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Background of Internet Governance Discourse in Nepal

Internet Society Nepal Chapter, Forum for Digital Equality and the High-Level Commission on Information Technology conducted the first formal discussion on Internet Governance in 27th November 2008, just before the Hyderabad IGF. Various government bodies, organizations, associations and agencies have been involved in IG discussion at different names and forms.

Right before Prig 2016, some of major stakeholders (DoIT, ISOC Nepal, FDE, ISPAN and IOE) had a meeting at Department of Information Technology on conducting a full stakeholder's meeting for wider consultation. An informal meeting with IGF MAG Chair Lynn St. Amour, and NRI's focal Anja Genjo was held during ICANN 57 [5th November 2016] in Hyderabad, India. Mr. Subhash Dhakal, Director of Department of Information Technology, Mr. Babu Ram Aryal, President of Forum for Digital Equality, Mr. Bikram Shrestha, President of ISOC Nepal Chapter and Mr. Suman Lal Pradhan, President of ISP Association of Nepal were part of the meeting and discussed the fundamental principles of IGF and strategies on forming national IGFs.

After a series of background discussions and workout, after almost 8 years finally a stakeholder's meeting was held on 21st February 2017 at Department of Information Technology and adopted Declaration of Nepal IGF and Standard Operating Procedure of Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG). The meeting also formed first Ad Hoc MSG and the leaders of MSG.

Formation of Nepal IGF

Nepal IGF declaration was signed on Feb 21, 2017 in an event at Department of Information Technology, Government of Nepal, Thapagaun, Kathmandu, Nepal. The declaration was signed by 23 person from Six different stakeholder group.
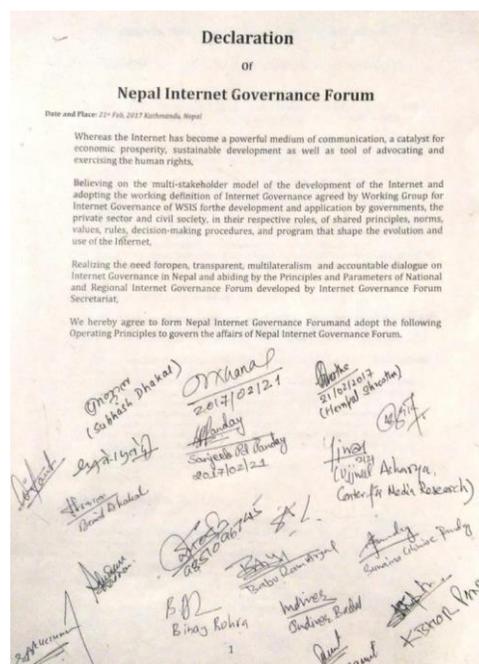
Signatories of Nepal IGF

N	Name	MSG Position	Stakeholder Group	Affiliation
1	Mr. Birendra Kumar Mishra	Chairperson	Government	Department of Information Technology
2	Mr. Babu Ram Aryal	Vice Chairperson	Civil Society	FDE/Internet Society Nepal
3	Mr. Suman Lal Pradhan	Vice Chairperson	Business Community	ISP Association of Nepal
4	Mr. Subhash Dhakal	Member Secretary	Government	Department of Information Technology
5	Mr. Ananda Raj Khanal	Member	Government	Nepal Telecommunication Authority
6	Mr. Bikram Shrestha	Member	Civil Society	Internet Society Nepal Chapter
7	Mr. Santosh Sigdel	Member	Civil Society	Center for Law and Technology

8	Mr. Hempal Shrestha	Member	Civil Society	FOSS Nepal
9	Ms. Sarita Bhushal	Member	Civil Society	Loom Nepal
10	Dr. Sanjeev Prasad Pandey	Member	Academia	Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University
11	Mr. Romkant Pandey	Member	Academia	Department of Computer Science, TU
12	Mr. Indiver Badal	Member	Technical Community	npIX
13	Mr. Samit Jana	Member	Technical Community	npNOG
14	Mr. Kishor Panth	Member	Technical Community	Cloud Security Alliance
15	Mr. Suraj Adhikari	Member	Technical Community	.np ccTLD
16	Mr. Binay Bihara	Member	Private/Business Sector	Vianet Communications Private Limited
17	Ms. Sunaina Ghimire Pandey	Member	Private/Business Sector	TechOne Global Nepal
18	Mr. Binod Dhakal	Member	Private/Business Sector	Federation of Computer Association Nepal
19	Mr. Sahaj Man Shrestha	Member	Media	Freedom Fourm
20	Mr. Ujjwal Acharya	Member	Media	IFJ-South Asia
21	Mr. Prabesh Subedi	Member	Media	Online Journalists Association
22	Mr. Shreedeep Rayamajhi	Member	Media	Rayznews.com
23	Ms. Dikshya Raut	Member	End User Community	

Mandate of the IGF

- Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet.
- Facilitate discourse between bodies dealing with different cross-cutting international public policies regarding the Internet and discuss issues that do not fall within the scope of any existing body.
- Interface with appropriate inter-governmental organizations and other institutions on matters under their purview.
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices, and in this regard make full use of the expertise of the academic, scientific and technical communities.
- Advise all stakeholders in proposing ways and means to accelerate the availability and affordability of the Internet in the developing world.
- Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/or future Internet governance mechanisms, particularly those from developing countries.
- Identify emerging issues, bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations.
- Contribute to capacity building for Internet governance in developing countries, drawing fully on local sources of knowledge and expertise.
- Promote and assess, on an ongoing basis, the embodiment of SWISS principles in Internet governance processes.
- Discuss, inter alia, issues relating to critical Internet resources.
- Help to find solutions to the issues arising from the use and misuse of the Internet, of concern to everyday users.
- Publish its proceedings.

