

Flávio R. Wagner, Brazil

Statement of Interest – IGFSA Executive Committee

With nearly 20 years of experience in the field of Internet Governance and intense activity at the global, regional (in Latin America and the Caribbean), and national (in Brazil) levels, and recognizing the enormous importance of the global IGF and NRIs for the evolution of public policies and technologies that ensure an open, inclusive, innovative, reliable, safe, and secure Internet, I am submitting my name for a second term in the IGFSA executive committee.

I am Professor Emeritus in Computer Science and Engineering at UFRGS (“Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul”), a leading University in Porto Alegre, Brazil, with more than 45 years of research and education activities, for which I was awarded the National Commendation of the Brazilian Order of Scientific Merit. I still collaborate with my University in various initiatives, mostly in the area of innovation and entrepreneurship.

I am the current President of the Brazilian Chapter of the Internet Society, in my third and final term. I am also the permanent chair of the Programme Committee (40+ members) of the Brazilian IGF (“Fórum da Internet no Brasil”), since 2017, which is responsible for the evaluation and selection of workshops that are submitted to the event – for its 2025 edition, 193 workshop proposals have been submitted. I have been also a lecturer at various editions of the Brazilian Internet Governance School.

I was a Board member of CGI.br (Brazilian Internet Steering Committee), for three terms, from 2008 to 2017, and also a Board member of NIC.br (Brazilian Network Information Center), for two terms, from 2013 to 2017. I keep a very active collaboration with both CGI.br and NIC.br, as an external technical consultant, dealing with a broad range of policy issues and supporting them in various initiatives.

I am a member of the IGF MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group) in 2025, and was also a MAG member from 2015 to 2017, and attended all editions of the IGF since 2012. I am also active at the LACIGF (Latin American and Caribbean IGF). I was deeply involved in the organization of the NETmundial and NETmundial+10 events.

Since January 2023 I am a member of the Executive Committee of the IGFSA. Because of my close relationship to the global IGF, to the LACIGF, and to the Brazilian IGF, I am keen to continue to help IGFSA fulfill its mission in supporting the global IGF and the NRIs.

I declare that, in any of the positions I currently hold, I have no conflict of interest with regard to the mission and concrete activities of IGFSA. The Brazilian IGF is permanently and fully funded by CGI.br and, as such, do not need to request donations from IGFSA.