IGF 2021
National, Regional, Subregional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

<u>Annual Work Plan</u>

This is the structure of the NRIs annual work plan, subject for a final consultation among the NRIs until agreed by 19 February. Each set objective of this plan will be subject for further consultations among the NRIs to reach consensus on its implementation, as agreed in a bottom-up manner by the NRIs.

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1. NRIs participation at the IGF 2021 Annual Meeting

In a bottom up, open and consultative manner, the NRIs collectively will work on organizing and hosting the following activities hosted at the 16th annual IGF meeting, to be hosted in Poland, Katowice from 6-10 December 2021:

- ➢ Main Session
- ➢ Up to six collaborative sessions
- ➢ NRIs coordination session
- ➢ NRIs booth at the IGF Village

Agenda for the above-mentioned sessions will be developed in a bottom-up manner across all NRIs through a public call. The call will be issued to the NRIs coordinators, to ensure submission of Internet governance issues of priority for their NRIs communities, agreed upon by the NRIs multistakeholder organizing committee.

The MAG Chair will be consulted for advice on creating stronger synergies between the NRIs and other sessions at the IGF 2021.

1.1 Timeline

1 March - 3 May 2021 **(9 weeks)**	**Launching Call for Issues**
4-7 May 2021 **(4 days)**	**Processing inputs received**
Week of 10 May 2021	**NRIs Call to discuss results and define topics for all sessions**
May-June 2021	**Forming teams for co-organization of sessions**
June-September	**Developing session proposals**
September-November	**Final confirmation of speakers and other supporting roles (moderators, rapporteurs etc.)**

1.2 Design of the Call for Issues

The Call for Issues will take the form of a webform, embedded in the IGF website. The proposed design of the webform, building on the past calls, is the following:

- Full Name of the NRI
- Name of the Submitter
- Name of the NRI Coordinator (please leave blank is the same as above)
- [Check-box] I confirm this input is submitted on behalf of my NRIs' multistakeholder organizing committee.

A. Please submit up to three Internet governance issues your NRI mapped as a priority. For each issue, please select the relevant category of a broad thematic cluster under which it could be placed. *Please note that we only ask for issues, not session proposals. This means that you are asked to submit the name of the term that represents an Internet governance issue (e.g. child online safety, Artificial Intelligence, Freedom of Expression, Future of Jobs, Blockchain, Domain Name System etc.).*

1. Issue 1 [text field]
    o   Please select the thematic category* this issue fits the best
2. Issue 2 [text field]
    o   Please select the thematic category this issue fits the best
3. Issue 2 [text field]
    o   Please select the thematic category this issue fits the best

B. Regarding the operational matters of the NRIs, individually and collectively, what do you think an annual open work meeting of the NRIs (known as the NRIs coordination session) could address? This can reference anything that relates to the NRIs sustainability, improvements, inter-relationship between all NRIs, including with the IGF and global Internet governance ecosystem. The option 'other' will allow for posting comments in case the clustering needs to be explained.

[Check-box] *I agree that my responses under A and B are made publicly available at the IGF website, along with the name of the NRIs for which I submitted inputs. I understand that other information shared will only be made available to the IGF Secretariat for statistical and internal reporting purposes.*

[End of Webform]

*Received issues will be clustered under the several broad Internet governance categories, traditionally used by the IGF Secretariat for these types of analysis: *1) Access and Inclusion; 2) Security and Trust; 3) Data; 4) Digital Rights & Freedoms; 5) Sustainability and Environment; 6) Economic Issues; 7) Internet governance ecosystem; 8) New & Emerging Technologies ; 9) Technical Issues; 10) Digital Cooperation.* Inputs received in a response to the question B will be further discussed with the NRs for developing a final agenda of the NRIs coordination session.

2. NRIs Observatory
Some NRIs suggested establishing an NRIs Observatory. As described during the IGF 2020 NRIs Coordination Session, ''the NRIs Observatory will be structured on topics/issues and clusters of topics. The GIP taxonomy could be used. The Observatory should allow the NRIs to share main orientations, results, laws and best practices related to IG issues.''

It is advised that the NRIs continue brainstorming on this idea until March 2021, to understand if there is enough capacity among the NRIs as well as with the IGF Secretariat to implement this idea. The list of existing observatories is gathered to help inform the possible implementations of this concept.

2.1 Existing observatories
Some existing practices of observatories could be a starting point for possible design of the NRIs observatory and its implementation.

Africa CCTLD Domain Registrations	http://stats.aftld.org/	Collection of data regularly, monitoring of the Domain Name Industry and needs assessment of the individual ccTLD registries, necessary for an informed approach and implementation of other projects including the joint African ccTLD and DNSSEC program that aims to strengthen ccTLDs in Africa.
DiploFoundation and GIP: Digital Watch Observatory	https://dig.watch/	The platform provides the latest updates, developments, overviews, events, resources, and actors on 40+ Internet governance and digital policy issues and processes.
The Global Internet Policy Observatory (GIPO)	http://observatory.giponet.org/	The Global Internet Policy Observatory (GIPO) is an online platform aiming at making it easier to understand the influence and the development of the Internet.
Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS)	https://observatory.manrs.org/#/overview	State of Routing Security Number of incidents, networks involved and quality of published routing information in the IRR and RPKI in the selected region and time period
The Global Cancer Observatory (GCO)	https://gco.iarc.fr/ and https://gco.iarc.fr/today/online-analysis-map	The Global Cancer Observatory (GCO) is an interactive web-based platform presenting global cancer statistics to inform cancer control and research.
European Observatory for Working Life	https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/observatories/eurwork/country-updates	Eurofound provides systematic and comparable data on national industrial relations systems and developments in working life through monitoring and reporting tools drawing on contributions from its network of correspondents across 28 Member States.
EU's Advanced Technologies for Industry that includes Key Enabling Technologies Observatory	https://ati.ec.europa.eu/	Reports on technology trends

3. NRIs engagement with governments and parliamentarians

To support NRIs meaningful engagement with governments and parliamentarians, the IGF Secretariat will create a briefing material on the concept and collective work of the NRIs, as well as their collective impact. Briefing materials on the individual work of the NRIs is a matter for discussion and decision of the NRIs multistakeholder organizing committees. The IGF Secretariat can be approached for needed support to be considered within its current capacity.

