

Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA)

Annual Report 2024-2025

This report covers the Association's activities between its eleventh General Assembly, held in person with remote participation during IGF on 15 December 2024 and its twelfth General Assembly, to be held virtually on 08 December 2025. The nature of the National and Regional IGF initiatives (NRIs) and the preparatory work for the IGF2024 have proceeded in hybrid and fully in-person settings. IGFSA continued to support the NRIs holding hybrid meetings. Notably in 2024, IGFSA has increased funding support for youth initiatives at all levels.

1. Structures of the Association

a) The General Assembly

The IGFSA held its tenth General Assembly during the 19th IGF in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 15 December 2024. In total, over 42 IGFSA Members and observers 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 2023 General Assembly, the 2024 reports and Budget Allocation for the upcoming year.

IGFSA held one EC election in the calendar year of 2024. The results were announced on 19 December 2024 and the following three candidates were elected to the IGFSA EC:

- Amrita Choudhury
- Anriette Esterhuysen
- Fiona Asonga

Please refer to the Summary Record of the 2024 IGFSA General Assembly for more details.

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 82 Seattle, ICANN 83 Prague, and ICANN 84 Dublin respectively. There was also a community session discussing Sustainable Funding for the NRIs.

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, Phylo 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 since 2021: individual membership with annual membership dues of USD 25 and organizational membership with annual membership dues of USD 100. To date, there are 282 IGFSAs members (individuals and organizations inclusive), and 42 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

Fundraising efforts in 2024-2025 brought in contributions from ICANN, the NRO, and several new donors, strengthening IGFSAs financial base. Since its inception, the Association has allocated a total of \$601,000 in funding to support its mission and community initiatives. Looking ahead, projections for 2025 highlight the need to further expand the donor base to ensure continued sustainability and growth of IGFSAs support programs, especially in relation to being able to support the growing network of NRIs.

b) Budget and Allocation of Funds

i. Overview

*In 2025, IGFSAs funded **25 initiatives** and the Executive Committee allocated the available funds in a flexible manner, prioritizing the NRIs. Expenses primarily supported NRI funding, IGF Secretariat logistics, accessibility initiatives, and administrative tasks.*

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 5 Regional and Sub-Regional IGFs, 13 National Initiatives, 7 Youth Initiatives. Since its inception, IGFSAs's total funding allocation has reached \$651,000.

Projected funding allocation for 2026 (in USD)

Segment	2026 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, Accountant, and Bank fees)	20,000
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*pending WSIS+20 outcomes on IGF financing mechanism and arrangements.

(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 (in progress), total contributions to the UN remain at USD \$335,000.

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As part of this priority, the following Regional and Sub-Regional IGF Initiatives were approved to receive support funding.

The following National IGFs were approved to receive support funding:

NRIs	Number of NRIs	Percentage
Regional NRIs	5	20%
National NRIs	13	52%
Youth NRIs	7	28%
Total	25	100%

Youth NRIs	National NRIs	Regional NRIs
 <p>3rd Edition of the National Youth Internet Governance Forum in Benin</p>	<p>IGF Cabo Verde</p> 	<p>Central Asian Internet Governance School(CASIG)</p>  <p>CENTRAL ASIAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM and the Central Asian Internet Governance Forum (CAIGF)</p>
<p>Tanzania Youth IGF</p>  <p>Hong Kong Youth Internet Governance Forum (HKyIGF) 2025</p>	 <p>Moldova Internet Governance Forum 2025</p> <p>INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM COTE D'IVOIRE</p>	<p>West Africa Internet Governance Forum</p> 
 <p>Youth IGF Panama</p>	 <p>IGF CHAD 2025</p>	<p>IGF</p>  <p>Central Africa</p>
 <p>Youth IGF Nepal</p>  <p>YouthLACIGF</p>	<p>DRC IGF</p>  <p>KeIGF Kenya Internet Governance Forum</p>  <p>auIGF</p>	<p>Fórum Lusófono de Governação da Internet</p>  <p>(Lusophone IGF)</p>
		 <p>EuroDIG</p>



IGF India



Cameroon

IGF



Ghana IGF

Togo Internet Governance
Forum 2025



Armenian Internet
Governance Forum

Qazaqstan IGF



Uganda IGF



IGF Panama



(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 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, for the past two years IGFSA has supported operational costs (subscription) of the collaborative and accessible linguistics on the IGF 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 interns in preparation and travel to the 20th IGF in LILLESTRØM, Norway.