

Draft IGF 2025 Summary

Twentieth Meeting of Internet Governance Forum

23-27 June 2025

Lillestrøm, Norway

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1 IGF 2025 at a Glance

When	23-27 June 2025 Lillestrøm, Norway and online
IGF 2025 in Numbers¹	9,435+ stakeholders registered from 85% of UN member states 3,435 onsite participants from 165 countries 6,000+ online participants 262 sessions
Overarching Theme	Building digital governance together
4 Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Digital Trust and Resilience● Sustainable and Responsible Innovation● Universal Access and Digital Rights● Digital Cooperation
IGF focus engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● IGF multistakeholder community sessions● IGF High-Level Leaders Track● IGF Youth Track● IGF Parliamentary Track● IGF Intersessional Work● IGF Newcomers Orientation● Engaging businesses and judiciary

2 IGF 2025 Introduction

The [Internet Governance Forum](#) (IGF) is a global multistakeholder platform that brings stakeholders together to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet. The forum is convened by the United Nations Secretary-General, in line with the mandate set out in paragraph 72 of the [Tunis Agenda for the Information Society](#). The IGF's mandate was renewed in 2015 for 10 years. The Forum's mandate will be subject to a review in 2025.

In 2025, the forum held its 20th annual meeting in a hybrid format, hosted by the Government of Norway in Lillestrøm. Under the overarching theme [Building digital governance together](#), the meeting featured discussion on some of the most pressing Internet and digital policy issues, from access to the Internet, human rights, to Internet fragmentation, cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies.

The [IGF 2025 Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#) (MAG), with members appointed by the UN Secretary-General from all stakeholder groups, supported the planning of the 20th annual IGF meeting. The [IGF Leadership Panel](#) met in person to exchange views on approaches to strengthening the Forum and enhancing its visibility.

¹ Preliminary statistics as of 27 June 2025. Final statistics to be published in the coming days.

3 IGF 2025 Highlights

Opening Ceremony

The meeting opened with remarks from the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and from the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway.

"I am pleased to take part in this Internet Governance Forum – and my thanks to the Kingdom of Norway for hosting. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Forum and its work advancing inclusive collaboration on internet public policy. Through the years, you have shown how dialogue – across sectors, regions and generations – can help shape an internet that is rooted in dignity, opportunity and human rights. You are carrying that forward through this year's focus on "Building Digital Governance Together", which could not be more timely."

(United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres)

"The Internet is no longer a frontier. It is the foundation of economies, of democracies, and of our daily lives for all generations and that transformative technologies accelerate, like artificial intelligence and quantum computing, we must ask not only what we can build, but what we need to protect. And here I believe that we must safeguard the Internet not as a possession, but as a public trust, a shared space to remain open, free and accessible to all, a global public good. The next generation should inherit a digit common where perspectives are welcomed, IDs are nurtured, and technology serves mankind to the benefit of all. Our task is not only to protect the infrastructure of the Internet, but to uphold its spirit, which is one of inclusion and powerful innovation."

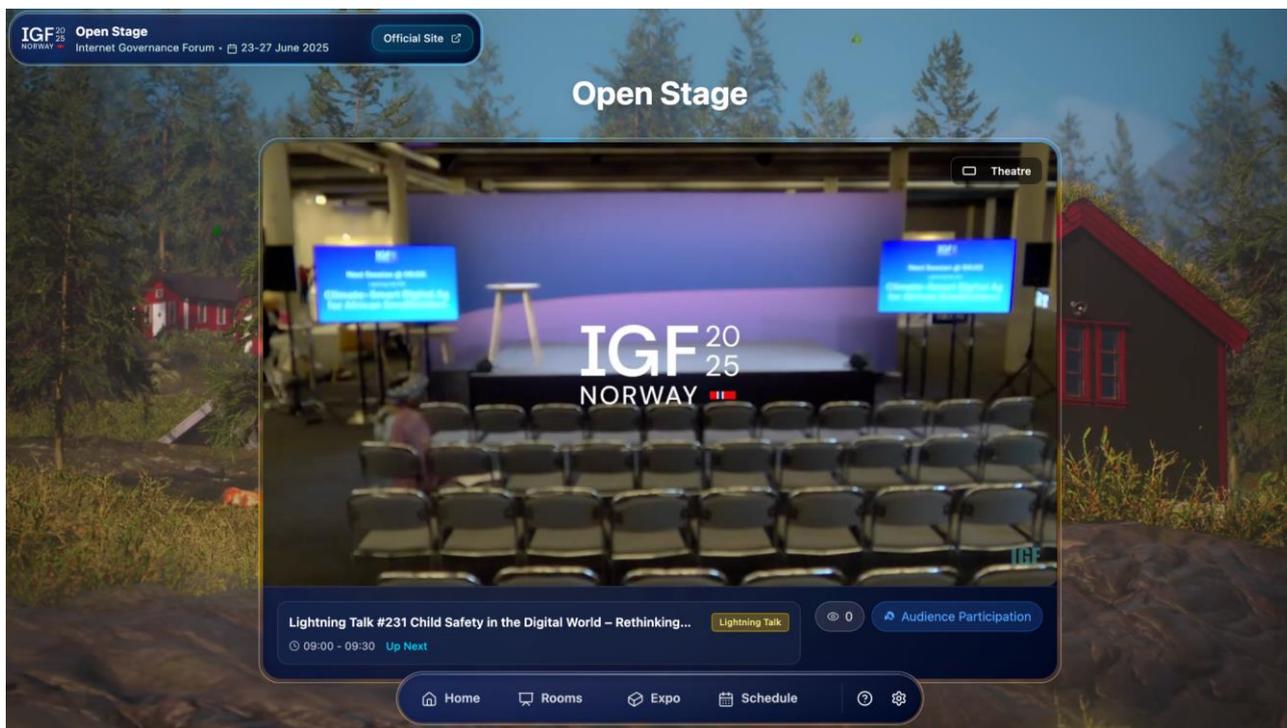
(Prime minister of Norway, H.E. Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre)



