

LACIGF 12 Report

Title of the session: Present and Future of the Internet Governance

Session summary:

Chengetai Masango (Head of the Internet Governance Forum Secretariat) began his talk pointing some IGF initiatives at national, regional and global levels.

He used a presentation to help visualize of some data and numbers, on the following points:

- Growth as the years went by
- Percentages of the initiatives
- Distribution of initiatives

He also mentioned that we currently have 19 initiatives in Latin America and in the Caribbean we are still trying to make more initiatives.

He commented that during the next IGF world meeting in Berlin, Germany, there will be a meeting to discuss emerging technologies and their relationship with inclusion and digital security. Also, that the global IGF is a great space to share regional and national initiatives, so there will be joint sessions for this.

To participate in any of these sessions, one can contact the official email of the secretariat directly to request support. It is also possible to request Cisco connections to participate remotely.

Regarding the relevant issue of financing initiatives, he mentioned that thanks to governments such as Finland and the Netherlands, they had financing to grant them to some projects, such as, for example, the work that is currently being done with Haiti. And that, thanks to Germany, there will be support to finance trips to people involved in the event.

In relation to summer schools in Internet Governance, if we wish to organize one, we can go online and complete a form to receive help from the secretariat. For more information on the activities that the secretariat carries out and to obtain contact, it is possible to request to be added to the official email list.

After that, Chengetai Masango talked about those who summoned us on the agenda: Future of Internet Governance. He said that since 2006, 14 global Internet Governance forums have been held, and that they are aware that changes should be made, so that the meetings have more relevance. There were also attempts in this regard, and for that they received recommendations.

He also spoke about the proposal to offer a response to the call of the UN-Secretary for the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation. The call was to give the LAC community the task of reading the report of the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (see relevant links) to provide feedback from our perspective. For this entrusted work, a report review platform was

developed, since it is a very long report, focused on working on recommendation 5, which has more to do with the mechanisms.

The idea is that, on the first day of the global IGF, the results of the comments obtained from the report are analyzed. The deadline for submitting comments is September 30. The way to participate is by entering the official website of the global IGF (see links) and answer the guide questions or make additional comments.

There are questions on various topics, on advisory groups, on how to strengthen the structure of the IGF, how to achieve greater inclusion and diversity in participation. The secretary invited us to participate in the review, since the report has great potential to achieve concrete results, and all the comments collected will be inputs to be used in the next IGF, which we know Angela Merkel will be present, and other high-incidence officials from Germany, so it will be a very relevant meeting.

Outputs and other relevant links:

- Full session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdHnhKFGzs>
- Official page - global IGF: <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/>
- Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation: <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/report-of-the-un-secretary-general%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%8Ehigh-level-panel-on-digital-cooperation>

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