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Please select the Thematic Track of your proposal from the possible options below.
Thematic Track *
Digital Inclusion
or
Trust

Please provide an outline for the session, including a description of the content and intended agenda for the session. You may also explain how the methodology will support practical outcomes, substantive policy discussions, and how discussion will be facilitated during the session.

The rise of commercial Internet has helped shape society as we know it, but, 30 years after the invention of the World Wide Web and 15 years after the Tunis agenda, it is clear that there are still significant areas of improvement for this indispensable communication tool, if it is to work in the public interest.

During this session, we aim to discuss the characteristics of a 'public interest Internet', and the threats and challenges to it. Therefore, the discussions will build on previous discussions at the IGF on relevant topics. The workshop will be divided into two main parts 1) identifying the characteristics of a public interest internet and current challenges to ensuring it, and 2) examples of measures/proposals for measures which can protect the public interest internet.

This session will start with the thought provoking question "What does a Public Interest Internet mean to you ? Is the internet working on behalf of your 'public interest' concept?" to be replied by each of the panelists. This first session of the workshop will attempt at identifying the characteristics of a public interest internet and current challenges to ensuring it.

In the second half, we will adopt a case-based approach that will allow us to assess how these principles are being adhered to at the different 'layers' of the internet, as they're commonly understood: such as access, governance of Internet Critical resources/technical/infrastructure layer and how data governance policies are being shaped in times of the COVID pandemics. With the proposed discussion of the topics, we want to understand and identify how the public interest principles discussed apply to each of these areas, whether they have been adhered to and what proposals or measures could be taken in order to ensure that public interest principles are adhered to in the future.

By highlighting the key principles linked to the Public interest discussion in each of the proposed cases, this session wants to identify a framework of principles that can be applicable to other current challenges to the increasing digitisation of our lives happening during the pandemics and which are related to issues such as accessibility, privacy and affordability.

As a result of the global lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, essential services have migrated to virtual platforms and remote participation methods for education, businesses, emergency or health services. The delivery of these services help define what we think of as "the public interest Internet". Yet, in order for the interest to work in the public interest, it must also serve everyone, including for example people with disabilities or specific needs and vulnerable communities. The session will therefore discuss a range of issues including openness, privacy, accessibility, affordability and security that citizens worldwide are facing today. Additionally, we want to identify how what principles should be relevant to discussions relating to access, the governance of the technical infrastructure of the internet and data governance.

8. Expected Outcomes *

Please provide the session's expected outcomes and any specific outputs (e.g. publications, or follow up events or processes) you expect the session to produce or feed into.

We expect that this session will provide the audience with a better understanding of the different components that make up the public interest internet and also suggest some proposals, roadmaps going forward on how to best promote a public interest internet. Many of the issues we will be discussing can be found in several of the current work tracks such as Digital Inclusion and Trust.

We will also aim to identify any relevant IGF intersessional worksteams where these proposals can be further discussed and elaborated.

Context
9. Relevance to Internet Governance *

"Internet governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet."

By acknowledging the importance of the Internet for development and as a tool for the achievement of rights, the Tunis Agenda (2005) set forth a compromise that was mostly based connectivity, accessibility, a secure and stable infrastructure and the key role of each of the stakeholders in providing policy related responses to these challenges. In the fifteen years since the adoption of that document, the internet has evolved in unprecedented ways - but it has not bridged the digital divide which has now become more complex and multilayered. In the next fifteen years, we risk further exacerbating inequalities if we don't govern the internet according for and in public interest.

Therefore, the present submission aims to facilitate a multi stakeholder debate on a Public Interest oriented Internet and what underlying principles should be taken into consideration when we develop and assess the new tech solutions developed in light of the covid-19 pandemic and other global challenges.

10. Relevance to Thematic Track *

Please explain how the proposed session will contribute to the narrative of the Thematic Track selected at the field 2 above.

The session will contribute to the thematic track "digital inclusion" by identifying, the key principles that are needed to ensure inclusion during a time when dependence on the internet is greater than ever. By using case studies to reflect on those principles, the session will offer in concrete terms, a set of proposals and measures that can be taken forward to support a truly inclusive internet.

11. Workshop Session Format

Session Format *

Roundtable

12. Diversity

Diversity of perspective, experience, age, stakeholder group, geographic origin, gender and ability and disability are very important in the IGF.

a. Which aspects of diversity are most relevant to your workshop? Select up to three:
Ability and Disability
Age
Experience
Gender
Geographic Origin
Perspective
Stakeholder Group
Other (please specify below)

Diversity Addressing *
b. Please explain briefly how your session will integrate diversity in a meaningful way referring to the aspects of diversity you mentioned above.