Hybrid IGF

The 20th IGF was held as a fully hybrid meeting, with participants joining onsite, in Lillestrøm, and online. With the overall objective of making participation in the meeting meaningful and inclusive for all attendees, the hybrid format included several features:

- Through the [IGF website](#) serving as a primary entry point, all online participants, including those with active roles of speakers/moderators/rapporteurs were able to participate and contribute as those participating onsite.
- A [3D Venue](#) was created as an equivalent to the onsite venue. As onsite participants, the online participants also had the opportunity to enter the meeting rooms and connect to the participating platform.



- The [IGF Village](#) booths, hosted by over 80 organisations at the venue, had their online equivalents.
- [Remote hubs](#) facilitated the participation of those unable to travel.
- [Bilateral meetings](#) could also be organised with online participation.
- A dedicated [website landing page](#) and adjusted [mobile app](#) were also made available to support easier navigation of the IGF 2025 content.
- In addition to traditional reporting on all sessions and the overall meeting, [AI-generated reporting](#) was introduced for the first time at the IGF.

Involvement of UN Agencies

The Forum saw over 26 entities from the UN system, represented both as organisers and speakers in many sessions.

Focus on Youth

To effectively engage youth, a dedicated [IGF 2025 Youth Track](#) was designed and implemented throughout the year. In cooperation with all Youth IGF coordinators, as well as international youth-focused organisations, the track has been designed and delivered through four capacity development workshops, out of which two already hosted in conjunction with [regional IGFs](#), namely [EuroDIG](#) in France, and [African IGF](#) in Tanzania, as well as a [IGF 2025 Global Youth](#)

[Summit](#) at the 20th IGF in Riyadh, with two more to be hosted at the [APrIGF](#) in Nepal and [Youth LACIGF](#) later in the year. The track has focused on social media regulation, particularly regulation through age verification, unpacking various aspects of AI governance and engaging over thousands of young people.



IGF 2025 Global Youth Summit in Lillestrøm, 23 June

Thematic Approach

The IGF 2025 themes were aligned closely with the areas the community prioritised through a traditional public call and as such reflective of the community expressed priorities. The programme's structure aimed to encourage focused discussion that delves more deeply into specific issue areas thereby potentially leading to more focused outcomes.

Capacity Development

Since the beginning of 2025, the IGF Secretariat has been engaged in a series of [capacity development activities](#), including organising workshops, providing grants to NRIs, supporting youth engagement and schools of Internet governance, engaging with members of parliaments, providing travel support for IGF 2025 participants and remote hubs. Specifically, capacity development included several activities:

- Workshops organised in conjunction with the NRIs, to foster cooperation and develop capacity. Among these, some specifically were organised as part of the youth and parliamentary tracks.
- Training sessions for IGF 2025 session organisers and participants, focused broadly on explaining mechanisms of hybrid participation.
- [Newcomers session](#) for orienting first time IGF participants.
- Grants support to 11 [NRIs](#) and 7 [remote hubs](#) serving communities from developing countries.
- [Travel support](#) to 138 participants coming from developing countries.