Objectives of the Nepal IGF

- To promote and encourage open and inclusive dialogue and exchange of ideas among all stakeholders involved with Internet governance related issues in Nepal.
- To support and ensure the proper conduct of the organizational work of the annual Nepal IGF,
- To act as an interface among Nepal IGF Community, the Asia Pacific IGF community and the global IGF community.

- To Create opportunities to share best practices and experiences; identify emerging issues and bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the public;
- To Contribute to capacity building for Internet governance.
- To raise awareness, build capacity and promote a better understanding of Internet governance-related matters among the stakeholders of their respective community;
- To facilitate a multi-stakeholder discussion and exchanges of ideas and opinions. They should seek to foster multi-stakeholder collaboration among the stakeholders from their respective community; and
- To bring the perspectives of the respective community to the global IGF agenda and vice-versa.

The Forum

The first Nepal Internet Governance Forum, Nepal IGF 2017, was held in Kathmandu from 18 to 19 August 2017. Over 150 industry leaders, government representatives, academics, students, and Internet users attended the event hosted by the Nepal Internet Society Nepal with support from the government as well as other national and international organizations. The forum sought to facilitate inclusive and productive discussions on Internet-related public policy issues related to "Building Sustainable Internet Ecosystem in Nepal".

The topics covered in the forum included Internet of Things (IoT) and smart cities, Cybersecurity, Internet infrastructure and access, IPv6 adoption, Digital inclusion and human rights and Management of country code top level domain (.np).

Program Agenda

Day One: August 18, 2017		
Hall 1 (Main Hall)		**Hall 2**
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Registration	
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Inaugural Plenary	
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Tea Break	
11: 30 AM-12:00 Noon	Multistakeholder Model of Internet Governance: Opportunities for Developing Countries	
12: 00 PM-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1: 00-2:30 PM	Women and ICT: Nepalese Scenario	Initiating a youth platform for Internet Governance: Nepal Youth IGF
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Tea Break	
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	ccTLD and IDN in Nepal: Uses, Scope and Challenges	Privacy, Data protection and National Security Issues: Nepali Perspective
4:00 PM- 4:30 PM	Tea Break	
4: 00 PM-4:45 PM	Internet Ecosystem: How it works	ICT in Disaster Risk Reduction: Lesson Learnt
4: 45 PM-5:30 PM	Digital Certificate and Signature for building trust	

Day Two: August 19, 2017		
Hall 1(Main Hall)		**Hall 2**
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Digital Cash, Bitcoin and Online Payment in Nepal	Exploring viability of Smart City in Nepal
11:00 AM-11:30 PM	Tea Break	
11:30 PM-12:30 PM	Inclusive Internet: Access to Internet for Person with Disabilities	IPv6 Deployment: How Prepared is Nepal
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Internet Rights and Freedom of Expression in Nepal	Cybersecurity Role Play
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Tea Break	
3: 00 PM-4:30 PM	Serving the Underserved: A comprehensive multi-stakeholder approach	
4:30 PM-5:00 PM	Closing Plenary	

Access and Infrastructure
Cybersecurity
Inclusion, Human Rights and Internet
Multistakeholder Model
Future Technology
Others

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Speakers/Panelists/Moderators of Nepal IGF 2017

1.	Alpha Rani Shrestha	14.	Bimlesh jha
2.	Amar Rajbhandari	15.	Birendra Raj Pokharel
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4.	Ananda Raj Khanal,	17.	Dileep Agrawal,
5.	Ashirwad Tripathi	18.	Eswori Sharma
6.	Ashok Banjo,	19.	Gajendra Budhathoki
7.	Asmita Pokharel	20.	Ghanshyam Pant
8.	Babita Basnet	21.	Gokarna Awasthi
9.	Balkrishna Adhikari	22.	Hempal Shrestha
10.	Basant Ban	23.	Jyotsna Maskey
11.	Bhim Prasad Dhungana	24.	Kelvin Wong
12.	Bijay Senehang Limbu	25.	KP Bhandari,
13.	Bikram Shrestha	26.	Krishna Prasad Pokhrel

27.	KP Dhungana
28.	Kumar Pudasaini
29.	Manish Pokherel
30.	Mansalu Gurung
31.	Min Prasad Aryal
32.	Palita Thapa
33.	Pawan Sharma
34.	Prabesh Subedi
35.	Ram Krishna Pariyar
36.	Rama Dhakal
37.	Ramesh Koirala
38.	Ramesh Pokharel
39.	Romkant Pandey
40.	Rupesh Shrestha,
41.	Sachin Jung Karki
42.	Sagar Prasain

43.	Sahaj Man Shrestha
44.	Samiran Gupta
45.	Santosh Sigdel
46.	Shiwa Karmacharya
47.	Shreedeep Rayamajhi
48.	Sriniwas Chendi
49.	Subhas Sharma
50.	Subhash Dhakal
51.	Suraj Adhikari
52.	Sushil Ratna Bajracharya
53.	Susmeera Aryal
54.	Taranath Dahal
55.	Uddhav Timalsena
56.	Udeep Baral
57.	Umesh Raghubanshi