Briefing material could include:

- ➢ About the IGF and IGF 2021
- ➢ About the NRIs
- ➢ NRIs impact
- ➢ NRIs 2021 work objectives

The IGF Secretariat is continuously building an internal database of national parliaments that could be approached, as well as relevant government entities and NRIs are welcome to contribute, should they have any contacts of relevance.

4. Communication and outreach plan

Over its social media and the open, public NRIs mailing list, the IGF Secretariat will continue informing the community about the NRIs through:

➢ Announcing NRIs annual meetings via IGF Twitter and Facebook accounts on the day of the meeting's start date. A reminder of the NRIs annual meeting on the day of its start, would also be sent to the NRIs mailing list by the IGF Secretariat or by the NRIs coordinator.

➢ Monthly update (newsletter-like) to be sent to the NRIs mailing list announcing NRIs annual meetings and other relevant updates, including monthly updates on the IGF 2021. The update would be during the first week of each month, at earliest convenience.

➢ The NRs section will be part of the IGF's monthly newsletter.

➢ NRIs would be presented at the IGF's Instagram account through visual & textual post, agreed between the IGF Secretariat and NRIs focal point. Through a weekly Instagram category ''#IGF2021 Present: Name of the NRI'', essential information would be shared about that particular NRI. Between one and five NRIs could be presented during one week.

➢ IGF Secretariat is at the NRIs coordinators' disposal should there be interest to conduct an interview related to announcing the NRIs annual meetings or announcing their major outputs and outcomes. The interviews would be published on the IGF's YouTube account and widely disseminated through the IGF's social media accounts. With the same purpose, blogs could be drafted by the IGF Secretariat and NRIs coordinator and published on the IGF website, promoted over the IGF's social media.

➢ NRIs annual meetings will be included in the IGF's calendar and reflected on the NRIs pages on the IGF website, as announced by the NRIs coordinators. It is possible to add an indication of a month when the annual meeting is expected to take place with confirming the date on a later stage. NRIs are advised to share any pertinent information, including the date/venue and agenda of the annual meetings, as well as website and social media URLs, to be included in the calendar.

i IGF Social Media accounts are:

● Twitter https://mobile.twitter.com/intgovforum, @intgovforum
● Facebook https://www.facebook.com/IntGovForum
● YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/igf
● Instagram https://www.instagram.com/intgovforum/, @intgovforum

The official hashtag is: #IGF2021

5. Capacity development and other forms of support

Like during the IGF 2019 cycle, the IGF Secretariat is exploring possibilities for allocation of the financial grants. The NRIs coordinators will be informed on any relevant update on this matter. The NRIs are asked to continue informing the IGF Secretariat on possible dates and formats of their annual meeting.

The NRIs can approach the IGF Secretariat for support with access to a platform for online participation.

Supported by the IGF 2021 Host Country – Government of Poland – several activities for young people affiliated with the NRIs, will be carried out. This relates to educational webinars on particular matters on Internet governance with prominent experts, as well as a dedicated set of activities for youth at the 16th annual IGF meeting including ways of meaningful integration of young people in the overall discussions taking place at the IGF.

The IGF Secretariat speaks with Microsoft's team in Geneva on possibly supporting development of expert workshops on digitalisation and cybersecurity, that could be of interest to the NRIs and subject for possible cooperation with the NRIs coordinators.

6. Cooperation of NRIs and IGF 2021 intersessional workstreams

The IGF Secretariat will continue consultations conducted in 2020 on advancing the cooperation between the NRIs and its intersessional workstreams, namely the Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Dynamic Coalitions and the newly introduced Policy Network on Environment and Digitalisation (PNE).

NRIs supporting BPFs	BPFs supporting NRIs
NRIs annual outputs shared with BPFs as a possible contribution	BPF promote NRI outputs on subject matter of relevance within their networks
Additional sources of information from the NRIs communities shared with BPFs *(e.g. participating research institute of your NRI develops a study on a subject matter of relevance to the BPF etc.)*	Upon request from the NRIs, BPFs identify experts as resource persons to contribute to NRI meetings/other activities
NRIs connect their community experts with the BPF facilitator *(e.g. representative of local CERT etc.)*	BPFs share additional sources of information with NRIs *(e.g. an NRI needs more comparative analyses on national digital strategies)*
NRIs help to inform local communities of opportunities to participate in the BPF *work (e.g. by inviting them to respond to BPF surveys and calls for contributions; sharing information on how to participate in the BPF open online meetings)*	Upon request from the NRIs, BPFs and NRIs explore the possibility of an interactive session module on its discussions and activities as part of the NRIs pre-event, or discuss how a BPF can contribute to a planned NRI session or discussion
NRIs disseminate BPF outputs to their respected communities	Possibly discuss how a BPF can contribute to a planned NRIs sessions/discussion.

In cooperation with the DCs, explore cooperative mechanisms with the NRIs.