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IGFSA and the ICANN Community

Supporting the IGF Movement to Strengthen the Multistakeholder Model

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ABOUT THE IGF AND IGFSA

- The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) brings people together from various stakeholder groups as equals, in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet.
- The IGF informs and inspires those with policy-making power in both the public and private sectors.
- The global IGF has met annually since 2006.
- **IGFSA** was established in 2014.
- The purpose of IGFSA is to promote and support the global IGF as well as ***the national and regional IGF initiatives, known as NRIs.***



WHY SUPPORT LOCAL IGFS?

- Help to develop talent and encourage participation in ICANN policymaking processes
- Close the “DNS Knowledge Gap” among regulators and consumers in diverse markets
- Encourage inclusion of ICANN-relevant issues on IGF agendas
- Promote enlightened approaches by regulators and influencers participating
- Gain access to diverse business, government and civil society leaders



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GEOGRAPHIC REACH AND ATTENDANCE



Over 130 countries and regions have established IGF initiatives (NRIs).

IGFSA grants range from USD \$500 - \$3500

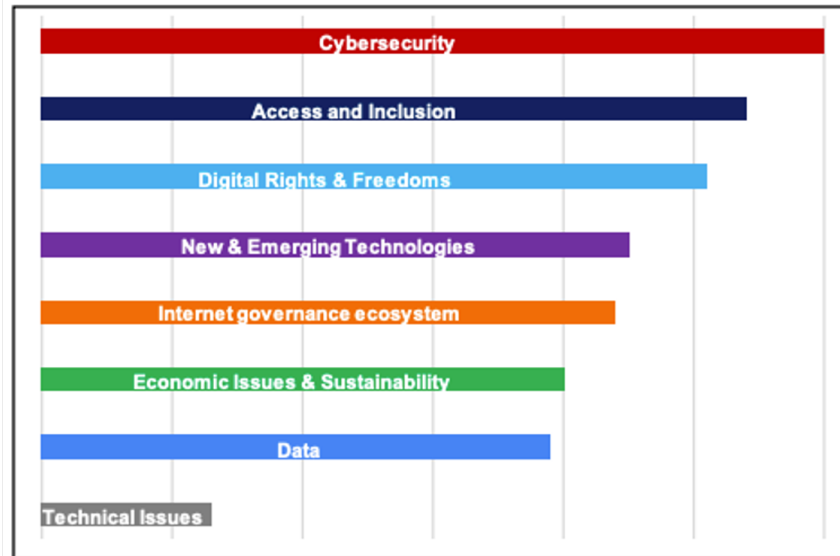
NRIs are pre-certified as eligible by the global IGF



Local IGFs provide consistent and accurate information on how the DNS, the Internet, and their governance model work.

SAMPLE TOPICS

- DNS operations
- Global interoperability
- DNS Abuse and Mitigation
- Data Protection
- Content Regulation
- Online Public Safety



Cumulative sample of topics across 82 events



INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM – SUPPORTING A GOVERNANCE ECOSYSTEM

- IGFs – global, national and regional IGFs - are a unique and effective forum for education and engagement
- IGFs explain urgent digital policy issues of the day as distinct from underlying infrastructure and protocols of the Internet
- IGFs highlight existing multistakeholder forums where policies are debated and developed
- IGFs attract the key people to influence policy outcomes – from all sectors
- IGFs have a high level of youth participation, with participants going on to have influential careers
- IGFs provide opportunities to educate, engage, follow-up and shape policy-making



IGFSA : OUR ADDED VALUE

- Global reach to dozens of events annually
- Quality control and supervision
- Assurance of consistent, basic, and accurate technical curriculum
- Clearinghouse of information on agendas, speakers and topics
- Feedback on IGF trends for donors and supporters



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IGFSA: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Join and Contribute! igfsa.org/become-a-member
- Volunteer as a speaker, panelist or content producer
- Spread the word, refer potential members and supporters
- Follow IGFSA social media, sign up for newsletters
- Encourage your organization to become an institutional supporter
- Get in touch with us: chris.mondini@icann.org



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