

OMAC Roundtable #4

Meeting Summary



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Topic of OMAC Roundtable #4

Internet Policy: Everything You Want to Know about the IGF: This roundtable was organized upon the request of our organization members to understand what the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is all about and learn about this year's event. The roundtable was also an opportunity for organization members who know the IGF to share their experiences about the Forum.

Key Takeaways

- The Multistakeholder Advisory Group is a critical group in shaping the program and focus of IGF - it is a key group to be involved with at the IGF.
- There is an opportunity for collaboration amongst the different stakeholders in promoting the critical properties of the Internet at the IGF.



- The IGF is a perfect place to network and get insights about Internet Governance issues across the world from multiple stakeholders.
- The human capital and good will that the IGF has built over the years is immense.

Discussion Points

- **Background of the IGF**
 - The IGF is an outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society 2005.
 - It is a forum for dialogue, debate and information exchange among all stakeholders' groups from around the world.
 - It is organized by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group together with the UN Secretariat and a host country.
 - It's renewal of mandate is in 2025.
- **IGF 2021**
 - IGF 2021 will be a hybrid annual forum in Katowice, Poland from 6-10 December 2021.
 - The Forum will focus on economic and social inclusion and human rights as well as universal and meaningful access.
- **The future of the IGF**
 - There is an importance to focus on growth and diversification of the Internet Governance space.
 - The MAG Working Group to work on strengthening the IGF and its Strategy.
 - The IGF to work together with the UN Secretary-General's (SG) Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and common agenda on the Global Digital Compact, and the Summit of the Future in 2023.
 - The IGF as a process and an institution "to identify the importance of its existence and work on what is needed for it to survive and thrive."
 - The 2022 IGF to be held In Ethiopia.
 - The IGF will require renewed focus from participants as its mandate expires in 2025 - community engagement necessary to ensure the IGF is renewed beyond 2025.

Next Steps

- Internet Society and the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group to explore how the critical properties of the Internet can be incorporated and agreed upon at the IGF.
- Internet Society and its organization members to work together to see how they can support the IGF in the future, including educating UN missions about the IGF in New York.
- If you have any questions on IGF please contact Anriette Esterhuysen (anriette@apc.org), Chair | IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group.

Useful Resource

- [About the IGE](#), presentation by Anriette Esterhuysen at the OMAC roundtable.

