

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Internet Governance Meeting 25 – 29 November 2019 Berlin, Germany

## **Post-Meeting Report for Funded Participants**

Please submit the report no later than 15 December 2019 to Ms. Lima Madomi from the IGF Secretariat at: lima.madomi@un.org

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1. How would you describe your participation at the IGF meeting? (max. 150 words)

It was a fantastic and so much rewarding experience. I have attended to some of the sessions remotely in IGF 2017, and in IGF 2018 I had the opportunity to participate also remotely but more actively in some of NRIs collaborative sessions, but of course it is so much different to attend physically.

It was so exiting to meet so many important people in person, many friends and colleagues, but also key people that have been involved in Internet development, since the beginning. One of those individuals I met and I talked to is Vint Cerf, a very kind person with so much to share to our global community.

Besides all NRIs collaborative sessions, there were also outstanding panels with many interesting people sharing their knowledge and of course, providing their perspectives in different matters.

2. What is the most important benefit you have gained at the meeting? (max. 300 words)

I was able to confirm that IGF is one of the main meetings that gather all different stakeholders from all around the world.

It has been very important for me, to have the opportunity to meet many people with whom I could exchange many experiences, in relation to the activities that we develop in each of our countries, and from different sectors, to promote the development of the Internet.

Thanks to these conversations, one realizes that we have advanced a lot, but also that there is a long way to go. And the fact of knowing so many first-hand experiences, definitely helps us to collect interesting and innovative ideas, to apply them in our regions and our countries.

Another important finding is to know that indeed there are coincidences in the existing situation in developing countries of the same region, but there are also coincidences with developing countries in other regions of the world. This shows us that we can move forward together, with a spirit of collaboration much deeper and more effective. And another important benefit is to interact with representatives of developed countries, from whom we have much to learn, not only in terms of knowing their illustrative success stories, but also knowing what their difficulties were, and how to deal with them.

On a personal level, another great benefit of attending different sessions where current topics were addressed, is to substantially increase knowledge about those matters.

Undoubtedly, all this will allow to bring fresh ideas to the local dialogues in which I actively participate, and in return, it will also be good to bring conclusions from local debates, to related IGF sessions.

3. What inputs do you plan to bring to your community from the meeting? (max. 300 words)

Lines below, I detail the important conclusions that resulted from the assistance to different panels, which will serve as key inputs, for local discussions.

In general terms, the contents addressed are very varied and broad, and without a doubt, in some cases they require an important degree of specialization, but they also require an analysis of relevance. Not everything that is discussed is necessarily relevant or is an obvious priority for my country or my region. Beyond this, in all cases they provide fresh perspectives on the topics addressed.

I have been able to confirm how important it is to achieve an articulation of ideas and hopefully consensus on the conclusions of the different stakeholders, first at a country level, but especially at the regional level. This means that regional discussion spaces, such

as LACIGF, must deepen these collaboration ties, and make more efforts to build regional proposals, which in practice can be applied in our countries.

In relation to the format of the sessions and the working methods of their organizing teams, they also contribute important ideas to improve the work of our LAC NRIs.

Thanks to the use of existing communication channels, it is also important that we make efforts to include remote participation, when the physical presence of certain key actors is not possible.

4. Briefly outline your participation at the IGF meeting, including attended sessions, gained knowledge, networking, recommendations for improvements. (max. 500 words)

It is an enormous event, and it is impossible to attend all the sessions that I wanted to, so I had to select very carefully the ones I was more attracted to.

I was able to participate in most of NRIs collaborative sessions, as well as NRIs main (emerging technologies) and coordination sessions.

I was involved in the coordinating team of the collaborative sessions of ACCESS and HARMFUL CONTENT. In the ACCESS session, since some of the speakers could not attend in person, I was invited to join the panel, to contribute with the perspectives of my country. In the HARMFUL CONTENT session, I was also able to comment on Bolivia's experience on the subject.

In relation to the PRIVACY ONLINE session, I was not part of the coordinating team of this session, but I could also contribute with some ideas that we were discussing in our previous Bolivian IGF.

For the main session on Emerging Technologies, I had the opportunity to comment on the perspectives of my country, on the one hand, as well as the aspects that were addressed in the LACIGF that was recently organized in Bolivia.

Of course, in each of the sessions, the presentations of the panel participants, as well as other attendees, were very illustrative and enriching. Thanks to attending these sessions, I have met many valuable people, with whom I will be able to interact in the future, to continue the exchange of experiences and other forms of collaboration.

I also had the opportunity to participate in several pre-event sessions of DAY 0: Session and Plenary of: Next Generation Internet Governance; Launch of the contract for the web; and a very interesting workshop session of ISOC Collaborative Leadership Exchange.

During the next three days, I participated in the sessions: IGF for Beginners, High Level Session on Future of Internet Governance, IGF LAC Space organized by LACTLD, Community Networks - Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions, Kids Online - What we know and Can do to keep them safe; Rule of Law as a key concept for Digital Ecosystem.

Again, these sessions were very enlightening and I learned so much about the topics addressed.

The most important recommendation I can provide is to deepen the link between the discussion spaces in the NRIs with the global IGF, so that in the cases that are possible, more solid conclusions can be drawn up and that further strengthen the relevant positions that come from the regions and countries.

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