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**Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the  
World Summit on the Information Society  
at the regional and international level**

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# Results from IGF 2019

**3 KEY THEMES ADDRESSED:** Security, safety, stability and resilience, Data governance, and, Digital inclusion

**OUTPUTS:** IGF 2019 messages reflected in the IGF 2019 Host Country (Germany) Chair's Summary

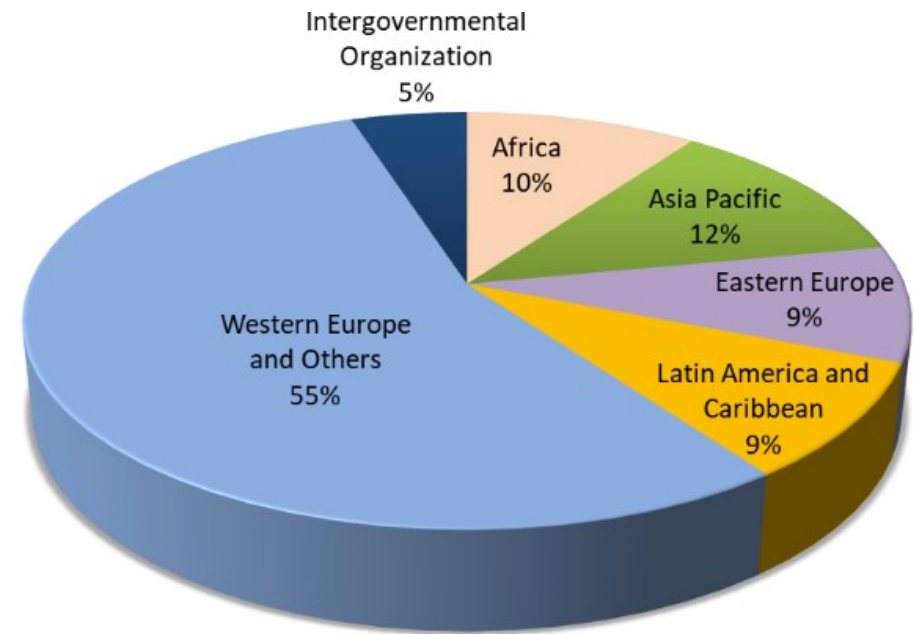
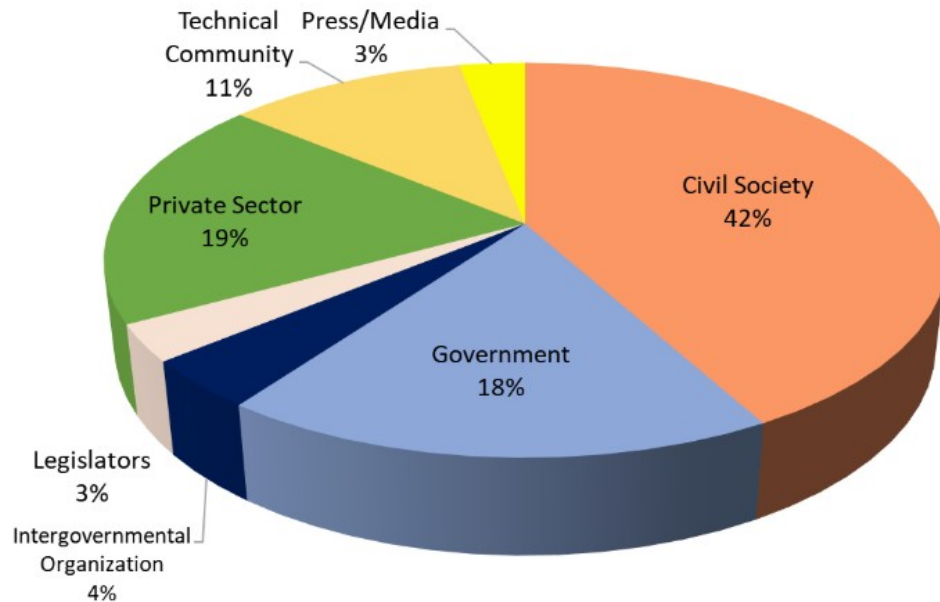
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## **ALSO:**

