INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM 2026

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New Chapter for the IGF: Implementing A/RES/80/173

Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (UNGA Resolution 80/173):

" 99. We decide that the Internet Governance Forum shall be made a **permanent forum of the United Nations**, with a continued secretariat hosted by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, on a stable and sustainable basis with appropriate staffing and resources, in accordance with United Nations budgetary procedures."

Paragraph 100 – Strengthening Impact Enhancing the reporting and sharing of IGF outcomes with relevant UN entities and other processes.	**Paragraph 101 – Government Dialogue** Working towards a dialogue among Governments, with the participation of all stakeholders.	**Paragraph 102 – New Working Modalities** Exploring innovative, open, inclusive, transparent and agile collaboration methods, alongside reinforced intersessional work and cooperation.	**Paragraph 103 – Strengthening IGF Secretariat** Continuous work on strengthening the institutional framing of the IGF.	**Paragraph 85. – AI Capacity-Building** Contribute to development of international partnerships on AI capacity-building … bridge divides in developing countries.


IGF 2026
Kenya
Governing the Internet in the Age of Intelligence
Our Shared Responsibility
14–18 December 2026
Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) · Nairobi, Kenya

IGF 2026 Planning

Governing the Internet in the Age of Intelligence

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650+
session requests received

70+
exhibition booths

3,000+
registrations so far with weeks to go

165+
countries representation

250+
sessions across the five-day programme

30+
remote hubs worldwide

FIVE PROGRAMME SUB-THEMES

Economy, Innovation & Sustainability

Competition, labour, data centres, environment

Governance, Cooperation & Institutions

UN and global digital processes, policy coordination

Infrastructure, Access & Technical Foundations

Connectivity, standards, resilience, open Internet

Rights, Inclusion & Human Development

Human rights, children, gender, accessibility, education