Leadership Panel

The Secretary-General appointed the [Leadership Panel](#), as a strategic high-level multistakeholder body in 2022. The 15-member Panel continued its work in 2025 through regular online meetings. A number of members met at the High-Level Political Forum at the UNHQ. At the 20th IGF in Lillestrøm, the Panel members met with many other initiatives and organisations through bilateral meetings and engaged with the community by having members participate in various sessions. A dedicated meeting between the Panel and MAG took place, addressing the upcoming strategic improvements of the IGF in the context of the WSIS+20 review. The 20th IGF provided the Panel with an opportunity to further present their vision for the good governance of digital technologies, as outlined in their paper "[The Internet We Want' paper](#) and its accompanying implementation strategy, which highlights key priority areas for ensuring that digital technologies serve humanity.

The IGF continues to plan for its contributions to the implementation of the Secretary-General's [Global Digital Compact](#) on norms, principles and values, as well as to the preparations for the [20-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society \(WSIS+20\)](#). The [IGF 2025 Messages](#), reflecting key takeaways from the forum's discussions, are expected to broadly inform the community and various processes - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, WSIS+20 review, and GDC among them.

The Panel is working toward the long-term sustainability of the Forum. In this regard, upcoming IGF host countries are being explored, as well as new partnerships and approaches to cooperation.

IGF 2025

During the ceremonial part of the 20th annual IGF meeting, the Government of Norway announced it will host the IGF 2025 annual meeting in Lillestrøm.

To support the planning of the 20th annual IGF meeting in 2025, contribute to the WSIS+20 review, and enhance the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) working modalities, the UN Secretary-General took a proactive and exceptional step by appointing 40 members to the MAG for the 2025 cycle. These appointments were made from a pool of former MAG members and members of the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), following a public call for nominations. The full list of [MAG 2025 members](#) is available on the IGF website. Ms. Carol Roach was reappointed as Chair of the MAG for 2025.

Communications

An opening press conference was held on Day 1, Monday 24 June, with the USG of DESA and Minister of Digitalisation and Public Governance of Norway, outlining key highlights of the programme and touching on digital issues of global and regional importance. The briefing was attended by Norwegian and international media. The entirety of the IGF's proceedings in the main plenary hall were streamed live on [UN WebTV](#).

Daily live [Media Hub](#) segments were held at a designated staging area at the venue. Once a day, the Hub provided a recap through daily IGF highlights and featured a special IGF guest for an interview. The public interviews were conducted by Global South journalists who successfully applied for travel support to attend the IGF. Interviews included Msgr. Lucio Adrian Ruiz, Secretary of the Dicastery for Communication, Holy See; Ms. Salima Monorma Bah, Minister of Communication, Technology and Innovation in Sierra Leone; and Ms. Maria Ressa, Vice Chair of the IGF Leadership Panel and Nobel Prize Laureate. Media Hub interviews were posted to [UN WebTV](#).

The 20th IGF, supported by the hashtags #IGF2025, was featured across UN social media channels - IGF channels as well as those of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and UN Secretariat.

Week-of media monitoring showed that the IGF was covered in several television outlets. A detailed overview will be provided in the final report.

A press kit was prepared via [Trello](#), containing a [media advisory](#), essential details about the meeting, access to [photos](#) and [videos](#) and contact information in case of interest in interviews. Opening and closing press releases were issued.

Also via [Trello](#), communications materials were shared with the IGF's session organisers to enhance the promotion of their sessions, from thematic cards, to social media guidance, powerpoint templates and high-resolution logos.

All sessions were streamed and transcribed. The high-level and main sessions were interpreted in six official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

4 Thematic Focus: *Building Digital Governance Together*

The headline of this year's Forum is *Building Digital Governance Together*. This theme reflects a shared vision of all stakeholders working collaboratively toward a digital future that is inclusive, sustainable, and benefits everyone.

Community-led sessions, including MAG-organised main sessions, as well as sessions organised by hundreds of other stakeholders, were built around the IGF 2025 overarching theme "Building digital governance together" and four sub-themes, all selected on the basis of a public call for issues. Stakeholders were invited to submit session proposals under one of the four sub-themes:

- **Digital Trust and Resilience**
- **Sustainable and Responsible Innovation**
- **Universal Access and Digital Rights**
- **Digital Cooperation**

Over 730 [session proposals](#) were reviewed and evaluated for final adoption into the IGF 2025 programme.

5 IGF 2025 & WSIS+20

The IGF 2025 process and its annual meeting in Lillestrøm were significantly shaped by the ongoing WSIS+20 review, particularly in light of the General Assembly's resolution on modalities for the process.

To strategically align with the [WSIS+20 review process](#), the United Nations Secretary-General took an exceptional step for the 2025 IGF cycle by appointing 40 members to the [Multistakeholder Advisory Group \(MAG\)](#), drawing from a pool of former MAG members and members of the original Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG). This decision was

intended to ensure continuity, institutional memory, and strategic foresight in guiding the IGF during this pivotal year.

