

Update on LACIGF 12

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Focal Points

- LACIGF 12 thematic discussions
- LACIGF review and analysis process



Recap: LACIGF Features

- Primary discussion space for regional IG exchanges
 - Est. since 2008; CIGF collaboration in 2011
- Multistakeholder Steering Committee comprised of four (4) stakeholder groupings
- Open process/calls for hosting, SC member renewal, issues, etc.

LACIGF Thematic Discussions

LACIGF 12 – Day One

- 12 thematic sessions over three-day period
 - Human Rights: Freedom of Expression on the Internet
 - Surveillance Technologies in the region
 - NRIs: Progress and Challenges
 - Future of Internet Governance: Presentation of LACIGF study



LACIGF 12 – Day Two

- Digitalization and productive transformation: accelerating economic development through ICTs
- Internet Access: connecting the unconnected to quality Internet in the short term
- Internet and Jurisdiction: the importance of protecting rights online, in public and private spheres
- Protecting encryption and implications for safe Internet communications

LACIGF 12 – Day Three



- Cooperative approaches to meet Internet security challenges
- Cybersecurity and cyber-defense: present reality and how to make our societies more resilient in the future
- The impact of multistakeholder approaches in Bolivian Internet Governance
- Automated decision making and Artificial Intelligence: how prepared is the region?

LACIGF Review and Analysis Process

LACIGF review and analysis process

- 157 interviewees
- Blank canvas approach
- Stocktaking on LACIGF's accomplishments and future needs
- Improvements according to six (6) categories: Participation, Content, Format, Structure, Intersessional Work, Financing

Participation

- More information dissemination activities
- Earlier availability of details on agenda, speakers, etc.
- Enhanced collaborative spirit
- Formal communication to Governments through MFAs
- Inclusion of High-Level governmental meetings

Content

- More concise agenda
- Greater recognition of region's diversity
- Issue selection
 - Combine public consultations with consultations with actors and local IGFs
- Produce outcomes
 - Many options. Summarise discussions, identify priorities and when possible, group/align significant principles and/or action lines related to an issue
- Do not repeat content or discussions

Format

- More interactive/innovative
 - Continue the break-out sessions experience
 - Moderated discussions without formal panelists (town hall)
 - Debates
- Less repetition of speakers and moderators
- Enhanced transparency in the selection of speakers and moderators

Intersessional Work

- More continuous work, better focused on ongoing issues as opposed to yearly meeting
 - Virtual thematic working groups
 - Enhanced communication with other forums and organisations
 - Relay relevant content raised at LACIGF to competent authorities
 - Improve information repository

Structure

- Steering Committee with greater leadership and visibility
 - Equal commitment and dedication from all members
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - Clarity in eligibility criteria and processes
- Significant support for the creation of a dedicated Secretariat

Financing

- Continue present model based on donations (Trust Fund – pooling of donations)
 - If LACIGF gains more relevance, there will be more interested parties to contribute
- Analyze complementary membership models

Where are we in the process now?

- Work undertaken by Carolina Aguerre and Raúl Echeverría to implement recommendations
- Update to be given in LACIGF 13

LACIGF 13 – 8/10 September 2020



Over time, the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum, LACIGF, has become a true regional meeting space for multistakeholder policy debate where different stakeholders representing governments, the private sector, the technical community, academia and civil society organizations share and discuss their views.

Over the past few years, the region has made progress in understanding current Internet governance challenges, creating a space for debating and identifying regional priorities that has significantly broadened the region's participation in the [Internet Governance Forum](#) (IGF).

In addition, since its earliest editions, one of the meeting's goals has been to inform regional stakeholders on the topics and trends observed during global IGF debates and discussions. Likewise, in a process that began in 2008 during the first Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum, the debate surrounding the IGF global agenda is now being regionalized.

Proposed first consultation for the review of LACIGF

Thank You

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