique IGF
67. Suzete Centeio Pereira, Cabo Verde IGF
68. Thoko Miya, South Africa ISOC Chapter
69. Tijani Ben Jemaa, North African IGF
70. Concettina Cassa, Italy IGF
71. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
72. 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
 - NRIs main and collaborative sessions reports available at <https://intgovforum.org/en/igf-2024-reports>

- Results of IGF 2024 Stocktaking and Suggesting improvements for IGF 2025
<https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2025-suggestions-2024-stocktaking> and unofficial NRIs-related submissions' overview
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pN0jATGSQginHuIdml7OJsaE4qiuawf9ha1Veol4R5w/edit?usp=drive_link