The WSIS+20 review was a prominent theme throughout the IGF 2025 meeting in Lillestrøm. Multiple [sessions](#) addressed the review process and its implications, including high-level panels, multistakeholder roundtables, and targeted community discussions. The topic was also integrated into the IGF's High-Level Leaders' Track, and featured in dialogues involving the IGF Leadership Panel, the MAG, and the broader IGF community. A key moment of the IGF 2025 was the presence and active engagement of the WSIS+20 review co-facilitators – the Permanent Representatives of Albania and Kenya to the United Nations. During the meeting in Lillestrøm, the co-facilitators convened a public consultation with the IGF community to gather diverse views and insights on WSIS implementation and the future of the IGF. Their participation underscored the importance of the IGF as a central platform for inclusive consultations on the future of digital governance.

As a substantive contribution to the review process, the IGF Secretariat will soon be publishing a dedicated 20-year Achievement Paper, reflecting on the Forum's evolution since its inception, and key milestones. This document serves as both a retrospective on two decades of IGF impact and a forward-looking contribution to the global digital cooperation agenda. The year-long IGF 2025 process has thus served not only as a continuation of the Forum's core mission but also as a critical support mechanism for the WSIS+20 review, reinforcing the IGF's role in shaping the future of inclusive, accountable, and multistakeholder digital governance. To highlight the IGF's rich evolution and the global community's achievements within the UN system, a dedicated [session on the past, present, and future of the IGF](#) was held in Lillestrøm just before the official opening.

6 Lillestrøm IGF Messages

The [Lillestrøm IGF Messages](#) provide a high-level overview for decision-makers of the most current thinking on key Internet governance and digital policy issues. They are sourced directly from over 150 sessions held during IGF 2025. Session organizers were invited to self-identify key takeaways at the end of their session as input for these messages. A set of draft messages, curated by the IGF Secretariat, are published for community review. The final IGF 2025 Messages will be published as part of the annual meeting's outcomes.

The Lillestrøm Messages are compiled for each of the four sub-themes, available on the [IGF website](#).

7 IGF 2025 High-Level Leaders Track

Co-organised by the [Host Country](#) and [UN DESA/IGF Secretariat](#), the [IGF 2025 High-Level Leaders' Track](#) engaged experts and leaders from all stakeholder groups into discussions on a series of critical issues, including the integrity of the information space, human rights online, child protection, digital public goods, the WSIS+20 review, artificial intelligence and the future of work. The High-Level Track saw the participation of over forty ministers, vice ministers, and digital ambassadors, along with dozens of leaders from industry, business, academia, technical communities, intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholder groups. In total, more than seventy-five high-level experts took part in the track, with over forty serving in an active speaking

or moderating role.

8 IGF 2025 Youth Track

The [IGF 2025 Youth Track](#) is composed of four capacity development workshops and a Global Youth Summit, all focused on social media regulation including through age verification. It was designed and co-organized by the Youth IGF coordinators, IGF Secretariat and several international youth-focused organisations.

Capacity development workshops

Four capacity development workshops were hosted in conjunction with the [regional IGFs](#) ([EuroDIG](#) in France, [African IGF](#) in Tanzania; with the upcoming at the [APrIGF](#) in Nepal and [Youth LACIGF](#)), focusing on implications of the social media regulation, including through age verification.

IGF 2025 Global Youth Summit and Messages from Youth

The two so far held workshops fed into the final activity of the track, the [IGF 2025 Global Youth Summit](#), a traditional IGF session which facilitates dialogue between youth and senior stakeholders. Youth from all five regions of the world engaged in a dialogue with senior experts from different backgrounds and countries. More details about the IGF 2025 Youth Track and the Summit are available on the [dedicated page](#). All discussions are consolidated in [Messages from Youth](#).

9 IGF 2025 Parliamentary Track

Building on prior years, the IGF significantly expanded its [Parliamentary Track in 2025](#), both through active regional engagement and a robust programme at the annual meeting. This year has been marked by a stronger emphasis on regional parliamentary cooperation and capacity building, with particular focus on preparing lawmakers to respond to evolving challenges in the digital policy landscape, including information integrity and freedom of expression online, cybersecurity and online harms..

Particularly the IGF Secretariat deepened its collaboration with regional and sub-regional IGF initiatives to organize dedicated Parliamentary Tracks tailored to the policy needs of different regions.

