

# U r d u I n t e r n e t S o c i e t y

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To: All members of the IGC Mailing List

## **Formation of Regional IGF – IGF PAK**

Dear All members of the IGC,

### **Some words about Urdu Internet Society:**

My name is Imran Ahmed Shah (I am from Pakistan), beside other voluntarily global and local contributions and initiatives, I also belongs to Urdu Internet Society (UISoc) as a Founder & Executive Member. ([www.UISoc.org](http://www.UISoc.org)). Urdu Internet Society (UISoc) is a Social Community Network for the support of Global Urdu Internet Community. (Urdu is the most popular & spoken language of Asia and there are more than 60m Urdu Speaking People around the world and about 30% approx. out of them are linked with Internet).

Urdu Internet Society provides support for ICT & Security Policies Development for the betterment of the Urdu related users and the Nation. We are also engaging work groups of the technical experts as support teams to facilitates users (members) to discuss their problems, propose their solutions, and highlight their achievements as well as to conduct surveys and to publish statistical analysis + survey reports. We also help to coordinate with experts for policies development services.

### **Recent Initiative about Global Information Security:**

Urdu Internet Society (UISoc) and Pakistan Information Security Association (PISA), has engaged 'International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium' (ISC)2 to conduct "Information Security Asia Conference 2011" in Pakistan. This will be the 1st International Information Security Conference in Pakistan. Urdu Internet Society fully support this important initiative and has offered its services as Organizing Partner of the Conference. One of the federal Ministries has principally agreed to become the Primary Partner to Organize and Host the event. We also have obtained support from Cabinet of Pakistan. IEEE, Pakistan also has confirmed their support for the event. We also have got meeting with the Protractors of the three big Universities and have obtained their support for our initiatives.

### **Initiative about Regional IGF:**

With reference to IGF, with the context of Global & Regional Policies development and demand from the Public and Private Sectors, I was asked to form a regional IGF Working Group engaging Technical Experts, ISPs, IT users and companies, involving the representatives of Academia and Government Institutions. This regional IGF working group will have to provide the coordination for local community members and will provide the related contents and material in local language that is Urdu. We agreed to dedicate the website [IGFPAK.com/org](http://IGFPAK.com/org) for this purpose. We also agree to invite representative of Public and Private Sector, non-resident Pakistan (Local community members living abroad) and Security & Anti-Cyber-Crimes Fighting Groups.

It was my opinion that we should provide bilingual contents in Urdu & English and before announcing it, we should obtain the permission from IGF Secretariat. However, the consensus was very much necessary to-do so. I also informed my fellows about the IGC and told them to obtain opinion, if found IGC coordinator find it feasible.

We decided to obtain the consultation from IGC Coordinator, and if they support than we could forward to IGF Secretariat. I was wondering for information to take the further steps and I contacted Ms Ginger Paque, (as she is the Coordinator of IGC) through email some days ago, for the same queries. She asked

me to circulate my queries and request for support to IGC mailing list to obtain the opinion and guidance of the experts.

Fortunately, today, during the 4<sup>th</sup> day session of IGF Session regarding “Asia Pacific Regional IGF”, Room-6, Remote Participation, Ms Ginger Paque encouraged me to submit my queries online for everyone. I followed her and submitted my queries, my request asking for support and guidance from IGC, IGF and other Working Groups. I was surprised when I heard that she was representing my queries and request (word by words) to the audience of the session and in the presence of Secretary-General for Internet Governance, Mr MARKUS KUMMER.

During the two consequent sessions, in the same Room No. 6, participants discussed about the regional IGFs formation pre-requisites and/or review comments on it. Finally, Mr MARKUS KUMMER described that *“They can say they are Pakistan or whatever IGF. And then all, collectively all the national and regional IGF initiatives say, if you want to be one of us, you have to be open, you have to be bottom/up, and you have to be multi-stakeholder. And if you fulfill these criteria, then we allow you collectively to call yourself IGF.”*; Later on Mr MARKUS KUMMER also had defined the procedure and pre-requests for the formation of Regional IGF during his address in second last session that Regional IGF should be transparent and open for all comprising the multi-stakeholders.

We are formulizing the pattern to organize the working group for IGF PAK, following the guide lines of the Secretary-General for Internet Governance, Mr MARKUS KUMMER. We are listing down current matters, which should be included for discussion at this platform. Regional website IGFPAK.com will provide the online presence of this working group and will host the related contents and meetings information in English & Urdu Languages.

**Request for Suggestions and Support from IGC members:**

You are requested to please guide us in this regard with your opinion, willingness of support, becoming the part of the working groups or highlight the important issues to include in the initiative with the regional and global prospective and Internet Governance aspects.

Thanking you & Best Regards,

Best Regards,

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**P.S.:** Respected Dr Sarmad Hussain/ Mr Zahid Jamil/ Mr Fouad Bajwa and Mr Naveed ul Haq, we also need your support to join our hands for this important initiative and for a common goal and a collective achievement to strengthen Regional IGF, the IGF PAK. (as you are at IGF, well before my entrance to this community network). We look forward to participating in collaborative efforts to organize local IGF Working Group in Pakistan.