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# IGF 2021 PROCESS

- The **IGF 2021 process** will feature a preparatory and engagement phase.

## **‘Issue-Driven Approach’**

- The MAG opted for using an issue-driven approach to design the IGF 2021 programme, on the two main focus areas and four emerging and cross-cutting issue areas:

### **IGF 2021 Main focus areas**

- *Economic and social inclusion and human rights*
- *Universal access and meaningful connectivity*

### **IGF 2021 Emerging and cross-cutting issue areas**

- *Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/users rights regulation*
- *Environmental sustainability and climate change*
- *Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation*
- *Trust, security, stability*

[Narratives available in the IGF 2021 Guide to Issues and Policy Questions](#)

# IGF 2021 PREPARATORY AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE

## IGF 2021 PREPARATORY AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE July – November 2021

### OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate in-depth engagement with IGF 2021 issue areas towards achieving the goal of a more focused and impactful IGF
- Facilitate engagement with IGF intersessional activities, and,
- Broaden participation and inclusion in all aspects of the IGF process.

Outputs incorporated into  
IGF 2021 Meeting Guide on  
Issues and Policy Questions

## THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IGF 6 - 10 December 2021 Katowice, Poland

### OBJECTIVES

- Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices
- Create space for a meaningful participation of all stakeholder groups from all regions, regardless if participating online or onsite in Katowice.

# IGF 2021 PREPARATORY PHASE

## Deep diving into IGF 2021 issue areas

Mapping links between IGF 2021 issue areas and activities of the IGF community at large – cooperation through shared online space

Unpacking IGF 2021 issue areas through introductory sessions

Multistakeholder community organized feeder workshops – workshops with good score wishing to be hosted during the preparatory phase fully online

## Engaging IGF 2021 Intersessional Work and NRIs

### Policy Networks

- Environment
- Meaningful Access

### Best Practice Forums

- Gender and Digital Rights
- Cybersecurity

### Dynamic Coalitions

137 NRIs

## Capacity development activities

Workshops: engagement in the IGF

Training for session organizers and participants

Workshops on IGF issue areas (on demand)

“Our Digital Future”

- The 16th annual IGF will be hosted in a **hybrid format**. The meeting will aim at accommodating the participation of stakeholders present onsite in Katowice or participating online, in the same way as much as possible.
- **This will make possible:**
  - ✓ ***Session teams participating fully online***  
*If a session's organizing team participates only online (includes online speakers, moderators, rapporteurs and other involved resource parties), the session would still be assigned a meeting room at the 16th IGF in Katowice. The onsite participants may choose to join the session from the meeting room or some other space they feel comfortable in, through the meeting's platform.*
  - ✓ ***Session teams with mixed online and onsite presence***  
*If the session will have a mixed component, with some speakers/panelists joining online and some onsite, the room moderator(s) will insure connectivity.*



- IGF 2021 Programme features over 200 different session types.
- The 16 IGF will also feature a high-level leaders track, parliamentary track, youth track and newcomers track.
- Stakeholders can still request a slot for networking sessions.
- The bilateral room system to open soon.
- IGF Village will accommodate physical and virtual booth.
- Remote hubs applications can be submitted by 20 September.

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021>

# IGF 2021 INTERSESSIONAL WORK

<b>Best Practice Forums (BPFs)</b> <i>multistakeholder networks focusing on existing and emerging good practices</i>		<b>Policy Networks (PNs)</b> <i>multistakeholder efforts that provide in-depth expert view on broad Internet governance topics of global population's interest</i>		<b>Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)</b> <i>open, multistakeholder and community-driven initiatives dedicated to exploring a certain Internet governance issue or group of issues</i>
<b>BPF Cybersecurity on the use of norms to foster trust and security</b>	<b>BPF Gender and Digital Rights</b>	<b>PN Environment (PNE)</b>	<b>PN Meaningful Access (PNMA)</b>	<b>22 DCs focused on particular IG issues</b>
Cybersecurity agreements; norms; cooperation.	Gendered disinformation	Digital technologies for environment; environmental data; food & water security; energy security; supply chains; overarching issues etc.	How to achieve meaningful and universal access?	DCs on: accessibility; blockchain; child rights online; connectivity; Internet values; data; health; DNS; gender; jobs; IoT; rights; IG schools; media; Internet universality indicators; security; and more.