- At the [West African IGF in Nigeria](#), parliamentarians gathered under the theme “Digital Governance for a Resilient, Inclusive and Safe Digital Future for West Africa.” In partnership with ECOWAS and the West African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (WAPNIG), participants addressed the governance of data and emerging technologies, digital rights, AI regulation, and the implementation of the GDC and WSIS+20 outcomes. The Track culminated in the Parliamentary Declaration on Digital Governance in West Africa, outlining key priorities and legislative proposals for regional action.
- At the [African IGF in Tanzania](#), over 20 Members of Parliament engaged in a multi-day programme under the theme “Parliamentarians Empowering Africa’s Digital Future.” The sessions focused on safeguarding democracy in the digital age, balancing cybersecurity and freedom of expression, inclusive AI governance, and intergenerational cooperation on digital policy. A dedicated dialogue with youth leaders and exposure to regional data

policy frameworks also enriched the exchange. Insights from these sessions contributed to shaping the global IGF Parliamentary Track.

Parliamentary networks continued to gain traction, notably through the Eastern and West African IGFs, encouraging lawmakers to engage more actively in regional digital governance and align national legislative efforts.

Further regional cooperation is planned for the second half of 2025 through parliamentary activities at the Asia Pacific Regional IGF in Kathmandu, and the Latin America and Caribbean IGF.

Parliamentary Track at IGF 2025

The annual IGF 2025 meeting in Lillestrøm hosted a dedicated Parliamentary Track from 23 to 24 June, convening close to 120 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from more than 30 countries, as well as representatives from the European and Pan-African Parliaments. Organized in partnership with Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Norwegian Parliament, the Storting, the track facilitated exchange of experiences with stakeholders from civil society, the private sector, the technical community, and youth on urgent issues such as misinformation, online safety, digital rights, and AI regulation. Over six sessions, parliamentarians emphasized the importance of multistakeholder cooperation to support evidence-based, inclusive lawmaking, outlined in the [output document of the IGF 2025 Parliamentary Track](#).

Many expressed strong interest in deepening their engagement with the IGF, joining national and regional IGF initiatives, and using the outputs from these fora to inform their legislative work. Key messages and outcomes from the global Parliamentary Track are captured in a public report to support future parliamentary action.



10 IGF 2025 Intersessional Work

10.1 Policy Networks

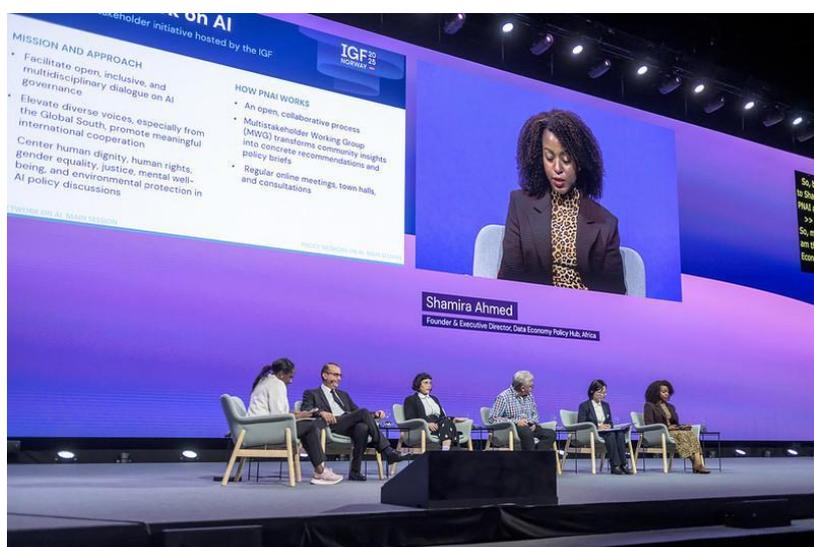
The [Policy Network \(PNs\)](#) are dedicated to identifying status quo and current issues including the policy gaps, existing capacity and conditions, local specificities, good and bad practices and possible ways forward through actionable activities led by identified implementation parties.

- [Policy Network on Meaningful Access](#), has continued to advance policy solutions addressing meaningful access challenges, while monitoring emerging and ongoing practices and fostering multistakeholder dialogue on connectivity, digital inclusion, and capacity development. Its work is aligned with the Global Digital Compact, as well as the WSIS+20 and IGF+20 processes.
- [Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation](#) continues exploring the policy, technical, legal and regulatory measures that threaten the open, interconnected, and interoperable nature of the Internet.
- [Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence](#) has focused on developing implementation mechanisms for its findings on key policy areas, including AI accountability, environmental sustainability in generative AI, effective governance and interoperability, as well as labor issues across the AI lifecycle – all within the context of existing frameworks such as WSIS+20 and the Global Digital Compact implementation.

