

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 15 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, IGFSAs Day 0 Session at IGF 2025 and ICANN 84 Dublin 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 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 4 Regional and Sub-Regional IGFs, 14 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, bringing up the total of its contributions to the UN to USD \$345,000.
















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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	19.23%
National NRIs	14	53.85%
Youth NRIs	7	26.92%
Total	26	100%

Youth NRIs	National NRIs	Regional NRIs
<p data-bbox="365 426 571 478">  Youth Internet Governance Forum Benin </p> <p data-bbox="581 478 630 506">3rd</p> <p data-bbox="354 514 641 657">Edition of the National Youth Internet Governance Forum in Benin</p> <p data-bbox="354 743 610 772">Tanzania Youth IGF</p> <p data-bbox="370 877 540 930">  HK.yigf.asia </p> <p data-bbox="553 934 626 961">Hong Kong Youth Internet Governance Forum (HKyIGF) 2025</p> <p data-bbox="358 1209 607 1251">  youthIGF Panamá </p> <p data-bbox="354 1270 625 1299">Youth IGF Panama</p> <p data-bbox="358 1430 532 1507">  Youth IGF Nepal </p> <p data-bbox="540 1501 626 1530">Nepal</p> <p data-bbox="354 1541 496 1570">Youth IGF</p> <p data-bbox="358 1633 667 1717">  </p> <p data-bbox="354 1728 550 1757">YouthLACIGF</p>	<p data-bbox="672 394 865 424">IGF Cabo Verde</p> <p data-bbox="690 468 857 657">  </p> <p data-bbox="678 800 906 867">  Moldova Internet Governance Forum </p> <p data-bbox="672 909 969 972">Moldova Internet Governance Forum 2025</p> <p data-bbox="672 1010 969 1108">INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM COTE D'IVOIRE</p> <p data-bbox="678 1150 959 1339">  IGF CHAD 2025 </p> <p data-bbox="672 1377 784 1407">DRC IGF</p> <p data-bbox="678 1444 813 1591">  </p> <p data-bbox="672 1602 987 1692">KeIGF Kenya Internet Governance Forum</p> <p data-bbox="683 1734 964 1818">  Australian Internet Governance Forum auIGF </p>	<p data-bbox="1008 363 1377 436">Central Asian Internet Governance School(CASIG)</p> <p data-bbox="1015 443 1369 695">  CENTRAL ASIAN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM and the Central Asian Internet Governance Forum (CAIGF) </p> <p data-bbox="1008 779 1369 947"> West Africa  Internet Governance Forum </p> <p data-bbox="1008 1041 1295 1182"> IGF  Forum sur la Gouvernance de l'Internet Afrique Centrale </p> <p data-bbox="1008 1251 1203 1281">Central Africa</p> <p data-bbox="1008 1377 1349 1451">Fórum Lusófono de Governação da Internet</p> <p data-bbox="1015 1461 1295 1619">  Fórum Lusófono da Governação da Internet </p> <p data-bbox="1008 1650 1252 1692">(Lusophone IGF)</p>
		<p data-bbox="1015 1738 1333 1833">  European Dialogue on Internet Governance </p> <p data-bbox="1008 1854 1133 1883">EuroDIG</p>

<p>YOUTH IGF INDIA Youth IGF India</p>	<p> Cameroon IGF</p> <p> Ghana IGF</p> <p>Togo Internet Governance Forum 2025</p> <p> Armenian Internet Governance Forum</p> <p>Qazaqstan IGF</p> <p></p> <p>Uganda IGF</p> <p> Uganda Internet Governance Forum</p> <p>IGF Panama</p> <p> Foro de Gobernanza de Internet</p>	
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(iii) IGFSAs 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, 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.