## JOIN THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK!

Participate in regular monthly meetings, exchange views via mailing lists, respond to surveys and more. Visit the IGF website and subscribe to the mailing lists <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/thematic-intersessional-work>

- Youth engagement central to IGF 2021
- Several webinars hosted from September – December in a lead-up to the global Youth Summit on 6 December
- Youth encouraged to apply for travel support open until 31 August

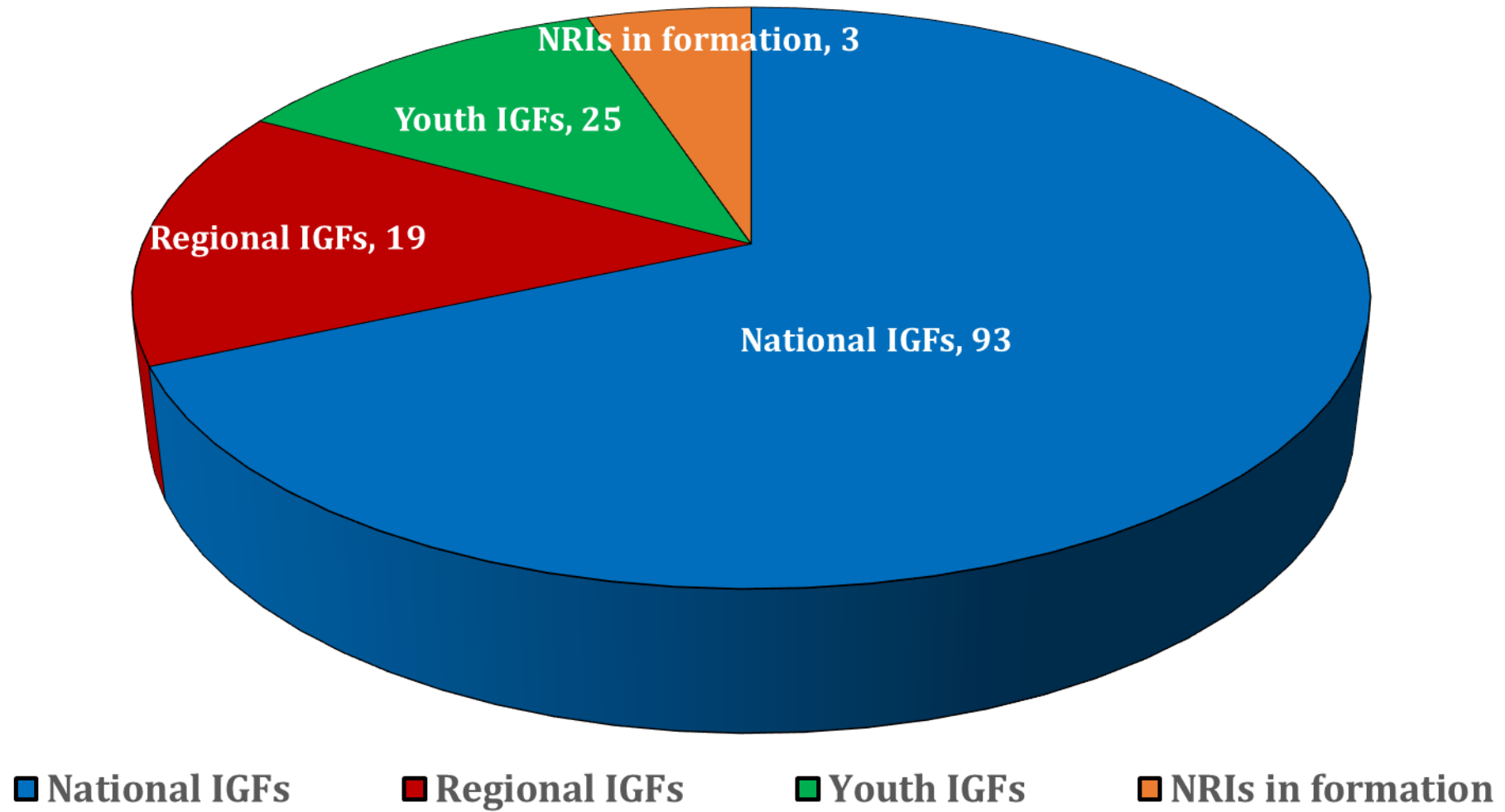
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## Other opportunities:

- Travel support open until 31 August
- IGF 2022 MAG Renewal open: nominate members and the Chair until 10 September
- Take active participation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> IGF 2021 Open Consultations and MAG meeting on 29 Sep – 1 Oct 2021 hosted in Geneva, Switzerland

# Records of recognized NRIs is 137 (+ 2 in-information)







# NRIs landscape in 2021

- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose challenges to the NRIs meetings
- 67 NRIs meetings confirmed so far. Visit the IGF calendar <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/calendar>
- Some NRIs experimenting with the formats (series of online discussions; online with remote studios; hybrid = onsite + online). For example:



# NRIs at IGF 2021

## NRIs collaborative sessions (NRIs-to-NRIs exchanges)

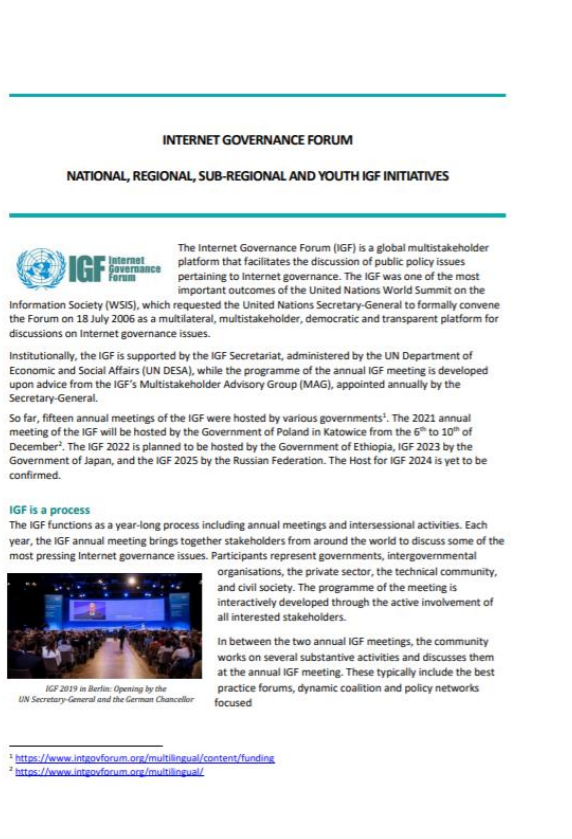
- *Smart local solutions to connect everyone. Special focus: people living in remote and rural areas*
- *Securing the trusted Internet now for the generations to come  
Special focus: child online safety.*
- *Enabling local smart solutions to close the global digital divides. Special focus: technical Internet governance, standards and cooperation.*
- *Digital sovereignty and digital self-determination*
- *E-commerce challenges and opportunities in 2021 - looking at the national practices  
Special focus: digital transformation and monetization*

## NRIs main session

## NRIs coordination session



# Supporting engagement of parliaments and governments in NRIs processes



- Through collaborative efforts among the NRIs, the brochure is developed to provide essential information on why members of parliaments and governments should engage in NRIs processes.
- The brochure, originally in English, is translated to Spanish and Arabic. Announced translations: French, Portuguese, German.
- <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/nris-brochure-to-support-engagement-with-parliaments-and-governments>

# More about NRIs



Issues in focus of NRIs in 2019 and 2020



Youth IGFs and youth capacity-development initiatives in action



Youth-focused discussions hosted regularly by the Polish Youth IGF – as members of the Host Country team.

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris%C2%A0preparatory-process>



**We look forward to working with you for a successful IGF 2021!**

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**Thank You**

**Merci**

**Спасибо**

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