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# IGF 2024 stock taking and considerations for 2025




**160 Submissions**



1. Civil Society | 64
2. Government | 33
3. Private Sector | 29
4. Technical Comm. | 23
5. IGOs | 11



1. Africa | 69
2. Asia Pacific | 47
3. WEOGs | 19
4. GRULAC | 13
5. Eastern European | 4

- IGF 2024 Open Microphone and Taking Stock session
- Open call over a period of **two weeks** via an IGF online submission system, including written contributions via email
- Promoted amongst **IGF 2024 participants** and via IGF **mailing lists, social media channels and website**
- **All contributions are publicly available [here](#)** 



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## Preparatory Process

- **Roadmap:** Early announcement of clear IGF 2025 milestones and deadlines
- **Transparency in Session Selection:** Improve session proposal process transparency, selection criteria, include useful feedback to rejected proposals
- **Increase meaningful participation** from youth, underrepresented regions and marginalized and vulnerable communities incl. in IGF decision making processes leading to the Forum
- **Plenary Sessions:** Better coordinate between the IGF Secretariat, the host country and main session organizers during the preparatory process of high-level sessions



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## Intersessional Work and NRIs

- **Increased coordination:** Ensure better coordination between National and Regional IGFs (NRIs) and the IGF to reflect regional views in the programme; have more MAG involvement in NRI discussions; strengthen the connection between intersessional activities (DCs, PNs, BPFs, Youth) and NRIs
- **Youth inclusion and empowerment:** Encourage youth to be directly involved as speakers, session proposers, and rapporteurs; further develop the Youth mentorship programme
- **Increased Integration and visibility:** Organize a dedicated day to IGF intersessional work, featuring BPFs, PNs, NRIs, DC sessions and ensure session slots for intersessional groups
- **Alignment with IGF 2025 themes:** Encourage NRIs and intersessional activities to align with IGF 2025's overarching theme and subthemes to ensure relevance.



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## Programme Structure and Content

- **Clear Thematic Tracks:** Dedicate days for specific themes, ensure balanced scheduling to accommodate diverse regions and time zones. Each track should have a dedicated space.
- **Decrease the number of sessions,** avoid duplications and topical overlaps
- **Align the programme** with the GDC implementation & WSIS+ 20 review process
- **Actionable outcomes:** Encourage session organizers to produce concrete output.
- **Interactive schedule:** Release an accessible interactive IGF schedule earlier in time
- **Diversity in Speakers:** ensure the inclusion of a diverse set of experts and include more (in person) youth, Global South individuals and marginalized groups



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## Technical Matters and Communications

- **Session accessibility:** ensure remote and onsite participants are treated equally
- **Develop a set of instructions** for organizers to edit session pages
- **Promotion of virtual platforms:** Better promote the Scheduling mobile app, as well as the 3D venue and virtual booths
- **Daily summaries:** Produce daily summaries to highlight outcomes of discussions
- **Further involve journalists** and international media, both as journalists of the event and as digital stakeholders (via session proposals, speakers, intersessional work members)
- **Enhance communications activities**, which could be used by session organizers to widely promote their events ahead of and during the IGF



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## Other Logistics and Host Country Role

- **Ensure a smooth process to acquire visa** for onsite participation in Norway, especially for some nationals from the Global South
- **Placement of the IGF Village:** The IGF Village was very successful, and booth organizers welcomed the central placement of the Village, close to workshop rooms and coffee corners
- **Ensure various types of disabilities** are considered early on with the preparatory process. This should include access on the website as well as at the venue.
- **IGF reception and music night:** Re-introduce an official IGF reception for all participants and/or the IGF music night; organize reception or social gatherings after meeting hours to avoid any overlaps with ongoing sessions



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## Participation, Stakeholder Engagement

- **Broaden stakeholder representation:** further diversify the range of stakeholders, specifically the private sector, academia and the media, with a focus on balancing gender and regions; also broaden the invitation list to include underrepresented groups like grassroots organizations, marginalized communities, and youth, especially from developing countries
- **High-Level participation:** Invite more prominent figures such as Heads of organizations and business leaders from major tech companies
- **WSIS+20 review process:** Coordinate with global bodies involved in the WSIS+20 review process should be enhanced to ensure alignment
- **Ensuring inclusivity:** Provide more travel support to global south participants and ensure remote participation options and accessibility features for people with disabilities and other marginalized groups



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