- High-level sessions organised by the host government
- Parliamentary track
- Focus on digital cooperation (UN SG's HLPDC)
- Best Practice Forums: Gender – Cybersecurity - Local Content - Big Data, IoT and AI
- 80 national, regional + youth IGF initiatives held throughout the year

# IGF 2019: participation

Record participation of 3,679 delegates onsite and 3,000+ online  
45% of participants from outside the WEOG region  
Good participation from governments



# IGF improvements - responses to CSTD recommendations

## **During the IGF 2019:**

- Overall programme focused and streamlined around three main themes
- Support for extensive participation from the global south
- Support for national and regional IGFs in developing countries
- Increased number of governments and parliamentarians
- Strengthening participation of developing country governments
- Capacity development framework developed

## **Next steps:**

- IGF Trust Fund received 1 million USD over a 3-year period to support engagement of developing countries.
- IGF Trust Fund continues supporting NRIs in developing countries and with that strengthen the local communities.
- UK Government gave 250,000 GBP for redevelopment of the IGF website to support inclusion of missing voices and vulnerable groups
- Implementing an IGF-based capacity development programme
- MAG WG on strategy and strengthening and HLPDC implementation

# IGF in 2020: Midway through renewed WSIS+10 mandate

## **A demonstrated platform for collaboration and consultation:**

Individuals and institutions from many disciplines, sectors, countries, stakeholder groups gather together to tackle internet policy challenges.

Institutions get feedback on their work, and policy problems/solutions, e.g.:

Internet Society “Internet way of networking” (2020)

UNSG’s High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (2018-2020)

GCSC cyberstability norms (2017-2019)

UNESCO’s Internet Universality Indicators (2017-18)

OECD principles for internet policy-making (2011)

Brazilian Internet Steering Group “Principles for the governance and use of the Internet” (2010)

# Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

**Multiple internet governance challenges:** Information and disinformation; affordable access; exclusion and jobs; contact tracing and privacy to mention a few. Addressing these need collaboration across disciplines and sectors.

**Easy transition to online work for most ICT/internet fora:** E.g. ITU, ICANN, IGF, NRIs, CSTD. Demonstrates adaptability and resilience of internet governance processes. Too soon to assess real impacts – and losses.

**IGF 2020: 15<sup>th</sup> annual global IGF scheduled for 2-6 Nov in Poland:** Back-up planning in process for a virtual IGF. More news on this soon.

**Virtual 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Consultations and MAG meeting:** Originally to be held in Geneva. Takes place from 15 - 19 June online. Register: [www.intgovforum.org](http://www.intgovforum.org)

**National and regional IGFs (NRIs):** Many postponed or going virtual.

# IGF 2020 thematic tracks

**Data:** Best approaches to ensure the development of human-centric data governance frameworks at national, regional and international levels.

**Environment:** Positive and negative impacts of ICTs for climate action in the context of the UN 2030 Agenda.

**Inclusion:** How to achieve an equitable and inclusive internet, and information society.

**Trust:** Strategies and good practices for protecting both systems and users. Roles and responsibilities of governments, industry and other stakeholders.

**Emerging crosscutting themes:** Covid-19 pandemic + digital cooperation

**Received 300+ proposals for workshops, open forums, day-0 events, and the IGF village. Currently being evaluated.**



# Participate in IGF's Intersessional Work

## Best Practice Forums:

Cybersecurity

Gender and Access

Local Content

Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context

Join **MAG working group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy** and advise how we can improve the IGF and connect with the HLPDC process

# Look out for ...

IGF monthly newsletter launched in April 2020

Revamped IGF website with increased functionality – supported by UK Government

Online learning events organised by Best Practice Forums

IGF-based capacity building programme

# Join 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Consultations and MAG meeting

**15 - 19 June 2020, hosted online**

Join the Open Consultations (day 1 and 2) and engage in the preparations for the IGF 2020

Listen to inputs from more 15 international organisations and UN agencies

Opportunity for engagement with leading Internet governance processes on the state of global Internet governance and IGF

Give your input on IGF 2020 programming



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