# LACIGF 12 – 2019

# Final report

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Thanks to the joint effort of the multiple stakeholders sectors and our local host, the ISOC chapter of Bolivia, the twelfth version of LACIGF was held from August 6 to 8, 2019 in the City of La Paz, Bolivia.

## Background

The drive for the creation of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum was led by LACNIC, NUPEF, and APC. The goal of the Forum was to help identify relevant and priority topics for Latin America and the Caribbean to be considered and discussed at the Internet Governance Forum and to promote the regional community's participation in those debates, thus bringing discussions closer to the region.

All LACIGF´s meetings were organized following the same model, seeking to improve the quality and horizontal nature of the discussions as well as to increase participation. A key element in achieving this goal has been –and continues to be– the Financial Assistance Program, which guarantees that a large number of regional stakeholders are able to obtain the financial support they need to attend the meeting.

## Program Committee

The Forum's Program Committee was created by a multistakeholder coordination group comprising representatives of the various actors and aimed at managing the process in representation of the Latin American and Caribbean community.

The Program Committee is the Forum's general coordination body, and is made up by 3 members appointed by each of the following interest groups:

- Regional organizations representing the private sector.
- Latin American and Caribbean government representatives, appointed according to the eLAC follow-up mechanism.
- Civil Society organizations.
- Regional organizations representing the technical Internet community.

Each sector plans its own course of action and selects its representatives based on its own criteria.

For 2019, the Program Committee was made up as follows:

**Government Representatives:**

- Chile: Juan Pablo Vial / Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Chile.
- Uruguay: Alejandra Erramuspe / Agencia de Gobierno electrónico y Sociedad de la Información y del Conocimiento de Uruguay (AGESIC).
- Paraguay: Miguel Candia Ibarra / Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores del Paraguay.

**Private Sector Representatives:**

- ALAI (Latin American Internet Association) / Gonzalo Navarro
- ASIET (Ibero-American Association of Telecommunication Companies) / Andrés Sastre
- GSMA (Global System Mobile Association) / Paloma Szerman

**Civil Society Representatives:**

- APC (Asociacion para el Progreso de las Comunicaciones) / Valeria Betancourt
- DD (Derechos Digitales) / María Paz Canales
- IPANDETEC (Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías) / Lía Hernández

**Representatives of the Technical Internet Community:**

- ISOC (Internet Society) / Sebastián Bellagamba.
- LACTLD (Latin American and Caribbean TLD Association) / Miguel Ignacio Estrada
- LACNIC (Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and Caribbean) / Ernesto Majó

The current Program Committee has begun discussions to establish mechanisms for deciding the Committee's composition and how its members will be renewed. These discussions are open to the entire regional community and the mechanisms are expected to be approved during this year's LACIGF meeting. Among other aspects, these mechanisms should establish number of members representing each stakeholder group and the process for their selection and renewal, as well as the Committee's attributions.

In addition to appointing the Program Committee, it was also necessary to assign the role of Secretariat in order to have a stable structure that would support the process over the years and to cooperate with meeting logistics in close consultation with the Program Committee. The Secretariat has been entrusted to the Internet Address Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACNIC), one of the three process's founding organizations.

## Agenda

For this 2019 edition, seeking to promote and encourage the participation of all stakeholders, the Program Committee decided to conduct a public consultation to prepare the LACIGF program. This consultation included two parts:

1. An intra-sectoral consultation with each sector involved in Forum discussions
2. A public consultation

In order to ensure the greatest possible relevance for each stakeholder group and the participation of key representatives, the Program Committee has decided to delegate the definition of the topics to be discussed during half of the sessions to the four sectors represented at the Forum. Thus, each sector proposed a topic and organized a session, thus ensuring multistakeholder participation. The remaining sessions were defined through a public consultation as in prior editions of LACIGF.

The community was invited to discuss nine (9) sessions, organized as follows:

- Four (4) sessions decided through public consultation
- One (1) session proposed by the public sector
- One (1) session proposed by the government sector
- One (1) session proposed by the civil society sector
- One (1) session proposed by the technical Internet community
- One (1) open microphone session

Regardless of the sector by which they are proposed, all sessions involved multistakeholder participation.