Trust, Safety & Information Integrity

Cybersecurity, online harms, disinformation, platforms

IGF 2026 Innovative Formats

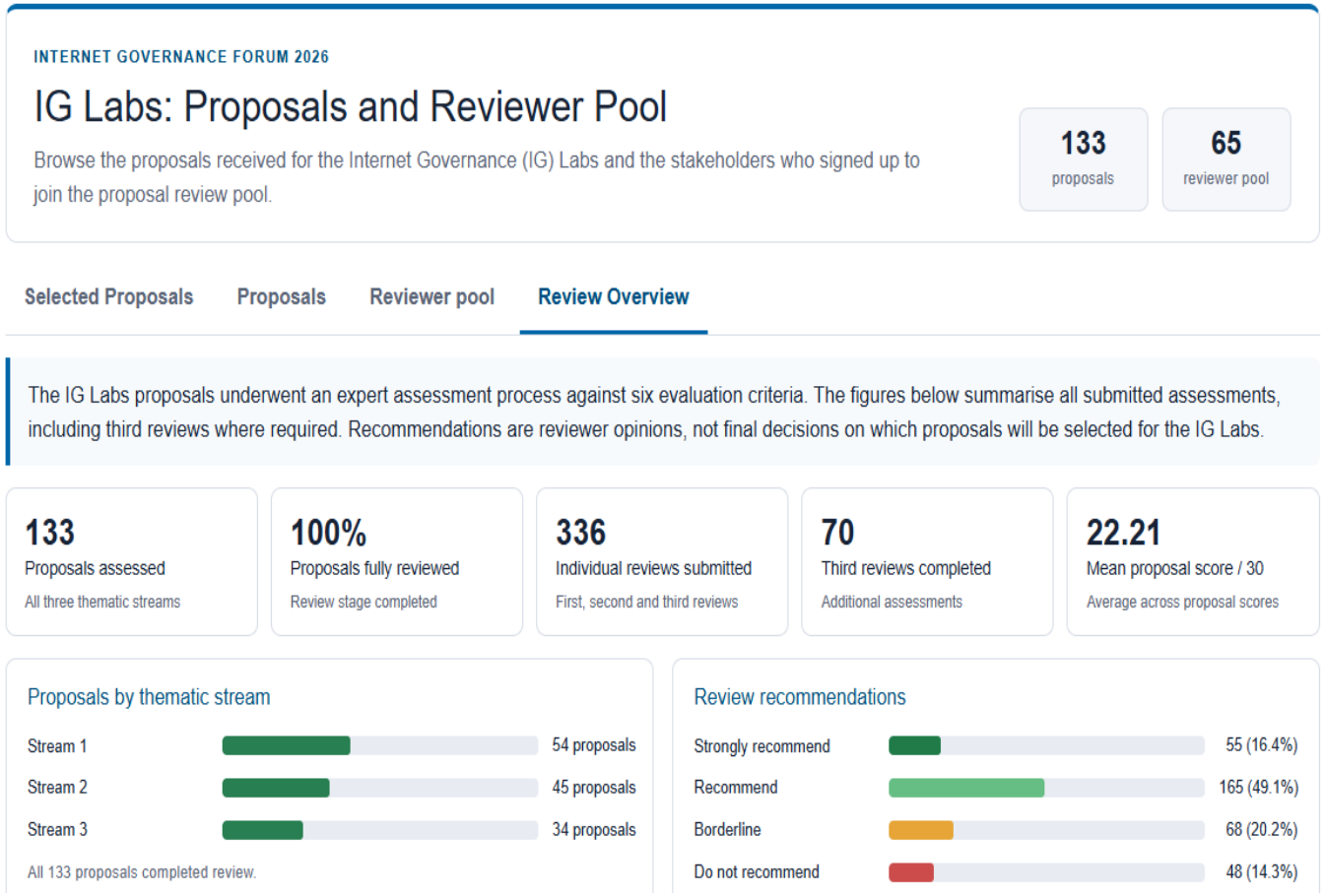
💡 IG Labs – Piloting New Approaches

IGF 2026 has piloted the new **Internet Governance Labs (IG Labs)** format as an exploratory response to the WSIS+20 call for innovative and agile multistakeholder working modalities.

Goal: multistakeholder stress-test of Internet governance.

IGF 2026 pilot focuses on **Artificial Intelligence and the Internet**, providing a structured space to examine practical governance proposals, test assumptions, and explore possible pathways for further cooperation.

Received IG Lab Proposals and Reviewers



IGF INTERSESSIONAL WORK

IGF 2026 intersessional work advances through open multistakeholder cooperation throughout the year

Policy Networks (PNs)

Open, inclusive multistakeholder efforts providing in-depth expert perspectives on priority Internet governance topics

PN Artificial Intelligence (PNAI)
Good AI governance

PN Digital Inclusion (PNDI)
Meaningful and universal access for all

PN Cybersecurity (PNC)
Safe and secure digital spaces for all

PN Open Digital Infrastructure (PNODI)
Open, interoperable and sustainable infrastructure

Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

Open, multistakeholder and community-driven initiatives focused on specific Internet governance issues

28 DCs
focused on digital policy issues

accessibility, blockchain, child rights online, connectivity, Internet values, data, health, DNS, gender, jobs, IoT, rights, IG schools, media, Internet universality indicators, security, environment, and more

Targeted Stakeholder Engagement & Capacity Development

Focused outreach, partnerships and capacity strengthening to broaden participation and enable meaningful engagement

- Parliamentarians
- Youth
- Judiciary
- Private sector
- Developing countries
- Policymakers
- Technical community
- Civil society

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Knowledge development | Capacity building | Dialogue | Community building | Inputs to IGF 2026

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National, Regional & Youth IGF Initiatives

