Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA)
Annual Report 2021-2022

This report covers the Association's activities between its eighth General Assembly, held in person with remote participation during IGF 2021 on 10 December 2021 and its ninth General Assembly, to be held in person with remote participation during IGF 2022 on 28 November 2022. With the continuation of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the nature of the National and Regional IGF initiatives (NRIs) and the preparatory work for the IGF2022 have proceeded in a virtual or hybrid setting. IGFSA adapted to the new situation and continued to support the NRIs holding online and hybrid meetings.

1. Structures of the Association

   a) The General Assembly

   The IGFSA held its seventh General Assembly during the 17th IGF on 10 December 2021. In total, over 45 IGFSA Members, observers, as well as two remote hubs attended the meeting in person and via remote participation.

   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.

   The General Assembly approved the Summary Record of the 2020 General Assembly, the 2021 reports and Budget Allocation for the upcoming year.

   Two seats on the IGFSA Executive Committee were open for elections. Seven IGFSA members put their names forward to seek election to the IGFSA Executive Committee.

   The following two candidates were elected to the IGFSA Executive Committee

   - Ms. Amrita Choudhury;
   - Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen;

   The following candidate received the 3rd most votes during the election and was appointed to the Executive Committee after Mr. Brian Cute stepped down due to a conflict of interest with a new job position.

   - Ms. Fiona Asonga

   The full 2021-2022 IGFSA Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

   - Markus Kummer, Independent (Chair)
   - Joyce Chen, APNIC
   - Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI
   - Wisdom Donkor, AODIRF
   - Anriette Esterhuysen, Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace
   - Nigel Hickson, UK (Treasurer)
   - Christopher Mondini, ICANN

- Eduardo Santoyo, .co

Please refer to the Summary Record of the 2021 IGFSA General Assembly for more details.

b) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held eight meetings over the course of the year. There were also committee meetings that were held to address specific fundraising and communications initiatives. All meetings were held in a virtual setting.

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 while Kelvin Truong from DotAsia provides technical support as part of the Secretariat.

Michael Parratt (CMAC) is retained as the IGFSA 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.

In 2022, 3 new individual members and 1 organizational member joined the Association, bringing the total to 260 registered members.

The Executive Committee admitted the following individual members:

New individual members:
Jane Appiah-Okyere
Thomas Gagliardi
Sandra Hoferichter

The Executive Committee admitted the following organizational members:
VirtualSig.org

2. Activities of the Association

a) Fundraising

In 2022 the Association received contributions from Google (Tides Foundation), ICANN, and the NRO. While membership fees are not the primary source of funding to fulfill the IGFSA mission, USD 1125 were received as regular membership dues and individual donations.

For a detailed breakdown of funding received, please refer to the 2022 Financial Report.

b)   Budget and allocation of Funds

   i.   Overview
         As agreed at the 2017 General Assembly, the Executive Committee allocated the available fund 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 IGFSA, according to Article 3 of the Articles of Association. A pre-condition for being considered as a recipient of IGFSA funding is to be recognized by the IGFSA Secretariat and listed on the IGF website.

As part of this priority, since the General Assembly 2021, support funding was allocated to 3 Regional and Sub-Regional IGFs, 11 National Initiatives, 4 Youth Initiatives.

Projected funding allocation for 2023 (in USD)

Segment	2023 Funds allocation
UN-IGF Trust	10,000
National, Sub-Regional Regional and Youth IGFs	70,000
Accessibility (captioning, website accessibility improvements, etc.)	20,000
IGFSA projected administrative expenses (Secretariat fees, Accountant fees, Bank fees)	20,000

(i)   Contribution to the UN-IGF Trust Fund

The Association made a contribution of USD 10,000 to the UN-IGF Trust Fund, bringing up the total of its contributions to the UN to USD 310,000.

(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

1. CAIGF
2. EuroDIG
3. East African IGF*

The following National IGFs were approved to receive support funding:

1. IGF Cameroon
2. FGI Benin
3. Comoros IGF
4. Kenya IGF
5. Armenia IGF
6. Liberia IGF
7. Guatemala IGF
8. Ukraine IGF
9. South Sudan IGF*
10. Uganda IGF*
11. Moldova IGF*

The following Youth IGFs were approved to receive support funding
1. Youth IGF Ukraine
2. Youth IGF Georgia
3. Youth IGF Bangladesh*
4. Youth IGF India*

(iii)   IGFSA Contingency

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

(iv)   Accessibility Fund

The contribution from Google was earmarked for 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 (new in 2022). In addition this year, IGFSA has supported operational costs (subscription) of the collaborative and accessible linguistics in IGF new website.

(v)   Outreach/Communications/Miscellaneous

This year, IGFSA established a small group within the EC to look at value proposition for donors. Various targeted efforts, messages and presentations were made to different stakeholder groups and constituency groups to broaden the donor base. There were dedicated calls with experts with insight into how to position the IGFSA value proposition.

There was a dedicated communication messaging sent from the IGF Secretariat on behalf of IGFSA to promote awareness of IGFSA's mission and impact.

The IGFSA Executive Committee and the Secretariat also made use of the NRI meetings to promote the Association, raise awareness and recruit new members.