**<u>Intra-Sectoral Consultation:</u>**

The LACIGF Program Committee sectors discussed with their members and decided the most pressing topics that had to be debated in the LACIGF 2019 edition.

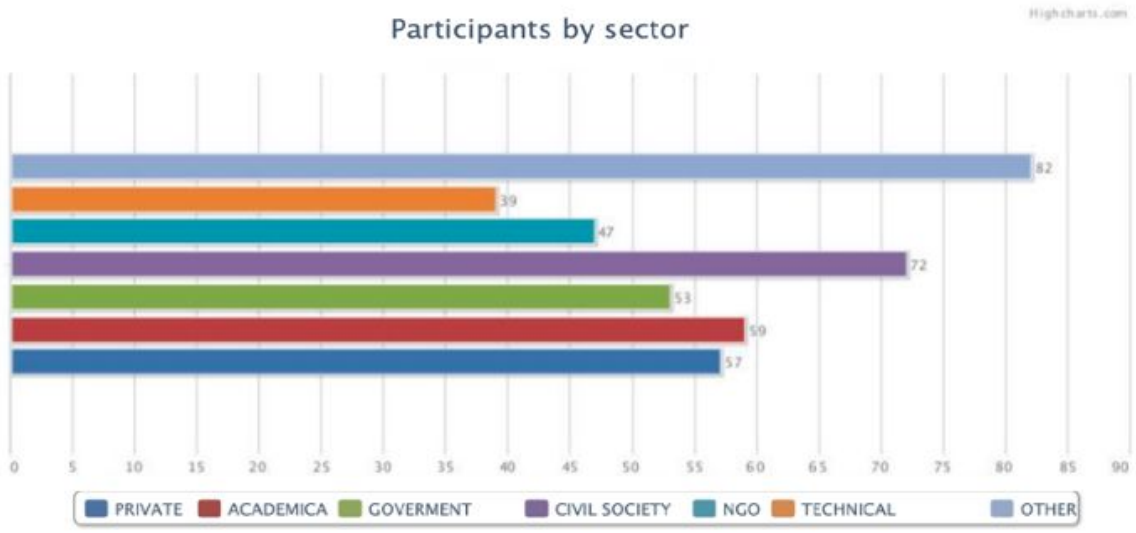
**Public Consultation:**

This process was done through an open public consultation where the participants rated the relevance of the topics identified as important to discuss within the Forum.

During the public consultation process, everyone had the chance to contribute topics and ideas that were considered for their discussion at the upcoming edition of the regional event.

## General Data

Representation and free participation of all sectors was guaranteed during LACIGF 2019: Government, Civil Society, Private Sector and Technical Community.



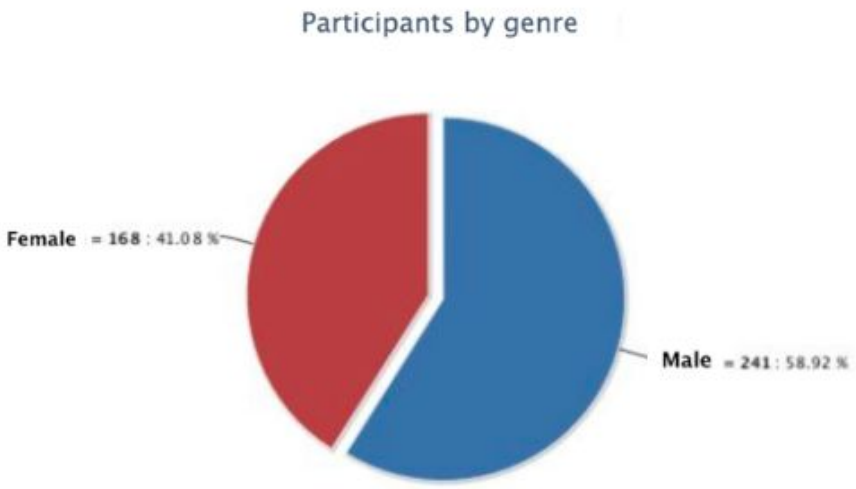

Some numbers:

