

## The IGF and IGFSAs

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) has proven its worth to the international community and to all those who are committed to an open, thriving, and accessible Internet. The open and inclusive dialogue and debate that it provides is critical to the Internet's continued evolution. The IGF by now is the major annual event for all stakeholders to gather as equals and discuss Internet policy related issues. In 2015 the United Nations General Assembly recognized the value of the IGF and extended its mandate for another 10 years. Part of the IGF success story is the growth of National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) in all continents, triggered off by the global IGF.

The IGF is funded through voluntary contributions and therefore in constant need of funding. IGFSAs purpose is to promote and support the global IGF as well as NRIs. It is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Switzerland created to broaden the donor base and to provide stable and predictable funding from individuals and entities who want to support the IGF as well as the NRIs. IGFSAs aim to build on and complement existing funding sources and strengthen the linkages between the global IGF and the NRIs and provides financial support for the IGF Secretariat through contributions to the UN IGF Trust Fund.

To date, IGFSAs have contributed USD 260,000 to the UN IGF Trust Fund. IGFSAs role as a channel for additional funding for the IGF Trust Fund has been recognized by the UN through an exchange of letters.

## The Bodies of the Association:

### The General Assembly and the Executive Committee

The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the Association. The Third General Assembly of IGFSAs took place on **5 December 2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico**. It appointed the members of the Executive Committee which is composed as follows:

Marilyn Cade	Markus Kummer
Edmon Chung	Karen McCabe
Avri Doria	Jimson Olufuye
Tarek Kamel	Eduardo Santoyo

The Executive Committee subsequently elected Markus Kummer as its Chair and appointed Mark Buell and Jennifer Chung as Co-Secretaries.

The Executive Committee is the decision-making body of the Association which manages the IGFSAs activities. Its tasks include preparation of the annual budget for approval by the General Assembly, engaging in fundraising and outreach to build awareness of the IGF and the importance of supporting the IGF.

### IGFSA General Assembly 2017

The General Assembly will take place on

**19 December 2017, 1330 – 1500,  
Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.**

All IGFSAs Members are cordially invited to attend the meeting

## Reinforcing the NRI Landscape

National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) are a major outcome of the IGF. They were not planned, but sprung up spontaneously on all continents. What they have in common with the global IGF is their bottom-up, open and inclusive character. Good Internet governance starts at the national and regional levels and the NRIs can thus provide feedback from the grassroots and provide input into the program for the annual Global IGF in a true bottom-up process. Strengthening the linkages between the NRIs and the global IGF is part of the core IGFSAs mission.

In 2016 the IGFSAs was able to provide support to 8 Regional Initiatives and 20 National Initiatives. NRIs require significant support in the form of human and financial resources.. IGFSAs will continue to provide support to NRIs, providing USD 3500 for Regional and Sub-Regional and USD 2000 USD for National IGF Initiatives. To date, IGFSAs has contributed USD 76,000 to the NRIs.

IGFSAs works closely with the IGF Secretariat to promote and identify Initiatives that would benefit from our support.



2017 Trinidad and Tobago IGF

*"We are grateful to the IGFSAs for supporting the logistics of the first national IGF in the English speaking Caribbean. To ensure the broadest participation, we innovated with a YouTube Live channel to stream the event beyond the confines of the physical location, and support remote participants with full participation. This TTIGF was extremely well received, and has been recognized as a leading IGF event in the entire English speaking Caribbean. We are already planning the 2018 TTIGF, and are working with other countries in the region to share our IGF planning process."* -T&T IGF



Sri Lanka IGF

*"The success of the IGF Sri Lanka 2017 is shared with the Sponsors for the three day event. Mainly IGFSAs, ISOC Beyond the Net Funding programme, Sri Lanka Telecom, Learn, NIC.lk all assisted us in making this IGF Sri Lanka a great success."* -Sri Lanka IGF

# NRI Map 2017



## IGFSA Sponsored NRIs

National IGFs	Regional/ Sub-regional IGFs			
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### Membership

By joining IGFSAs you show your support for the IGF and help keep the IGF the go-to event for everyone who is interested in the Internet and its governance.

Individuals, organizations and companies are encouraged to sign up for IGFSAs membership to show their support for the growth and success of the IGF and the growth and increased role of the NRIs. To become a member of the IGFSAs, please visit [www.igfsa.org](http://www.igfsa.org) to complete the membership sign up process.

### Membership fees are:

Individuals: USD 25 -- Companies/Organizations: USD 100

The IGFSAs' core mission is to raise funds to support the IGF and the NRIs. Members are encouraged to contribute above the minimum membership fees. Contact IGFSAs, at [info@igfsa.org](mailto:info@igfsa.org) to become a member or funding partner..