

Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) Annual Report 2023-2024

This report covers the Association's activities between its tenth General Assembly, held in person with remote participation during IGF 2023 on 8 October and its eleventh General Assembly, to be held in person with remote participation during IGF 2024 on 15 December. The nature of the National and Regional IGF initiatives (NRIs) and the preparatory work for the IGF2024 have proceeded mostly in hybrid and fully in-person settings. IGFSA continued to support the NRIs holding hybrid meetings. Notably in 2024, IGFSA has increased funding support of youth initiatives at all levels.

1. Structures of the Association

a) The General Assembly

The IGFSA held its tenth General Assembly during the 18th IGF in Kyoto, Japan on 8 October 2023. In total, over 45 IGFSA Members and observers, as well as remote hubs attended the meeting in room and via remote participation. Amrita Choudhury, as the Chair of the Executive Committee, presided over the General Assembly.

The General Assembly approved the Summary Record of the 2022 General Assembly, the 2023 reports and Budget Allocation for the upcoming year.

IGFSA held two EC elections in the calendar year of 2023. The 2022 Election was postponed and held in February 2023. The results were announced on 28 February 2023 and the following two candidates were elected to the IGFSA EC:

- Flávio R. Wagner
- Amado Espinosa

Please refer to the Summary Record of the 2023 IGFSA General Assembly for more details.

After the 2023 IGFSA General Assembly, four EC members were up for re-election. Seven candidates were eligible for the four seats. The results were announced on 22 November 2023 and the following four candidates were elected to the IGFSA EC.

- Joyce Chen
- Wisdom Donkor
- Nigel Hickson
- Christopher Mondini

b) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held [ten](#) meetings over the course of the activity period. There were also committee meetings that were held to address specific fundraising and communications initiatives, and informal non-quotate discussion meetings. Seven meetings were held in a virtual setting, and three were held in a hybrid manner in the margins of ICANN 78 Hamburg, ICANN 79 San Juan, and ICANN 80 Kigali respectively.

In carrying out its tasks, the Executive Committee is supported by a Secretary and Secretariat responsible for day-to-day activities, carrying out the Association's operational tasks, preparing for meetings and other regular office requirements. Jennifer Chung is the

Association's Secretary, heading the Secretariat. DotAsia Organisation provides additional personnel: Kelvin Truong provides technical support, Phyo Thiri Lwin assists as part of the Secretariat team.

Michael Parratt (CMAC) is retained as the IGFSAs Accountant.

c) Membership

The two categories of membership agreed upon at the inaugural General Assembly continued in 2021: individual membership with annual membership dues of USD 25 and organizational membership with annual membership dues of USD 100. To date, there are 278 IGFSAs members (individuals and organizations inclusive), and 34 of these members are deemed active.

Active membership confers the benefit to be able to run for open Executive Committee seats as well as ballots with which to vote in the Executive Committee elections. The requirement for active membership is being current with membership dues.

2. Activities of the Association

a) Fundraising

In 2024 the Association received contributions from new donor TESPOK USD \$1,500, returning donors ICANN USD 10,000, and NRO USD \$25,000. While membership fees are not the primary source of funding to fulfill the IGFSAs mission, USD \$935 was received as regular membership dues and individual donations.

For a detailed breakdown of funding received and other items, please refer to the 2023 Financial Report.

b) Budget and allocation of Funds

i. Overview

The Executive Committee allocated the available funds in a flexible manner, prioritizing the NRIs.

ii. Regional/National IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

The Executive Committee attached a high priority to strengthen, seek and promote exchange and collaboration with National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs), with a focus on NRIs from developing countries and economies in transition. This is one of the purposes of the IGFSAs, according to Article 3 of the Articles of Association. A pre-condition for being considered as a recipient of IGFSAs funding is to be recognized by the IGFSAs Secretariat and listed on the IGF website.

As part of this priority, support funding was allocated to 6 Regional and Sub-Regional IGFs, 10 National Initiatives, 10 Youth Initiatives (double the number from the previous year). This brings the total contribution to-date to USD \$52,500 and the cumulative total to USD \$601,000.

Projected funding allocation for 2025 (in USD)

Segment	2025 Funds allocation
National, Sub-Regional Regional and Youth IGFs	50,000
UN IGF Trust Fund	10,000
Additional support to IGF Secretariat operations and logistics	5,000
Accessibility (captioning, website accessibility improvements, etc.)	5,000
IGFSA projected administrative expenses (Secretariat fees, Accountant fees, Bank fees)	20,000

(i) Contribution to the UN-IGF Trust Fund

The Association agreed to continue support of the UN-IGF Trust Fund with a contribution of USD \$10,000, bringing up the total of its contributions to the UN to USD \$335,000.

(ii) Regional/National IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

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As part of this priority, the following Regional and Sub-Regional IGF Initiatives were approved to receive support funding. *Denotes requests that are approved for 2024 and in progress at time of report.

1. Central Africa
2. West Africa
3. APriIGF
4. EuroDIG
5. Lusophone
6. LAC*

The following National IGFs were approved to receive support funding:

1. Armenia*
2. Benin
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Moldova
5. Lebanon
6. Liberia
7. Panama
8. Togo
9. Uganda
10. Qazaqstan

The following Youth IGFs were approved to receive support funding

National Youth

1. Burundi
2. Cambodia
3. Ghana
4. India
5. Myanmar
6. Nepal

Regional/Sub-regional Youth

1. AP yIGF
2. HK yIGF
3. SEA yIGF
4. LAC youth IGF*

(iii) IGFSA Contingency

The Funds allocated under this category cover the daily operations of the IGFSAs, such as banking fees, postage and shipping and other costs associated with running the IGFSAs Secretariat.

(iv) Accessibility support

IGFSA provides support enhancing the accessibility of the IGF. This was used for providing real-time transcription in intersessional calls of the IGF's Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), the Dynamic Coalitions, and the National and Regional Initiatives. In addition, this year IGFSA has supported operational costs (subscription) of the collaborative and accessible linguistics in IGF new website.

(v) Additional Support to the operations of the IGF Secretariat

As part of the continued support to the operations of the IGF Secretariat, IGFSA has provided additional support for IGF Secretariat intern in preparation and travel to the 19th IGF in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(vi) Outreach/Communications/Miscellaneous

For the tenth year (2023) of IGFSAs establishment, IGFSAs produced an annual report (with consultant Wim Degezelle) that was used throughout the 2024 outreach and fundraising purposes. IGFSAs also produced a printed flyer (from the Secretariat) that was used in various in-person outreach efforts during the 2024 WSIS High-level forum, ICANN 80 Kigali, and ICANN 81 Istanbul meetings respectively.

In addition to the printed materials and reports, IGFSAs tried different strategic efforts for outreach in 2024. A total of 8 outreach presentations were made to different constituencies during the ICANN 80 Kigali and ICANN 81 Istanbul meetings to broaden the donor base and increase membership. Various messaging and communications were sent to potential donors to bring attention to IGFSAs work, mission and purpose.

The EC had discussions on increasing IGFSAs membership, and part of that discussion involved increasing benefits for active IGFSAs members. Starting from membership renewal for 2024 General Assemble, active IGFSAs members will receive an IGFSAs t-shirt (design provided by APC designed as in-kind support).