

Summary Record of the 2021 IGFSa General Assembly

2021 General Assembly

Katowice, Poland and Virtual, 10 December 2021

Transcript and Recording of Livestream: <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-%E2%80%93-day-4-%E2%80%93-networking-36-igfsa-general-assembly>

1. The IGFSa held its eighth General Assembly during the 17th IGF (Katowice, Poland and Virtual) on 10 December 2021. 45 IGFSa Members and observers, as well as 2 remote hubs attended the meeting in room and via remote participation. Executive Committee Members were also in attendance. Markus Kummer, as the Chair of the Executive Committee, presided over the General Assembly.
2. The following agenda, sent out in advance and [published on the IGFSa website](#), was approved with a change of order of items by consensus by all members present.
 - I. Adoption of the agenda
 - II. Executive Committee election
 - III. Approval of the [Summary Record of the 2020 General Assembly](#)
 - IV. Adoption of the [contents of the reports and financial statements](#) for the year
 - V. Approval of the annual budget, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee.
 - VI. Fundraising
 - VII. Decide on a modification of the Articles of Association, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee
 - VIII. Release of obligations of the Executive Committee members
 - IX. Any Other Business
3. The Chair called for a moment of silence to pay tribute to past Executive Committee member Makane Faye who sadly passed away this year. [Makane Faye](#) was a pillar of the African Internet community and was held in high esteem in the global NRI network. The IGFSa Executive Committee and members recognised his commitment to the proliferation of the National and Regional IGFs and the sustenance of the ideals of the Internet Governance Forum.
4. *Adoption of the agenda*
 - I. The agenda was adopted as proposed, with the switching of the order of Agenda Item II and III.
5. *Executive Committee Election*

Out-going Executive Committee member and Treasurer, Jimson Olufuye, gave thanks to the IGFSa EC for their dedication to supporting the IGFSa and the IGFSa members for donating generously to cause and stepping up for elections. As the Elections Officer, Jimson Olufuye gave an overview of the Elections process. He noted that he original election started on 26 November

2021 at 00:00 UTC and all ballots were spoiled due to an incomplete candidate list. The Election was reset and ballots were sent out again on 3 December 2021 at 23:30 UTC and the voting period closed at 23:59 UTC 9 December 2021. Of the 33 ballots sent out, 28 were cast and 58 votes were tallied.

6. The results of the Executive Committee Elections are as follows (% of total votes):

- Fiona Asonga: 17.3%
- **Amrita Choudhury: 19.2%**
- **Anriette Esterhuysen: 42.3%**
- Fotjon Kosta: 5.8%
- K Mohan Raidu: 1.9%
- Lawrence Olawale-Roberts: 1.9%
- Olusegun H Olugbile: 11.5%

Anriette Esterhuysen and Amrita Choudhury were elected as new to the IGFSAs Executive Committee. The full 2020-2021 IGFSAs Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

- Markus Kummer, Independent (Chair)
- Joyce Chen, APNIC
- Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI
- Brian Cute, Independent
- Wisdom Donkor, AODIRF
- Anriette Esterhuysen, APC
- Nigel Hickson, Independent
- Christopher Mondini, ICANN
- Eduardo Santoyo, .co

7. *Approval of Summary Record of the 2020 General Assembly*

- I. The [summary record](#) of the previous General Assembly from 2 November 2020 that was held in a virtual setting, was approved.

8. *Adoption of the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year*

- I. Jennifer Chung, Secretary, presented the [2020-2021 Report on IGFSAs Activities](#). The report describes new memberships, meeting schedules, Executive Committee subcommittees, Executive Committee composition and how funds were collected and allocated. She also presented the projected funds allocation for 2022. The Secretary noted that all 19 Executive Committee meetings were held in a virtual setting due to the COVID-19 pandemic considerations. She also noted that there were new initiatives headlined by EC members in particular for fundraising to broaden the donor base, as well as outreach and communications, and a quarterly IGFSAs newsletter was inaugurated this year.
- II. The Annual report was adopted as presented, and the draft status to be changed to final on the IGFSAs website.

9. *Approval of the annual budget, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee.*

- I. Jimson Olufuye, Treasurer, presented the financial report for IGFSAs 2020-2021. He gave an overview of the status of the IGFSAs bank accounts and broad categories of disbursements, expenditures and income received. Christopher Mondini, as part of the EC Audit Committee, noted that the financial report has been looked at to ensure alignment.
- II. The Annual Budget was adopted as recommended by the Executive Committee.

10. *Fundraising*

- I. There was discussion raised by IGFSAs members suggesting that IGFSAs provide funding for Schools for Internet Governance during a previous agenda item. The Chair noted that this discussion can be taken up by the Executive Committee when the new EC is convened.
- II. Christopher Mondini gave an introduction to the fundraising outreach activities undertaken by the EC this year. He noted that IGFSAs has had an incredible roster of donors that have come and go, and in 2021 a plan was prepared with the assistance of Brian Cute to reinvigorate that process. Together with the EC, a value proposition was developed and refined during a course of outreach meetings to listen to donors, current, past and potential future donors to hear what they want to get out of IGFSAs and what value they would expect for their contribution. He further noted that concrete feedback was received from the Domain Name Registries regarding encouraging capacity building and training on how the Domain Name System works as a component of the NRIs supported by the IGFSAs. He noted that there is a list of companies and stakeholders that the IGFSAs will reach out to in 2022 and encouraged IGFSAs members to let the EC know if there are additional organisations and institutions that may be interested in supporting the IGFSAs mission.
- III. Vint Cerf, IGFSAs member, announced a pledge, on behalf of Google, of \$100,000 USD in 2022, to go to the IGF operation. He noted that it will be an unrestricted grant from the Tides Foundation by way of Google. He also pledged to make a similar commitment to the IGF Secretariat in a similar amount.
- IV. Markus Kummer, Chair, noted that it would be possible to schedule a dedicated brainstorming session on fundraising with IGFSAs member. He further noted that crowdfunding was an item that was not developed further in 2021 due to the pandemic, but hoped that the new EC will take up the topic with a new perspective in 2022.

11. *Decide on a modification of the Articles of Association, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee*

- I. Markus Kummer, Chair, presented the proposed text for the modification of the IGFSAs Articles of Association, as circulated to the membership prior to the General Assembly. He noted that it was a legacy issue whereby Internet Society was named Secretary for IGFSAs in its founding, and currently Secretariat services are provided by DotAsia Organisation. The proposed modification is a minor change that would remove the

mention of a specific organisation or provider for the Secretariat for IGFSAs. This change would allow the IGFSAs Articles of Association to be more streamlined and futureproof.

- II. The modification of the Articles of Association was adopted based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee.

12. *Release of obligations of the Executive Committee members*

- I. At the request of the Chair, the General Assembly granted the discharge to the IGFSAs Executive Committee.

13. *Any Other Business*

- I. A question was raised regarding whether the IGFSAs had an opinion on the proposed high-level panel for the oversight of the IGF. The Chair noted that the IGFSAs EC has not had any discussion on policy issues as the scope of the IGFSAs Articles of Association was to support the IGF. The IGFSAs EC noted that there wasn't much detail on how the leadership panel will operate, that there is space to explore more interaction between the IGFSAs and IGF structures and it would be good for IGFSAs to stay aware of developments.