

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

- Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes -

Delivered at the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development 2023/24 Inter-sessional Panel

IGF 2023: 8-12 October, Kyoto



“For nearly two decades, this multistakeholder cooperation has proven remarkably productive and remarkably resilient, in the face of growing geopolitical tension, proliferating crisis and widening divisions. Your work is now more important than ever. We need to keep harnessing digital technologies enabled by the Internet to help deliver on the sustainable development goals, take climate action and build a better world.”

(United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres)



“I am convinced that we can maximise the benefits of the Internet while reducing its risks by bringing together participants from all over the world in various positions and with different perspectives to share their wisdom through multistakeholder approach. I believe the overall theme of this year’s meeting, which is “The Internet We Want - Empowering All People” is a powerful expression of our determination to realise an inclusive Internet that leaves no one behind and to pave a way for sustainable future for humanity.”

(Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida)

IGF 2023: Kyoto IGF Messages and other outputs

Kyoto IGF Messages

- *high-level overview for decision-makers of the most current thinking on key Internet governance and digital policy issues.*
- *Sourced directly from 355 sessions*

Intersessional work outputs

- *Output reports from Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity; and Policy Networks on Meaningful Access, Internet fragmentation and AI.*

Capacity development outputs

- *Messages from parliamentarians*
- *Messages from Youth*

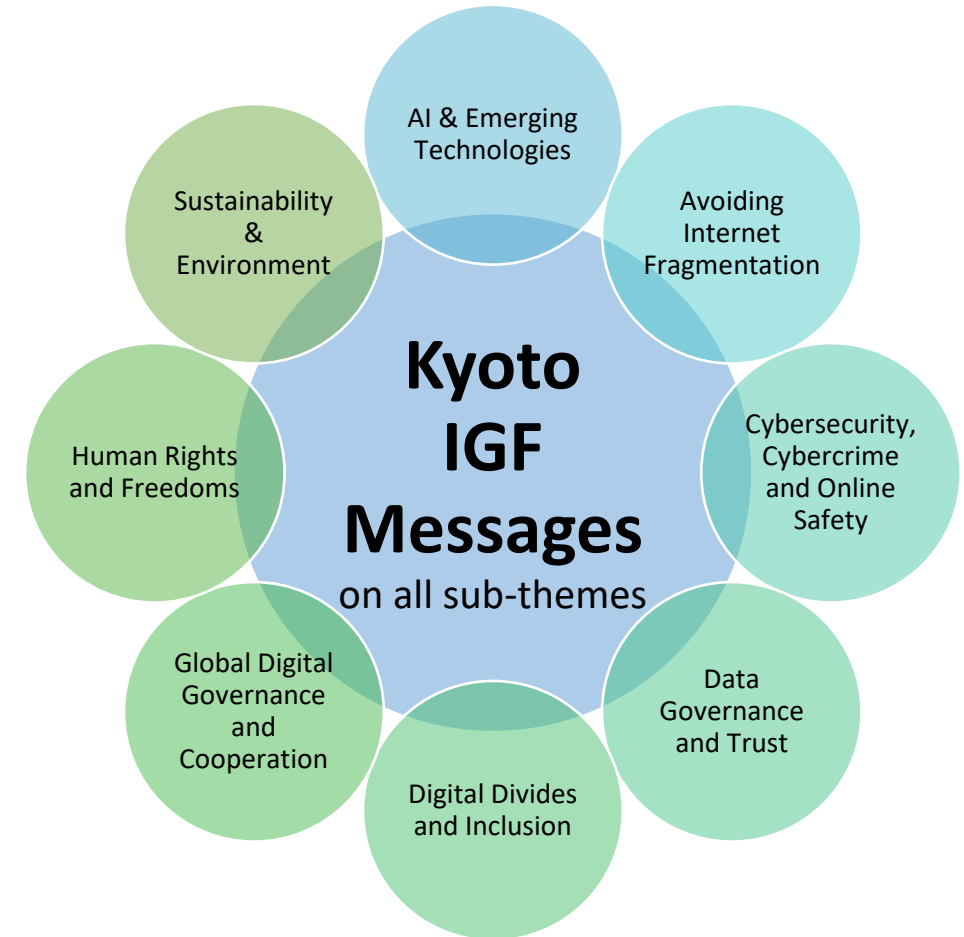
Community outputs

- *Launches of projects and initiatives*
- *355 reports on key takeaways*
- *Media reports and press releases*
- *... and more*

