



14th Annual Internet Governance Meeting
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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 an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge, experiences and trends on the internet and the responsible use of information technologies with secure and universal access. In addition, it is a great space to generate contacts and networks of international work that allow improving practices on these issues that inevitably entail being aware of what is happening around the world. Finally, it is an opportunity to be able to expose country positions, achievements and challenges.

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

It was an honor to be the only Central American country that had government representation at the high-level breakfast on November 25, as well as in the other spaces

where I participated. Costa Rica is making an effort to be a technological hub in the region and being invited to these events show that they were on the right track, next to world leaders with great experience and that they are great allies. It was also an opportunity to have a closer relationship with the ITU, an international organization of which we are a part and it was the first time we had the opportunity to exchange with Secretary General Houlin Zhao with the aim of strengthening cooperation with them. It was also very well received in the panels where I participated in the country's progress in the protection of children and adolescents in the internet and gender equality.

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

It is important to highlight at regional level the need to strengthen cybersecurity and data protection. This with the objective of taking advantage of cybersecurity in terms of protection of vulnerable people, a tool to share information in a secure way, for which Costa Rica has good experiences and for which it requires greater cooperation. It is important to keep in mind the technical and technological issue without neglecting the people protection.

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

I participated in the Ministerial Meeting organized by the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the permanent representation of Germany to the UN. I was a panelist in the debate on Cybersecurity and industrial espionage in the session: "security and protection, stability and resilience" and at the

round table called “Championing Gender Equality in the Digital Age: What Role for Governments?” Whose objective was to discuss the policies and actions to increase the participation of women and girls in science and technology to advance the 2030 agenda.

Additionally, the following bilateral meetings were held:

- Mr Houlin Zhao, Secretary General of the ITU, to assess possibilities of closer approach and possibilities of cooperation with this organization.
- Mr. Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD, with the aim of reaffirming the country's commitment to be part of this body, as well as sharing advances in areas of science, technology and telecommunications.
- Mr. Rob Strayer Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybercommunications, International Communications and Information Policy of the United States, with the objective of thanking the support provided in international cooperation for cybersecurity training, as well as reaffirming the interest of continuing to work together.
- Mr. Brett Solomon, Executive Director Access Now, meeting to learn about the progress in the organization and coordination of the Rights With 2020 event in Costa Rica.

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