10.2 Best Practice Forums

The [Best Practice Forums \(BPFs\)](#) provide a platform to exchange experiences in addressing Internet policy issues. The objective is to collect existing and emerging good practices from community experience. BPFs are open, bottom-up and collective processes to produce community-driven outputs. BPF outputs intend to contribute to an understanding of global good practice, and to serve as a resource to inform policy discussions, standards development, business decisions, as well as public understanding, awareness, and discourse.

- [Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity](#) focused on fostering cooperation to ensure the efficient and effective use of the limited resources for capacity building



10.3 Dynamic Coalitions

[Dynamic Coalitions](#) (DCs) are open, multistakeholder and community-driven groups dedicated to an internet governance issue or set of issues. They emerged at the first IGF meeting in 2006. Currently there are 34 [active dynamic coalitions](#) focused on various topics such as environment, data and health, interplanetary Internet, gaming, Internet rights and principles, innovative approaches to connecting the unconnected, accessibility and disability, child rights online etc. The activities of the DCs are coordinated by the [Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group](#) (DCCG) with aid from the IGF Secretariat.

At IGF 2025, the network of Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) partnered to organize four thematic joint sessions aimed at exploring meaningful contributions to the IGF 2025 sub-themes. These sessions showcased how DCs' work can help develop an Internet that advances human rights and improves lives for all; what could be the rights-based approach to innovation in AI, the metaverse, Web 4.0, and other emerging technologies; as well as the cybersecurity and safety lessons for the 21st century capacity building. In addition, the DC Main Session, titled "Dynamic Coalitions in Service of Internet Governance: Success Stories from the Past and for the Future of the IGF", offered a platform to reflect on the achievements of the DCs and their evolving role in supporting the IGF's mission.

10.4 National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives

[National and Regional IGF Initiatives](#) (NRIs) are organic and independent multistakeholder networks that discuss issues pertaining to Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF. To date, 177 NRIs are recognized by the IGF Secretariat.

At the 20th IGF in Lillestrøm, more than 100 National, Regional and Youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) co-organized five sessions, including three thematic collaborative sessions, a main session, and a coordination session. The main session explored multistakeholder digital governance beyond 2025, while the coordination session provided a platform for NRIs to share good practices and discuss priority issues relevant to their work. The collaborative sessions highlighted local perspectives on community-based connectivity, data governance, and cybersecurity at the local level. More information about the NRIs sessions is available at the [IGF website](#).

10.5 Other Sessions Accommodated in the IGF 2025 Programme

The IGF 2025 Programme, in addition to the above mentioned tracks, accommodated several other types of sessions, including:

- [High-Level Sessions](#) organized by the Host Country and the UN;
- [Main Sessions](#) organized around priority issues related to the IGF 2025 programme sub-themes by members of the MAG;
- [Workshops](#) as community-organized multistakeholder interactive sessions;
- [Open Forums](#), sessions organized by governments, treaty-based international organisations, and global organisations with international scope and presence, with operations across regions, dealing with Internet governance issues;
- [Launches and Awards](#), sessions to present and discuss Internet governance-related academic and/or research initiatives or outputs such as research or think tank work, book launches and similar;

- [Lightning Talks](#), brief, to-the-point, prepared presentation on a specific Internet governance issue;
- [Networking Sessions](#), gatherings of stakeholders interested in a same or similar issue; icebreaker sessions; social gatherings; gatherings of people and organisations from a particular region, stakeholder group, or area of activity;
- [DC Sessions](#), as collaborative sessions organized by multistakeholder teams of different DCs;
- [NRIs Sessions](#), as collaborative sessions organized by multistakeholder teams of NRIs coming from different regions;
- [Intersessional work sessions](#), organized by the facilitators of IGF Best Practice Forums and Policy Networks;
- [Pre-events](#), sessions hosted on the day before the IGF official programme begins (23 June).

Many of the above-listed sessions focused on addressing the 20-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society. An overview of [WSIS+20 sessions at IGF 2025](#) is available at the IGF website dedicated page.

IGF 2025 continued to strategically foster engagement with [business](#) and [judiciary](#) through dedicated sessions, resulting in participating stakeholders calling for continuation of these practices. In a multistakeholder setting, participants with a judiciary background [explored](#) whether AI could replace the human element in court proceedings; while three [business engagement sessions](#) explored digital trust and resilience, Norway's digital innovation journey, and sustainable leadership in the digital age.



A number of social events were organized by the Host Country as well as other participating stakeholders.

11 Annex A: IGF 2025 Statistics

11.1 Breakdown of Registrations

The 20th IGF annual meeting gathered 3,435 participants onsite in Lillestrøm coming from 165 different UN member states². Additional 6,000+ participated online, making the overall participation exceed 9,435. Below are the breakdowns by stakeholder and regional groups.