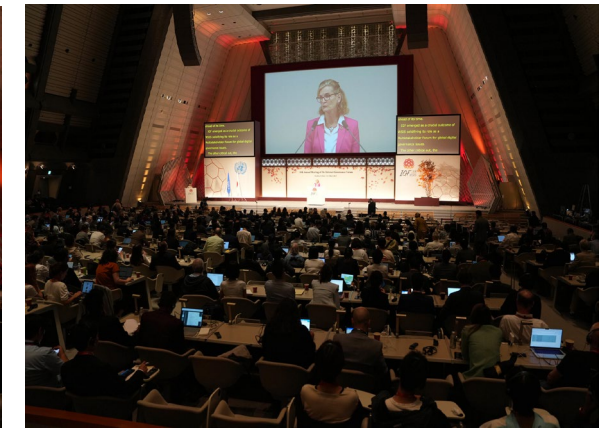
IGF 2023 in Numbers



11,145 stakeholders registered from 92% of UN member states
6,279 onsite participants from 178 countries
3,000+ online participants
355 sessions



- **Newcomers Track:** orientation for several thousands 1st time IGF participants (60%)
- **Parliamentary Track:** output document (70< , incl EMP's and Pan African Parliament)
- **Youth Track:** messages from youth



High-Level Leaders Track:

- *Evolving Trends in Mis- and Dis-information*
- *Looking ahead to WSIS+20 - Accelerating the Multistakeholder Process*
- *Access and Innovation for Revitalising the SDGs*
- *Artificial Intelligence*

IGF 2023: Capacity Development

Throughout 2023, the IGF Secretariat has been engaged in a series of capacity development activities. Specifically, capacity development included several activities:

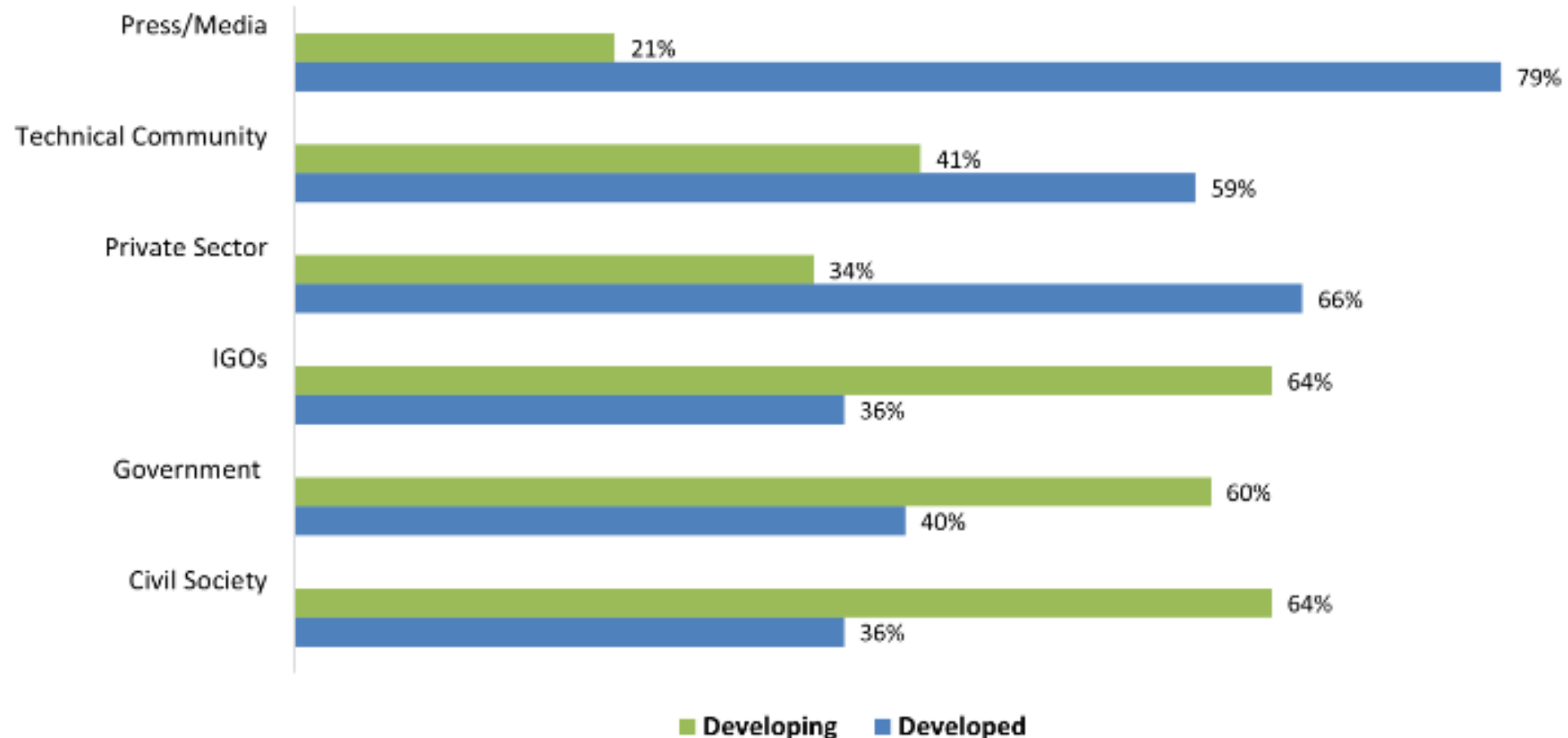
- **Workshops** organised in conjunction with the NRIs, to foster cooperation and develop capacity. Among these, some specifically were organised as part of the youth and parliamentary tracks.
- Training sessions for IGF 2023 session organisers and participants, focused broadly on explaining mechanisms of hybrid participation.
- **Newcomers session** for orienting the first-time IGF participants.
- **Grants** support to 15 NRIs and 5 remote hubs serving communities from developing countries.
- **Travel support** to 125 participants coming from developing countries



IGF 2023 Remote Hubs in Bangladesh and Benin

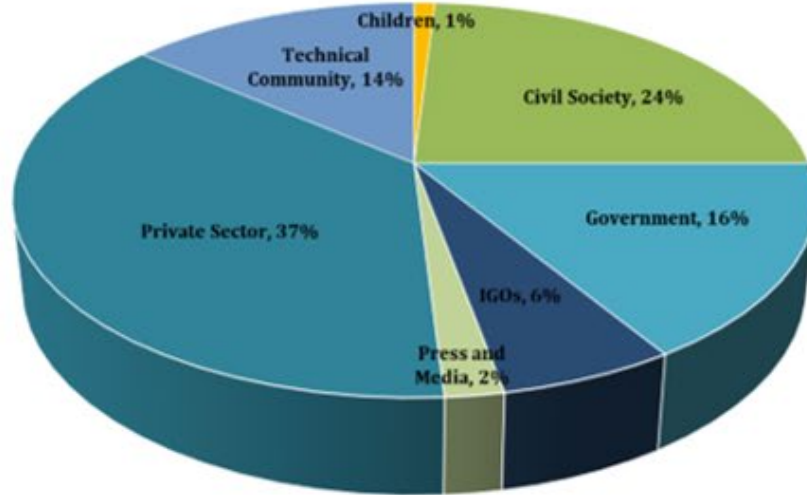
IGF 2023: Global South participation

Regarding participation by the level of development of the country, based on the latest available HDI Index , there were about 53% from developed countries classified as "very high", and 47% from developing countries, not classified as "very high", with the stakeholder distribution as illustrated on the graph below.

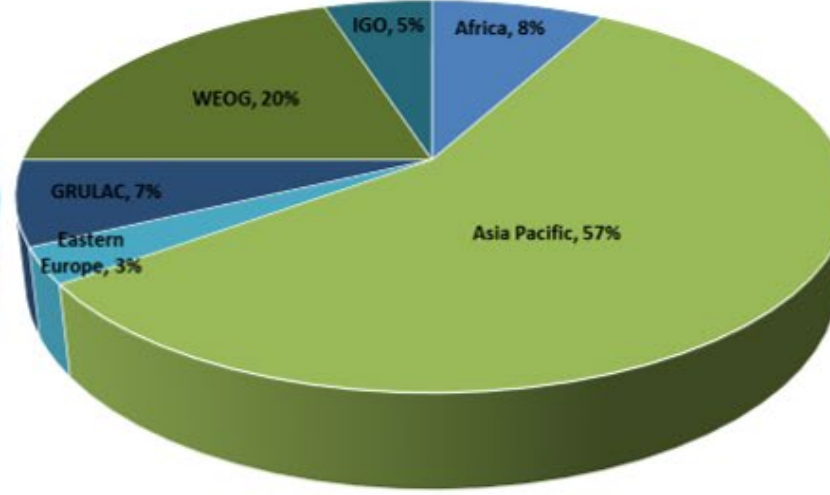


IGF 2023: Overall participation (9,279+ participants from 178 countries)

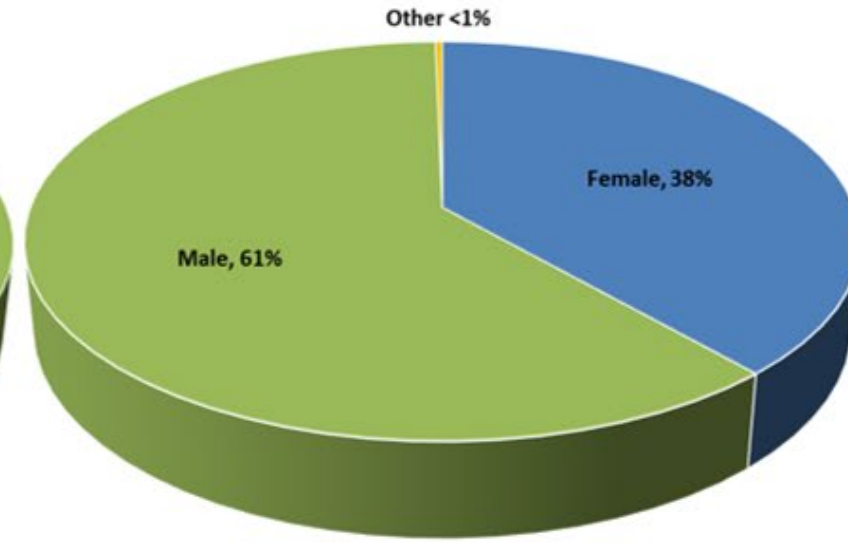
Participation by stakeholder group



Participation by region



Participation by gender



*Compared to IGF 2022, this year's IGF saw an **increase in representation of the participants coming from the private sector (+11%); and in representation of stakeholders from the Asia Pacific region (+32%).** The number of stakeholders from Africa was significantly lower than in 2022 (-36%), when the IGF was held in that region.*

Going forward: IGF 2024



- The 19th annual IGF meeting will be hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh during the last quarter of 2024.
- IGF 2024 MAG appointed, new Chair is Ms. Carol Roach, Government of The Bahamas.



Going forward: rapid growth and increased cooperation with 165+ NRIs and also with SIGs



IGF and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Through its work, the IGF remains committed to supporting the implementation of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



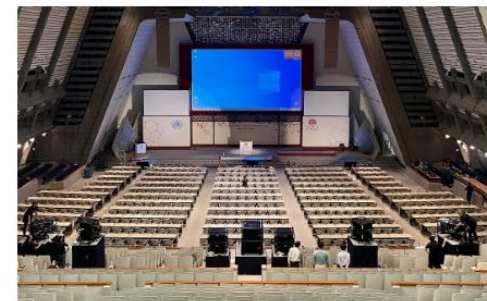
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That's a wrap on a phenomenal #IGF2022 in Addis Ababa! This will long stay with us as a vibrant gathering, where voices of #youth rang loud & discussions were rich and engaging.

Warmest thanks 🙏 to all who joined us to help build a #ResilientInternet for everyone, everywhere 🌍





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