IGF 2018 IN PARIS, FRANCE

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was hosted by the Government of France at the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris from 12 to 14 November 2018.
2018: AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR FOR IGF

The 2018 IGF was presided at the highest level by both the host country - the Government of France President Macron - and the United Nations Secretariat.

UN Secretary General (SG) António Guterres addressed the IGF, marking the first time in the Forum’s history that an SG has attended in person.
SG’S CALL FOR ACTION

Secretary-General Guterres’ opening address to the Forum noted the importance of the work being done in the Internet governance space and made three recommendations:

(i) calling for a **multidisciplinary approach**, involving experts not traditionally involved such as philosophers and anthropologists;

(ii) encouraging the development and use of a **shared language** to make the work of the community more inclusive accessible and relevant to a wider audience, and incorporate contributions from diverse fields, such as trade and human rights; and

(iii) calling for efforts to **draw “weak and missing voices” into the IGF’s work**, promoting the accessibility and connectivity of the Internet of all people but especially the underserved and marginalized communities.
MORE INTERACTION WITH THE IGF COMMUNITY

With emphasis on improving working modalities and fulfilling the recommendations of the CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the IGF, the public call for issues was created in order to better understand which themes or topics the broader IGF community wished to see discussed.

This resulted in a more thematic programme, answering the community’s request for more concrete, focused, non-duplicative and cohesive discussions during the IGF annual meeting.

The IGF 2018 also represented an opportunity for participants to give input to the Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation and interact with the panel’s members through an open forum session in the programme.
STATISTICS OF 2018 — MAIN THEMES

- Human Rights, Gender and Youth: 15%
- Evolution of Internet Governance: 11%
- Digital Inclusion and Accessibility: 13%
- Development Innovation and Economic Issues: 15%
- Cybersecurity, Trust and Privacy: 16%
- Emerging Technologies: 9%
- Media and Content: 6%
- Technical and Operational Issues: 5%
- Others: 10%
STATISTICS OF 2018 – ONSITE ATTENDANCE

Breakdown of Onsite Participants by Stakeholder Group

- Civil Society 45%
- Government 16%
- Intergovernmental Organization 7%
- Private Sector 20%
- Technical Community 11%
- Press/Media 1%
ONSITE ATTENDANCE

Breakdown of Onsite Participants by Regional Group

- African Group: 25%
- Western European and Others Group (WEOG): 38%
- Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC): 9%
- Eastern European Group: 6%
- Intergovernmental Organization: 6%

Onsite Participants by Regional Group

- 2017:
  - Africa Group: 216 (10.7%)
  - Asia-Pacific Group: 367 (18.2%)
  - Eastern European Group: 161 (8.0%)
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IGF 2018: ACHIEVING A BROADER AUDIENCE

Transcripts and webcasts were made instantaneously available throughout the meetings.

Reports and summaries of the more than 150 sessions were published on the IGF’s website. All sessions were live streamed, and session videos were uploaded for online viewing.

The ‘IGF Messages’ were drafted on the basis of community inputs and published online during the meeting itself, providing succinct and readable takeaways on the IGF’s major themes.

IGF’s and wider UN Secretariat’s social media channels were also active during the week as additional platforms for dialogue.

A set of continuous activities throughout the 2018 programme was developed under the Youth and Newcomers Track by the MAG and IGF Secretariat.
IGF 2018: FORWARDING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

One tangible way for the IGF to enhance and increase the participation of developing countries is through the National, Regional and Youth IGFs (NRIs).

There were 111 NRIs present at the IGF 2018 compared to 97 NRIs in the 2017 annual meeting.

Since the 2017, 9 more countries have established IGF processes, increasing the number of national IGFs to 80, and 5 communities established Youth IGFs, increasing the total number to 14.

32 different NRIs were involved in preparing 5 NRIs collaborative sessions during the IGF 2018 which focused on access, cybersecurity, digital economy, emerging technologies and fake news.
THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER IGF COMMUNITY IN ACTION: SHAPING THE OUTCOMES OF IGF MEETINGS

In 2018, the IGF furthered its work on Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s). This year, the intersessional initiative aimed at supplementing the recommendations made in Phases I, II and III with concrete case studies to highlight how projects on the ground help to make progress in key sustainable development goals.

The Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) through their regular monthly virtual meetings and adoption of common work standards (open archives, open membership, open mailing lists), their activities have become more synchronized. A set of papers on the SDGs produced by DCs highlighted the strong convergences between Internet governance and sustainable development.

By continuously involving new people in their work, the various Best Forum Practices (BPFs) also contributed to enlarging the global footprint of the IGF. BPFs worked throughout the year in an open and inclusive way via open mailing lists, regular virtual meetings and BPF workshops.
MAG WORKING GROUPS

• Working Group on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP)
• Working Group on Multi-year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)
• Working Group on Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE)
• Working Group on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP)
• Working Group on Fundraising (WG-FUN)
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IGF 2019: THEMES

1. Data Governance
2. Digital Inclusion
IGF 2019: GLOBAL SOUTH FUNDS

- Encouraging the missing or marginalized voices
- USD 0.5 million for funding participation from the Global South
- Legislators
- USD 0.6 million capacity development fund.
The 3rd face-to-face 2019 Open Consultations and MAG meeting will take place on 5-7 June 2019 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION