

Submission of Statement of Interest (SOI)
for the Executive Committee, IGFSa

At the outset I wish to thank IGFSa for providing the opportunity to apply for the Executive Committee and would be incredibly grateful if IGFSa would consider my application.

Sharing below a brief about myself and why I wish to apply.

I am serving as the Director of CCAOI (a civil society organisation in India working in IG issues), President of Internet Society India, Delhi Chapter, Vice Chair APrIGF, Vice Chair APRALO and a MAG member.

I have been actively contributing at regional and global Internet Governance (IG) platforms: as Multi Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) at Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF); At-large ALS; ICANN fellow/coach; Best Practice Forum for Women (BPF Women) at IGF and now as a MAG member.

My experience of participating in various IG organisations and collaborating with individuals on IG issue has not only helped me in developing my understanding of these platforms, opportunities and challenges but also helped me expand my network with organizations and people involved in this area.

As a civil society activist, I have been very involved in issues related to access and capacity building in the region and encouraging participation in IG platforms from emerging nations. For that apart from conducting various capacity building activities, organizing regular webinars, releasing reports, encouraging people to participate in policy discussions, I started curating the only monthly IG newsletter “CCAOI Newsletter” sharing the sub regional perspective.

My involvement as a MAG member, MSG in APrIGF, involvement in Nepal and Afghanistan SIG & IGF; advising youth initiatives -Youth IGF in India and Youth IGF Afghanistan has helped me understand the opportunities and challenges of NRI's. Besides I am currently actively involved in organising the first India IGF planned from 25-27 November 2021.

Having been involved in creating fundraising strategy and actively seeking funds for CCAOI and India School of Internet Governance (inSIG), has helped me hone my skills and understanding on fund raising.

Further, my participation and involvement in committee such as Internet Society's Beyond the Net Selection committee has rendered the necessary skills for evaluation of projects and allocation of funds.

Further, being part of ICANN's Nominating Committee, NextGen Selection committee, ALAC ICANN69 program working group; IGF Youth Ambassadors program Selection committee; APrIGF Virtual Conference working group and Synthesis Document drafting 2018, 2019; and inSIG Program committee has provided me with the experience and skills for evaluation while balancing diversity and inclusion, decision making through rough consensus - skills necessary for an Executive Member in IGFSa

The IGFSA Executive Committee today needs people who are fast learners, have an overall understanding of the IG platforms, the IGF process, the NRIs and their challenges related to sustainability especially related to funds, can assist in fund raising strategies, collaborate in establishing principles for fund allocation.

I believe that my experience, nuanced understanding of national, regional and global issues, issues of developing countries, the IGF and NRI process along with my leadership, organizational, communication skills and result orientation makes me eligible to perform the task of an Executive Committee member of IGFSA.

If selected I am willing to devote and attend the regular IGFSA meetings and help actively in achieving the objectives laid out.

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