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MISSION

Raising the awareness and the voices of Youth of Armenia in Internet governance through our open platform for Internet-related discussions.

OBJECTIVES

Encouraging youth to participate in substantive discussions on Internet governance, gaining Internet-related skills and using them to manage Internet development in Armenia.

YOUTH IGF ARMENIA

11 October 2019
Marriott Armenia Hotel
Yerevan, Armenia

AGENDA

10:00-10:30 REGISTRATION

10:30-11:00 Welcome speech

Frederic Donck, Internet Society European Bureau

Lianna Galstyan, MAG member, Coordinator, Armenia IGF

11:00-12:00 | Youth and Internet Governance

Sorina Teleanu, Chair, SEEDIG Executive Committee

12:00-13:00 | Media Trends

Samvel Martirosyan, Director, ArmSec Foundation

Nvard Melkonyan, Founder, Spring PR-Company

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:00 | Internet of Things: Security point of view

Alex Semenyaka, Director of External Relations, Technical Advisor, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, RIPE NCC

Yuri Kargapolov, Chair Board, ISOC IoT SIG

15:00-15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 | Personal Data Protection | Why is it important?

Gevorg Hayrapetyan, Head of Personal Data Protection Agency

16:30-17:00 | Final Remarks

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OPENING

Only by enthusiastically working together, by learning one from each other, we can make a change.

At the begining of the forum Organizing Team member Diana Asryan represented YouthIGF Armenia initiative, it's establishment, mission, objectives and activity.

Samvel Karabekyan, the Adviser to Minister at Ministry of Education, delivered welcoming speech during the 1st YouthIGF Armenia. He said that our higher education system moves very slowly in this direction. Our target for such initiatives must be university environment.
The main beneficiaries of higher education are students and youth. We will not succeed without their support. Besides formal education, nowadays youth acquire new knowledge and skills in other fields. This is one of the most basic features of modern education. He encouraged us to be active in this direction. He wished success and new achievements to our initiative.

OPENING

Internet Society European Bureau Director Frederic Donck talked about internet ecosystem. He emphasized that some people think that government owns Internet, but it's not true. Nobody owns the internet and we are all responsible for the Internet. He mentioned that we are the actors. He spoke about Internet history, it's launch in 1974, the time when the Internet officially started. Nowadays, Internet has many issues such as privacy, as we can do anything and it can be appeared in Internet. Privacyand security are the most important issues of these days. **Lianna Galstyan, ArmIGF Coordinator and IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group member**, welcomed our initiative and claimed her support. As the national IGF platform coordinator she mentioned the importance ofhaving a platform for discussions on different issues of Internet for all stakeholder groups. She told about the 5-years history and experience of the ArmIGF, wished us success and advised the Youth community to be more engaged in these discussions to raise the voice of youth as the most active users of Internet.

YOUTH AND INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Sorina Teleanu, Chair, SEEDIG Executive Committee

Our first speaker was Sorina Teleanu, the head of SEEDIG Executive Committee, who spoke about youth engagement and Internet governance. The session was an interactive discussion with all participants. They answered a variety of questions from our speaker, such as: what do we do on the Internet in general, what digital future we envision for ourselves, what kind of data the internet gathers from our actions, etc. Sorina told us about opportunities for young people to engage in internet governance processes and discussions. Then Sorina held a thematic workshop by dividing the audience into 3 interest groups: government, private sector and civil society. All groups were asked one general question: **What problems their group can face in terms of security on the Internet.**

Government position:

The government has expressed concern that there is a risk that public authorities may use the data of citizens unjustifiably, which means, strict regulations are needed to categorically exclude such practice.

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Private Sector:

The private party argued that there was a lack of information, believing that entrepreneurs are currently facing a major problem when their customers are not aware of their data usage rules, norms and restrictions as a result to which their rights are violated. Thus, the private party told that efforts to address this problem alone were not sufficient to achieve the desired results, and that government and civil society should support to implement large-scale educational and social programs.

Civil Society:

The issue raised by civil society again concerned raising awareness that they felt that it was necessary to organize awareness forums, seminars and trainings for different age groups, from schoolchildren to students and organizations. In addition to their activities, civil society representatives noted that it is necessary to find ways to cooperate with the state as a result of which, for example, schoolchildren will be officially taught online safety at schools.

