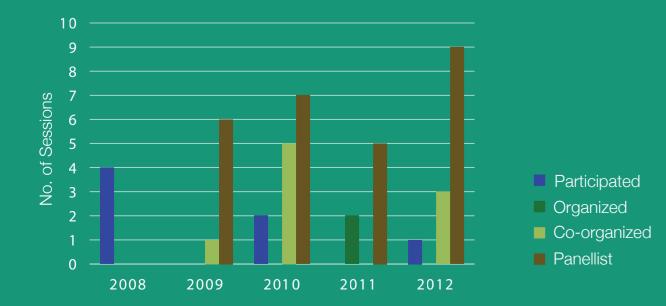# INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (IGF)

Internet Governance Forum brings "people together from various stakeholder groups as equals, in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet. While there is no negotiated outcome, the IGF informs and inspires those with policy-making power in both the public and private sectors. At their annual meeting delegates discuss, exchange information and share good practices with each other. The IGF facilitates a common understanding of how to maximize Internet opportunities and address risks and challenges that arise. The IGF is also a space that gives developing countries the same opportunity as wealthier nations to engage in the debate on Internet governance and to facilitate their participation in existing institutions and arrangements. Ultimately, the involvtement of all stakeholders, from developed as well as developing countries, is necessary for the future development of the Internet."

Internet is commonly known as the network of networks. There is no one body or institution which governs the internet. Given the increase in the use of internet in our daily lives and the growing significance of internet in the information society, there was a need to address the issues of governance. During the early stages of the internet, the major debate revolved around the question whether the net can be governed. However, in the recent years the focus has changed to a different question. Today we ask the question whether there can be anything different; in the way we try to govern the internet. In this context, Internet Governance Forum (IGF) acts as a forum for:
(i)   Policy-setting - Stakeholders can collaboratively decide upon the objectives to be achieved, and
(ii)   Coordination - The process of establishing how and by whom they are to be achieved.

centre for internet and society at IGF

Legend: Participated, Organized, Co-organized, Panellist
Y-axis: No. of Sessions (0–10)
X-axis: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

VILNIUS 2010

PARTICIPATED
1) Participated in the meeting of the Internet Rights and Principles Dynamic Coalition

2) Workshop on Freedom of Expression and Internet Intermediaries: Where Do We Go from Here and Why We Need an Open Web?

CO-ORGANIZED
1) Workshop on 'Freedom of Expression or Access to Knowledge: Are We Taking the Necessary Steps towards an Open and inclusive Internet?'

2) Workshop on Internet Governance and Human Rights: Strategies and Collaborations for Empowerment

3) Workshop on 'Sexual Rights, Openness and Regulatory Systems'

4) Workshop on Open Standards: Ensuring Accessibility and Inclusiveness

5) Workshop on Data in the Cloud: Where Do Open Standards Fit In?

PANELLIST
1) Workshop on 'Freedom of Expression or Access to Knowledge: Are We Taking the Necessary Steps towards an Open and inclusive Internet?' – Anja Kovacs, Panellist

2) Main session on Securiy, Openness and Privacy – Anja Kovacs, Civil Society Respondent

3) Anja Kovacs, at the UNESCO Open Forum presented on behalf of Nirmita Narasimhan the research study Exploring ICT-enabled Education Initiatives for Persons with Disabilities in the Asia-Pacific Region' (Supported by G3ICT and UNESCO)

4) Workshop on Open Standards: Ensuring Accessibility and Inclusiveness – Pranesh Prakash, Moderator

5) Workshop on Data in the Cloud: Where Do Open Standards Fit In? – Pranesh Prakash, Moderator

6) Meeting of the Dynamic Coalition on Open Standards – Pranesh Prakash, Chair

7) Main session on Emerging Issues: Cloud Computing – Pranesh Prakash, Speaker

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BAKU 2012

PARTICIPATED
1) Best Bits 2012

CO-ORGANIZED
1) Workshop on Solutions for Enabling Cross-border Data Flows

2) Workshop on 'Cloudy Jurisdiction: Addressing the thirst for Cloud Data in Domestic Llegeal Processes'

3) Workshop on 'Governing Identity on the Internet'

PANELLIST
1) Workshop on 'The Privatisation of Censorship: The Online Responsibility to Protect Free Expression' – Pranesh Prakash, Panelist

2) Workshop on 'New Trends in Industry Self-Governance' - Pranesh Prakash, Panelist

3) Workshop on 'Civil Rights in the Digital Age, about the Impact the Internet has on Civil Rights' – Malavika Jayaram, Panelist

4) Workshop on 'What Frameworks for Cross-Border Online Communities and Services' – Chinmayi Arun, Panellist

5) Workshop on 'Governing Identity on the Internet' -Malavika Jayaram, Panellist

6) Workshop on 'Law Enforcement via Domain Names: Caveats to DNS Neutrality' – Chinmayi Arun, Panellist

7) Session on 'Who is Following Me: Tracking the Trackers ' – Malavika Jayaram, Panellist

8) Workshop on 'National IG Mechanisms – Looking at Some Key Design Issues' – Pranesh Prakash, Panellist

9) Workshop on 'Steady Steps.....FOSS and the MDG's' – Pranesh Prakash, Panellist

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ATHENS 2006

SHARM EL SHEIKH (2009)

HYDERABAD 2008

PARTICIPATED/ ATTENDED
1) Workshop on 'Digital Education and Copyright'

2) Workshop on 'Digital Identifiers and IPRs'

3) Workshop on Reforming the International ICT Standardisation System

4) Workshop on Low Cost and Sustainable Access

NAIROBI 2011

ORGANIZED
1) Workshop on ' Use of Digital Technologies for Civic Engagement and Political Change: Lessons Learned and Way Forward'

2) Workshop on Open Spectrum for Development in the Context of the Digital Migration.

PANELLIST
1) Privacy, Security, and Access to Rights: A Technical and Policy Analyses

2) Use of Digital Technologies for Civic Engagement and Political Change: Lessons Learned and Way Forward

3) The Impact of Regulation: FOSS and Enterprise

4) Proprietary Influences in Free and Open Source Software: Lessons to Open and Universal Internet Standards

5) Access and Diversity of Broadband Internet Access and Putting users First: How can Privacy be Protected in Today's Complex Mobile Ecosystem?

RIO DE JANERIO (2007)

CO-ORGANIZED
1) Workshop on Solutions for Enabling Cross-border Data Flows

2) Workshop on 'Cloudy Jurisdiction: Addressing the thirst for Cloud Data in Domestic Llegeal Processes'

3) Workshop on 'Governing Identity on the Internet'

PANELLIST
1) 'Emerging Issues: Impact of Social Networks' – Sunil Abraham, Panellist

2) Speaker on behalf of the civil society during the closing ceremony of the IGF. – Anja Kovacs

3) 'Global Internet Access for Persons with Disabilities' – Nirmita Narasimhan, Panellist

4) 'Global State of Copyright and Access to Knowledge' – Pranesh Prakash, Panelist

5) 'Open Standards – A Rights-based Approach' – Sunil Abraham, Panellist

6) Meeting of the Dynamic Coalition on Open Standards
(DCOSS) – Sunil Abraham, Moderator