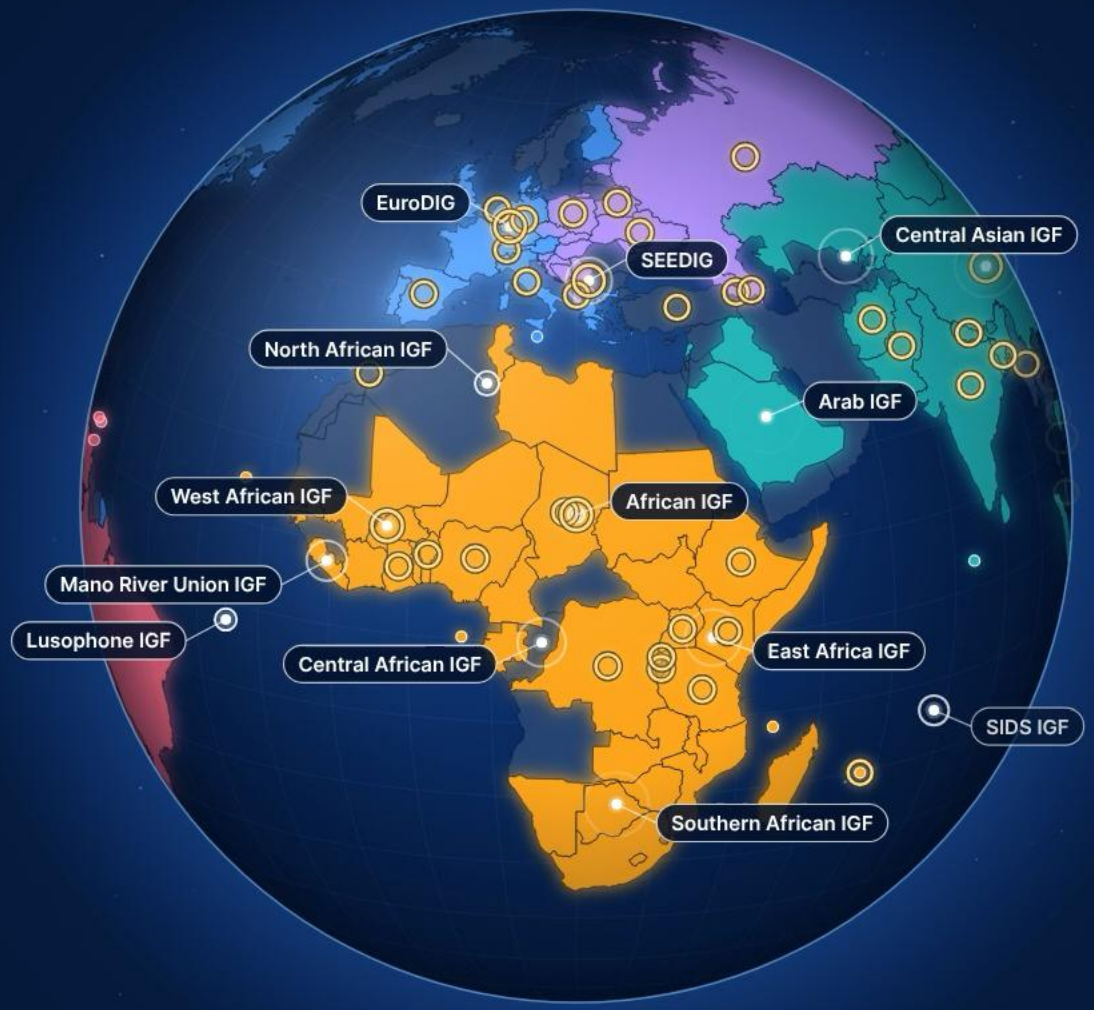
A global network of multistakeholder communities

116 National initiatives

22 Regional initiatives

52 Youth initiatives

Africa	40
Asia-Pacific	19
Eastern Europe	18
Latin America & Caribbean	21
Western Europe & Others	18
Regional initiative	22
Youth initiative	52



WHY? A VIEW FROM NAIROBI

Why Nairobi matters post WSIS+ 20?

Injecting a uniquely Global South perspective into the digital discourse – call across RES 80/173



WHAT' S AT STAKE

01 A permanent IGF, a renewed responsibility.

The WSIS+20 outcome made the Forum permanent. Nairobi shows what that mandate means in practice.

02 Intelligence is changing the Internet.

AI governance, risks and opportunities demand inclusive, evidence-informed cooperation across borders.

03 Safety, trust and rights go hand in hand.

Social media harms and child safety are tackled alongside rights, inclusion and information integrity.

04 Shared infrastructure needs shared stewardship.

Connectivity, digital public infrastructure and the Internet commons shape an equitable future.

THE GLOBAL SOUTH LENS

Hosted from Africa

Kenya hosts for a second time, in a leading African technology and diplomatic hub.

Global South voices on the agenda

From " AI Slopaganda in Africa" to Kenya' s " Creatives Palaver" and language-inclusive AI.

Local to global

180+ national, regional and youth IGFs, and a WSIS+20 call to broaden developing-country participation.

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