



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Internet Governance Meeting**  
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**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](mailto:lima.madomi@un.org)**

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

Some of the activities took place during the IGF meetings: Main or focus sessions, Workshops, Dynamic Coalition meetings, Best Practice Forums, Side meetings, Host Country Sessions, Open Forums, Inter-regional dialogue sessions, Newcomers track sessions, Unconference sessions, Pre-events, and the IGF Village.

I attend sessions every day and asked questions to understand some subjects in detail. I introduce myself as a participant representing civil society AEPF-CHAD - Action for the Education and Advancement of Women in Chad. I ask the questions by explaining how expensive the Internet is in Chad and how young people do not have the opportunity to connect to learn about the Internet and get informed about the world. Also during break or lunchtime, I normally visit some of the booths to ask questions about what they do and afterward, I get some items from them.

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

The IGF is an annual meeting that brings together stakeholders from different academic and professional backgrounds to discuss Internet-related issues in a bottom-up approach. I learned a lot of things that can change the youth around the world. Open discussion on policies for managing, developing and using the Internet. This includes issues of cybersecurity, data protection and privacy, Internet of Things, access and inclusiveness, human rights and the role of technological innovation in advancing sustainable development.

Anyone can participate in the meetings whether one is from the private sector, government, the technical community, academia or civil society, each participant is equally welcomed to contribute. The IGF serves as a platform for knowledge sharing, best practice exchange, and capacity building. This collaboration and learning about listening to other views leads to a more informed policymaking process. IGF also allows the voices of underrepresented/underserved people to come on board for their voices to be heard which helps in shaping the digital future of the youth and the countries at large.

Again, the IGF helps in contributing to Internet development through education and awareness initiatives, by promoting innovation and creativity, through public-private partnerships. Also, the IGF enables participants to showcase their initiatives by seeking collaboration from other stakeholders which creates a good policy environment for a better, secure and open Internet for all.

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

As a civil society actor in my country Chad, the sessions I attended at the Internet Governance Forum will help me to train the youth. The youth need to be trained on issues of cyberspace especially on the security of data and how they can be protected when they are using social media networks. This will also allow me to educate them about the many benefits of using the Internet which many do not know. As it's now said, "Information is the new oil", this will enable them to have digital knowledge for the enhancement of their digital future.

I plan to take action by creating awareness about Internet Governance to enable the local communities to fully know their digital identities and rights to fully participate in contributing to an open, transparent and safe Internet.

Again, it will help increase the voice of youth in many Internet governance forums particularly areas of inclusion, accessibility, and digital rights. I will create social media accounts to help disseminate more information about Internet governance in my community. Lastly, I will partner with other stakeholders to help achieve these objectives.

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

At the IGF, I participated in many sessions, including the Collaborative Leadership Exchange (CLX) organized by the Internet Society on 25th November. Below are some of the sessions:

- The Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of IGF took place on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 in Berlin, which convened 2,400 participants cross the five continents with many connected through remote hubs. The main focal topics of the IGF 2019 are Data Governance, Digital Inclusion, and Security, Safety & Resilience.

As it was mentioned that the World Wide Web in 2030 will see 7 billion users of the Internet, it also presents some threats in all our daily life. We must act with a multilateral approach and that is how we can know the numbers of users. It will be a big step forward if we have a common understanding of this area. Women need to be involved in the issue of Internet governance.

A minute of silence was observed for two personalities who had passed on in the Internet governance community in 2019: Tarek Kamel, Snr. Advisor to president & SVP, Government and IGO Engagement at ICANN, who passed away on 10th October, and Jimmy Schultz, German politician and campaigner for privacy, encryption, and Internet governance, who passed away on Monday, 25th November 2019.

- Applying Human Rights and Ethics in Responsible Data Governance and Artificial Intelligence

This session focused on human rights and ethics in applying Artificial Intelligence and data. While AI can contribute to addressing some of the world's most pressing issues, it can also have privacy and surveillance issues that need to be addressed.

- Youth In IG For Internet Ethics & Digital Inclusion

This session was organized by young leaders from different parts of the world. The workshop aims to engage youth from different regions with a focus on Internet ethics. Participants were engaged in discussions on how to include youth in Internet Governance. Internet ethics helps people use the internet properly. Representatives from the Dot Asia initiative also talked about youth inclusion, and Elisabeth from the German Informatics Society discussed their engagement 100+ youth from different countries and came out with 11 youth messages which were presented at IGF on 25th November. Youth encouraged to make good use of the opportunities at the IGF because, by 5-10 years period, the current youth are going to move into other stakeholder groups.

Aside from the sessions attended, I also participated in some networking events including the APC Disc-Tech on 26th November party and IGF Technical Reception. Through these events, I got to know new friends from other countries who shared their experiences in the Internet community. Being a youth, I recommend that more stakeholders have involved in the IGF especially the youth and the government.

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