13. Organizers Information
Organizers or co-organizers typically manage the content, speakers and planning for the workshop; they are the group of persons responsible for the workshop. If as a proposer you are part of the Organizing Team, please add yourself to the list. Moderators and Rapporteur should also be listed as part of the Organizing Team. The MAG recommends two or more co-organizers.
The MAG will be closely reviewing the listed organizers for diversity, primarily in terms of gender, regional group, and stakeholder group, and will take into account youth, persons with disabilities, and policy perspectives.
YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TWO STEPS BELOW FOR YOUR PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED:
Step 1: Please **check if your organizers are already in the IGF Community system** (a new window will appear to check by email address). If the organizer is not yet in the system, please **add her/his profile** (a new window with form will appear). Once all your organizer profiles are in the system, you can go to the next step.
Step 2: Please write in the field below the email addresses of all your organizers, separated by commas.
Important Note: The organizers whose email addresses you provide below must have had profiles created by you or already be in the system (Step 1 above).

Email addresses of organizers (comma separated) * bruna.mrtns@gmail.com
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First Time in IGF * no

Have any of the organizers held a workshop at the IGF before? yes

Local Community *
Have you invited communities from the host country, such as local Polish organizations, to contribute as speakers or co-organizers in your workshop?

No, but we would appreciate if the secretariat could match us with a representative of any local Polish organization or a government representative.

14. Speakers
Please note that the MAG would like to see that at least three of your speakers have been contacted about their prospective participation in this workshop and indicated their intent to participate. **Listing three (3) speakers is required for your proposal to be considered complete and eligible for evaluation (as per the 'Stage 1' minimum criteria).** Listing more than 5 (five) speakers is discouraged.
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<u>Step 2:</u> Please write in the field below the email addresses of all your speakers, separated by commas. These speakers will be considered provisionally confirmed for this workshop. The speakers will also receive an automated email informing them they have been listed in your proposal and will have the option to contact the IGF Secretariat if they wish to be removed from the proposal.

Proposed speakers

Ucha Seturi, Tusheti Community Network Project
ORACLE - BGP NETWORKS
Lisa Vermeer
Mehwish Ansari
Jane Coffin

Estelle Masse
Dragana Kaurin
Shawn McDonald
Ghana government
Swiss government

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Email addresses of provisionally confirmed speakers (comma separated) *

Speakers Confirmation *

Speakers Availability*

Please provide any additional explanation on the communication with the speakers, for example any necessary clarification on the speakers' availability to participate:

15. Moderators
Online Moderator *

Onsite Moderator *
Judith Hellerstein

16. Rapporteur
Rapporteur *

17. Session Interaction and Participation
Discussion Facilitation *
a. Explain how the session organizers plan to facilitate and encourage interaction and participation during the session

Other Tools *

b.   The IGF provides access and support for remote participants through an Official Online Participation Platform, with a **quick guide** available. Instruction of the official Online Participation Platform will be also made available closer to the Annual Meeting. Are you planning to use other complementary tools/platforms to increase participation and interaction during the session?

Relation to SDGs *

Day Zero event

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Name of Requesting Organization * Internet Governance Caucus

Organization's Website * https://igcaucus.org/

Title of the Event *
Civil Society Coordination meeting: a Public Interest Internet discussion

Short Description of the Event *
The civil society coordination event will act as a convening and collaboration opportunity for civil society groups working on issues related to internet governance and policy. It will allow groups to discuss issues of common concern and to identify opportunities for collaboration on issues and forums. It will also allow the participants to consider issues relevant to the IGF agenda and identify what opportunities exist during the IGF where civil society can come together to reinforce common positions and thereby strengthen the civil society voice in internet governance discussions.

For this years Civil Society Coordination event, Internet Governance Caucus is proposing a discussion on a Public Interest oriented Internet. During this discussion, we aim to facilitate a discussion between Civil Society members on how far we've come in terms of ensuring that the public Interest is preserved throughout the Internet layers of the Internet. Additionally, the idea is to identify how broader principles related to Internet Governance debates apply to each of these areas, whether they have been adhered to and what proposals or measures could be taken in order to ensure that public interest principles are adhered to in the future.

Internet Governance Caucus has also submitted a workshop proposal that, if accepted, will touch upon the same discussions. The present submission of a day zero event will, therefore, be used as a exploratory space for better understanding our stakeholder's views on the matter.

Estimated Number of Participants Expected to Attend *
40 people

Requested Duration for the Event (*Cannot be guaranteed) *
2 hours

Additional Comments

Last Years submission:

    https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2019-pre-event-43-civil-society-coordination-meeting

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