By Stakeholder (Percentage)		By Region (Percentage)	
Government	27%	African Group	14%
		Asia-Pacific Group	16%
Intergovernmental Organisation	6%	Eastern European Group	5%
Civil Society	32%	Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	9%
Private Sector	19%	Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	50%
Technical Community	15%	Intergovernmental Organisation	6%
Press/Media	1%		
Children	1%		

Compared to IGF 2024, this year's IGF saw a significant increase in the number of participants from the civil society (+21%) and technical community (+8%), and decrease in participation from the governments (-21%), as well as private sector (-6%). There was an increase in representation of stakeholders from Africa (+3%) and GRULAC (+7%) and decrease from Asia Pacific (-34%).

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By Gender (Percentage)		Newcomers (Percentage)	
Female	45%	Newcomers	36%
Male	54%		
Other	>1%		

Youth (<30 years old; Percentage)		Members of Parliaments (Percentage)	
Youth	21%	Parliamentarians	>4% from 38 countries

² Preliminary statistics as of noon 27 June 2025. Final statistics to be published in the coming days.

11.2 Global South Support

Estimated 1,700 stakeholders benefited from support

- 11 grants to NRIs
- 7 grants to Remote Hubs
- 138 received Travel Support

11.3 Remote Hubs

33 [remote hubs](#) at IGF 2025 from 21 countries

Represented 3 regions:

- 67% from Africa
- 18% from Asia Pacific
- 3% from Latin America and Caribbean
- 3% from WEOG

11.4 Sessions

262 [sessions](#) at IGF 2025

- 1 Opening Session
- 1 Opening Ceremony
- 1 Newcomers Sessions
- 1 IGF retrospective Session
- 9 Main Sessions, including IGF intersessional work main sessions
- 5 High-Level Leaders Sessions
- 3 NRI Collaborative Sessions
- 4 Collaborative DC Sessions
- 1 Global Youth Summit
- 1 Judiciary engagement session
- 3 Business engagement sessions
- 6 Parliamentary Track sessions
- 1 Open Microphone & taking-stock
- 1 Closing Ceremony
- 52 Workshops
- 54 Open Forums
- 9 Launches and Awards
- 35 Lightning Talks
- 10 Networking Sessions

- 34 Pre-Events (Day 0 Sessions)

11.5 Media

The meeting's remote Zoom participation attracted over 6,000 delegates attending plenary and workshop sessions. The highest numbers of Zoom participants came from Norway, followed by the United States, Nigeria, India, Germany, and Kenya. The livestream services on both the IGF YouTube channel and UN WebTV recorded over 22,000 views, with more than 68.4% of viewers aged between 18 and 44. The livestream was most viewed in Norway, followed by India, the United States, China, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

One press conference and three Media Hub sessions were held targeting all IGF-accredited journalists; notices of these were distributed to the IGF main press mailing list and media lists at the UN Secretariat through the Department of Global Communications. Media Hub interviews were posted to UN WebTV.

Thousands of stakeholders interacted with the 20th IGF hashtags #IGF2025³.

Week-of media monitoring showed that the IGF was covered in a very high number of major Norwegian media outlets, in print and broadcast, amongst these Xinhua, Bloomberg, Aljazeera, Deutsche Welle, AFP, Digi, Television Jamaica, Digi, Teknisk Ukeblad, Altinget NRK and Aftenposten.

A press kit was prepared via Trello, containing a media advisory, essential details about the meeting, access to photos and videos and contact information in case of interest in interviews. Opening and closing press releases were issued.

11.6 Preparation

IGF 2025 preparation

- 40 Members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
- 2 Open Consultation and MAG Meetings
- Over 22 Virtual MAG and MAG-WG meetings
- 4 MAG Working Groups and 3 Main Session Preparatory Groups

³ Precise statistics will be made available in a few days.

12 Annex B: Documentation and Process

IGF 2025 host country website
<https://www.igf2025.no/>
IGF Website
<https://www.intgovforum.org>

12.1 IGF 2025 Outputs

IGF 2025 outputs, including IGF 2025 messages, session reports, press releases, and IGF participant statements, can be found at:

<https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2025-outputs>

12.2 IGF 2025 Session Reports, Recordings and Transcripts

Reports	https://intgovforum.org/en/igf-2025-reports
Transcripts	https://intgovforum.org/en/igf-2025-transcripts
Recordings	https://www.youtube.com/user/igf/videos
Just-in-time AI Reporting	https://dig.watch/event/internet-governance-forum-2025

12.3 IGF 2025 Intersessional Work

The community-led [intersessional activities](#) that occur throughout the year offer the IGF community the opportunity to work on substantive and concrete longer-term projects in the field of Internet governance:

Policy Networks (PNs)

Internet Fragmentation (PNIF)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-internet-fragmentation
Meaningful Access (PNMA)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-meaningful-access-pnma
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-artificial-intelligence-pnai

Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

Cybersecurity	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/bpf-cybersecurity
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Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

The activities of the 32 DCs are coordinated by the [Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group](#) (DCCG).