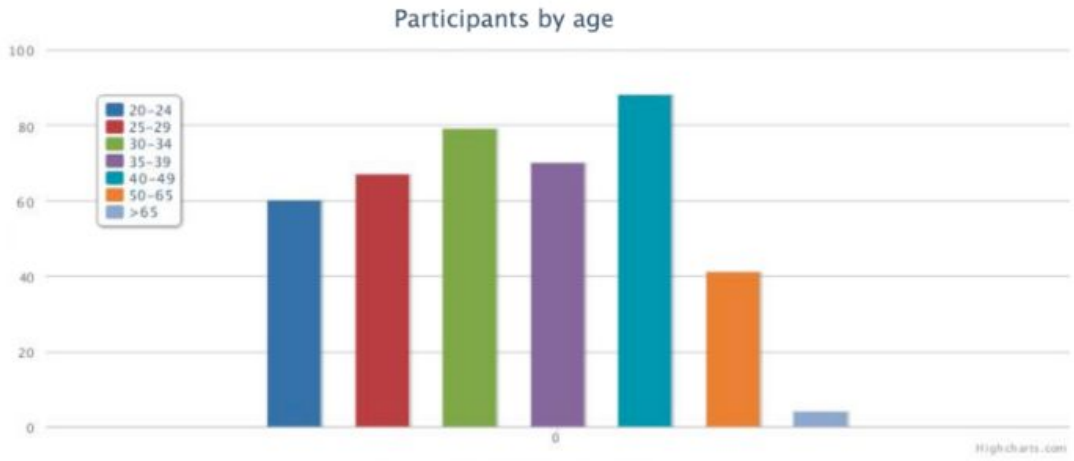
- 313 in-person participants from 25 different countries

  Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Britain, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, Spain, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

- A daily average of 1300 remote participants
- 18 fellows, 65% of them were women
- In relation to the presenters, panelists, moderators and rapporteurs, 52% were women.
- In person there were 41% of women.

- More than 40% of participants were younger than 30 years old.




## Topics discussed

The topics discussed in the 2019 LACIGF agenda are published in the LACIGF portal (www.lacigf.org).

Each topic has been accompanied by their respective rapporteurship, in which the discussions are detailed in each session.

We invite you to review the rapporteurship on the following link (https://lacigf.org/en/lacigf-12/#tabs-1) and if you have any questions or comments, please write us (secretaria@lacigf.org).

## Trustfund

LACIGF is the regional meeting space for multistakeholder political dialogue, where government, private sector, technical community, and civil society representatives share and discuss their various perspectives, which are then taken to the global IGF as the voice of Latin America and the Caribbean.

LACNIC has the role of Program Committee Secretariat, which is responsible for seeking contributions to the Trustfund, a key resource that allows all sectors to participate in the event.

The LACIGF Trustfund receives voluntary financial contributions from companies and organizations and is managed by the Secretariat to fund event logistics, including conference rooms, audiovisual support, simultaneous interpretation, streaming, support staff, catering, communication and dissemination materials, among others.

It also funds the Sponsorship Program, which allows the participation of a large group of people from around the region who would otherwise not be able to attend each event.

We appreciate the collaboration of the following organizations, who through their donations and their work have made possible the organization of this event:

- Asociación para El Progreso de las Comunicaciones - APC.
- Asociación Latinoamericana de Internet - ALAI
- Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones - ASIET
- Derechos Digitales
- El Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías - IPANDETEC
- El Registro de Direcciones de Internet para América Latina y el Caribe - LACNIC

- Facebook
- Google
- GSMA
- Internet Society - ISOC
- Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs Organization - LACTLD
- NIC MX
- Punto.LAT
- The IGF Support Association - IGFSA
- The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers - ICANN