

Internet Governance Forum 2024

Internet Society's Contribution to the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG Meeting



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Like the Internet itself, the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) has proven resilient. Since its inception, it has adapted to the needs of its stakeholders because it's made by its community.

This year has been crucial for implementing lessons learned for the IGF community, and 2025 will be no exception. Thankfully, the multistakeholder community has developed various tools to help the IGF stay ahead. We must all keep supporting this effort.

There is a renewed global interest in addressing the significant global challenges of digital governance and harvesting its potential. We, the members of the IGF community, have a unique opportunity to contribute to this enterprise's success by sharing the lessons we have learned since 2006. This is a pivotal year to illustrate that the multistakeholder model for Internet governance is not simply a choice but an approach that follows the Internet's design. Peer-to-peer collaboration is intrinsically linked to the Internet. It is rooted in its technical standards and protocols.

The Internet Society celebrates the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) discussions on critical processes for the future of digital and Internet governance, such as NETMundial+10, the Global Digital Compact, and WSIS+20. Now more than ever, it is time for the IGF community to continue raising its voice proactively. Now is the moment to protect the critical properties of the Internet and transfer them to decision-making processes to ensure the Internet remains an enabler of opportunities. The IGF community has taken steps in the right direction, but the months ahead will be intense and decisive for the future.

Let's keep raising our collective voice for a future with multistakeholder Internet governance, because this approach has allowed the Internet to thrive and benefit people worldwide. Count on us to defend the Internet together.

