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Submission re: IGF Call for Thematic Inputs

Three thematic areas and three issue areas per area the IGF could prioritize in 2024:

- Cybersecurity and Trust
 - Cybersecurity practices
 - Legal and regulatory issues
 - Trust and accountability measures
- Digital Cooperation
 - Broadening stakeholder engagement in Internet governance
 - IGF organization and role
 - Multistakeholderism and multidisciplinary
- Technical and operational topics
 - Domain name system
 - Internet protocols
 - Internet routing

Additional Input:

In the lead-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 and related UN-led discussions with implications for the extension of the IGF's mandate, a key focus of IGF2024 should be the future of internet governance. IGF2024 should engage with these dialogues as a distinct thematic area (e.g., "future of internet governance"; issues: "Global Digital Compact", "WSIS+20"), while also integrating and highlighting key aspects of these discussions across its other selected thematic areas as and where appropriate.

The IGF also relates to major global initiatives and agendas. How can the IGF annual meeting and its intersessional work better reflect or contribute to the following? United Nations Secretary General's Our Common Agenda and its 12 commitments, particularly the Global Digital Compact in the lead up to the "Summit of the Future" (2024).

The IGF annual meeting and its intersessional work should clarify, promote, and facilitate multistakeholder engagement in UN-led multilateral processes with implications for the future of internet governance, including the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future. In the lead-up to the WSIS+20 Review and ongoing, the annual meetings and intersessional work should also focus on



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improving and strengthening the IGF and multistakeholder model to meet the challenges of 2024 and beyond.

These initiatives and any others should support and solicit regionally-diverse engagement from across the stakeholder groups that make up the multistakeholder model of internet governance. In particular, the annual meeting and intersessional work should encourage engagement from the technical community. While the technical community plays a critical role in the day-to-day functioning and operation of the internet, it has historically had less representation at the IGF and within related processes than some other stakeholder groups, such as civil society.

Do you have any ideas about the overall format and design of the IGF (including thematic tracks, or treating themes in a different way)?

The IGF should find ways to incorporate and facilitate expert perspectives and dialogues within its multistakeholder design and format.

The final IGF2024 agenda (and any draft agenda) should be released in an accessible format that can be easily exported into a .ICS calendar file for Outlook and other calendar platforms.