Accessibility and Disability	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-accessibility-and-disability-1
Blockchain Technologies	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-blockchain-technologies-0
Children's Rights in the Digital Environment	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-childrens-rights-in-the-digital-environment
Community Connectivity	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity-0
Core Internet Values	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-community-connectivity-0
Data and Trust	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-trust-dc-dt
Data Driven Health Technologies	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-driven-health-technologies-dc-ddht
Digital Health	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-digital-health
DNS Issues	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-dns-issues-dc-dnsi
Environment	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-environment-dce
Gender and Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-gender-and-internet-governance
Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-innovative-approaches-to-connecting-the-unconnected-0
Internet and Jobs	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-jobs-dc-jobs
Internet of Things	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-internet-of-things-0
Internet Rights & Principles	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-rights-and-principles-1
Internet Standards, Security and Safety	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-internet-standards-security-and-safety-dc-iss
Internet Universality Indicators	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dc-on-internet-universality-indicators-dc-iui
Network Neutrality	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-network-neutrality-1
Platform Responsibility	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility

Public Access in Libraries	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-public-access-in-libraries-1
Schools of Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-schools-of-internet-governance
Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-small-island-developing-states-in-the-internet-economy-dc-sids
Sustainability of Journalism and News Media	https://www.intgovforum.org/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-sustainability-of-journalism-and-news-media-dc-sustainability
Youth Coalition on Internet Governance	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-coalition-on-internet-governance-1
Dynamic Teen Coalition	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-teens
Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Assurance and Standardization	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-blockchain-assurance-and-standardization-dc-bas
Dynamic Coalition on Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-data-and-artificial-intelligence-governance-dc-daig
Dynamic Coalition on Open Educational Resources	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-open-educational-resources-dc-oeer
Dynamic Coalition on Measuring Digital Inclusion	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-measuring-digital-inclusion
Dynamic Coalition on Gaming for Purpose	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-gaming-for-purpose-dc-g4p
Dynamic Coalition on Interplanetary Internet	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-the-interplanetary-internet-dc-interplanetary
Dynamic Coalition on Emerging Technologies	https://intgovforum.org/en/content/dynamic-coalition-on-emerging-technologies-dc-emerging-tech

National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are organic and independent formations that are discussing issues pertaining to Internet Governance from the perspective of their respective communities, while acting in accordance with the main principles of the global IGF.

The status of NRIs in 2025:

- 177 NRIs recognised in total
- 100+ NRIs represented at IGF 2025
- 2 more countries/regions have established IGF processes since IGF 2024

Below are the sources to find more information about the NRIs and their work:

About the NRIs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-and-regional-igf-initiatives
National IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/national-igf-initiatives
Regional IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/regional-igf-initiatives
Youth IGFs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-initiatives
Preparatory work of the NRIs	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/nris-collaborative-work

12.4 IGF 2025 Preparatory Process

The IGF meeting programme is prepared by the MAG and the IGF Secretariat over the course of the year. Key decisions on the programme are taken in the face-to-face meetings as well as regular virtual meetings of the MAG leading into the IGF.

Following a traditional approach, the process was triggered by a public call for inputs which helped identification of the main themes. These were developed by the MAG based on input and contributions submitted by the community. The programme for IGF 2025 was then built around the four main sub-themes which were prioritised through the public call:

Key elements of the preparatory processes included:

- A call to [Take Stock of IGF 2024 and Suggest Improvements for IGF 2025](#) was open until 12 January 2025. The contributions were summarised in a [synthesis output document](#).
- A [call for thematic inputs](#) was open until 12 January 2025. The [list of received inputs](#) and an analysis are available.
- The MAG identified main themes during its first MAG meeting and open consultations.
- A [call for session proposals](#) was open until 16 March 2025, inviting all stakeholders to consider applying for the type(s) of session that best fit their interests.

In addition to the overall collective work, the MAG worked on particular segments of the Forum's preparations to advance the overall process through its working groups:

Working Group on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy)	https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/working-group-on-igf-strengthening-and-strategy-wg-ss
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Working Group on Workshop
Process (WG-WSP)

<https://www.intgovforum.org/content/working-group-on-workshop-review-and-evaluation-process-wg-wrep>

Working Group on Youth
Engagement (WG-Youth)

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/working-group-on-youth-engagement>

Working Group on
Multilingualism (WG-
Multilingual)

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/working-group-on-multilingualism-wg-multilingual>