

Dear IGFSa

I am hereby submitting my Statement of Interest (SOI) to stand as a candidate in the 2021 election for the IGFSa executive committee.

My involvement with the IGF dates back to the World Summit on the Information Society, when the idea of this forum first emerged and was agreed on at the Tunis phase of the Summit in 2005. I have attended every single global IGF and have been immensely impressed by the growth of the network of national and regional IGFs, and IG schools. I watched the work of the IGFSa go from strength to strength in supporting this growth.

Aside from my experience as an IGF participant, member of the multistakeholder advisory group (MAG) and currently, chair of the MAG, I have had experience on sitting on the boards of several organisations in the past 20 years. Currently I serve as a director of .zaDNA, the South African domain name authority (<https://zadna.org.za>), and of Connect Humanity, a fund for advancing digital equality (<https://connecthumanity.fund/>). I am also a founder and still a convenor of the African School on Internet Governance and have served on the MAGs of the African IGF and the Southern African IGF.

I believe that my IGF experience, and my experience in leadership roles, and not-for-profit management and governance, will enable me to make a useful contribution to the IGFSa should I be elected to the executive committee.

I attach my curriculum vitae. Please do not hesitate to approach me for any further information you might need.

Sincerely

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