MEDIA & PR TRENDS

Samvel Martirosyan, ArmSEC Foundation Director & Media Guru
Nvard Melkonyan, Spring PR Agency

Our next discussion was about how the Media is being managed. We talked about today's problem, namely the diversity of location and in this context the widespread fake news. Participants were introduced to how to become a trusted journalist in the online domain and what are the requirements for acceptable news coverage. Attendees were also shown how easy it was to become a newsletter, the opportunities in today's digital age, and at the same time how difficult it was for consumers to get reliable information, as we are all mired in information floods today.

The discussion also highlighted several live examples of the responsibility for establishing false or partially true news: States, state governments or giant organizations. For the participants, this discussion was a media literacy course, as a result of which we will have more knowledgeable and cautious young people about the media or non-media subjects.

INTERNET OF THINGS: SECURITY POINT OF VIEW

Alex Semenyaka, Director of External Relations, Technical Advisor, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, RIPE NCC
Yuri Kargapolov, Chair Board, ISOC IoT SIG

Next session was about The Internet of things (**IOT**) and the security point of view. We had 2 speakers; Alex Semenyaka and Yuri Kargapolov. The experts spoke about the internet functions and results. They described the internet as a virtual space, which has no government. It reflects our life offline and changes our consciousness too.They told about Internet structure, about IP, which is a numerical label assigned to each device connected to a computer network that uses the IP for communication. They spoke about the technology development, in particular, IoT and AI. We had dynamic discussions with audience about the two reflections of the results of this development, both positive and negative results: new technologies, robots and AI machines bringing up new level of security, data and surveilance issues.

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Gevorg Hayrapetyan, Head of Personal Data Protection Agency of RA

During this session we discussed different Armenian and international cases of the violations of collecting, using and sharing personal data. By showing the infringements of the human rights the speaker aimed to guide the participants on how to use properly their data, whom, why and which data they can share.

For the audience to better understand their rights and protection the speaker went slightly on the legal terms such as "data", "personal data", "private life", "proper usage of the data","third party", "sharing the data" etc. Although the violations, the Forum's attendees saw also where the technologies and innovations are going, where the creativity has no frontiers. The speaker also talked about the special role of Artificial Intelligence, under the context of the usage of user's identity and personal data.

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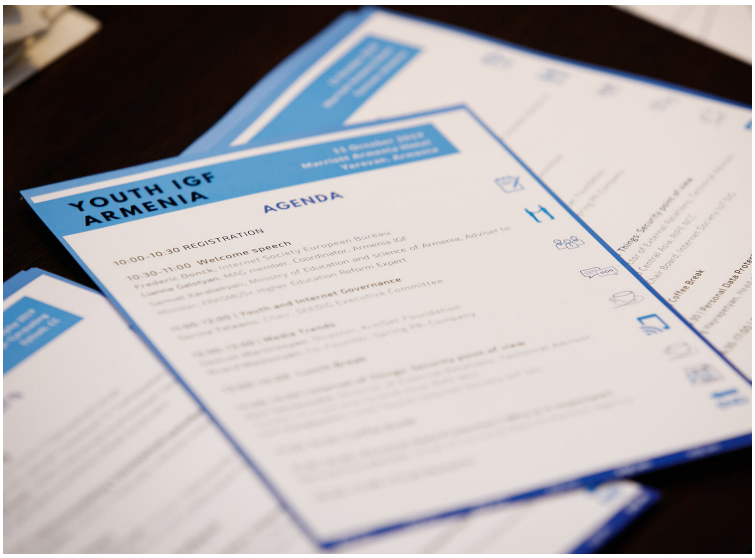
Due to the active participation of the attendees we discussed also about some privacies and policies of well-known applications which are being used by our devices or via our social media accounts.

As the speaker was showing many incorrect usages of the data-sharing rules it arose many questions in the audience, and to answer those questions and to give full information on how to use personal data online took an hour and a half more than it was planned by the agenda.

NUMBERS AND STATISTICS

9 SPEAKERS



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