

Dear colleagues

I am submitting my Statement of Interest for remaining a member of the Executive Committee of the IGFSA.

Since joining the Executive after the tragic death of Tarek Kamel (whom I had the honour to work alongside in Geneva for ICANN) I have endeavoured to work with colleagues to enhance the prominence of the IGF and the excellent National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs).

The IGF is at a pivotal juncture, with both the challenges of adapting (at least temporarily) to a virtual environment and also in reacting to the Recommendations stemming from the UN High Level Report on Digital Cooperation.

I am passionate (as I have been from the start of the Internet) about the criticality of multi-stakeholder processes for governance of the Internet and see the IGF as the most important fora we have for discussion and debate on Internet issues. The IGFSA plays an important role in maintaining the independence and continuity of the IGF and NRIs and I look forward to continue to contribute to it.

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