



Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA)

Annual Report 2016-2017

This report covers the Association's activities between its third General Assembly, held in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 5 December 2016 and its fourth General Assembly, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 19 December 2017

1. Structures of the Association

a) The General Assembly

The IGFSA held its third General Assembly during the 12th IGF in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 5 December 2016. 26 IGFSA Members attended the meeting in person and five via remote participation.

The General Assembly approved the 2017 Budget Allocation.

As proposed on the IGFSA Members' list prior to the General Assembly, the meeting addressed a possible modification to the Articles of Association in order to streamline the membership application process and make membership automatic upon payment of dues. The changes were approved by the General Assembly as proposed by the Executive Committee and the amended Article 5 now reads as follows: "*Thereafter, new members are admitted upon payment of their membership dues. The Executive Committee informs the General Assembly annually regarding the admission of new members.*"

Four seats on the IGFSA Executive Committee were open for renewal. Seven IGFSA members put their names forward to seek election to the IGFSA Executive Committee.

The following four candidates were elected to the IGFSA Executive Committee

- Ms. Avri Doria, Independent Researcher
- Mr. Markus Kummer, IGFSA Secretary
- Ms. Karen McCabe, IEEE
- Mr. Eduardo Santoyo, .co

b) The Executive Committee

The full 2017 IGFSA Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

- Markus Kummer, (Chair)
- Marilyn Cade, mCADE LLC
- Subi Chaturvedi, Media For Change
- Avri Doria, Independent Researcher
- Karen McCabe, IEEE
- Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation
- Tarek Kamel, ICANN
- Jimson Olufuye, AfiCTA
- Eduardo Santoyo, .co

Subi Chaturvedi in August asked to be relieved of her duties, due to conflicting professional commitments. The Executive Committee thanked her for her services and a call for nominations was issued to fill the vacancy.

The Executive Committee held five meetings over the course of the year. Some meetings were held in person, or in conjunction with an ICANN meeting. All physical meetings had remote participation available via a communication application.

In carrying out its tasks, the Executive Committee is supported by a Secretariat responsible for day-to-day activities, carrying out the Association's operational tasks, preparing for meetings and other regular office requirements. Mark Buell and Jennifer Chung are the Association's Co-Secretaries while Kyle Shulman is seconded by the Internet Society to perform the operational Secretariat tasks.

c) Membership

The two categories of membership agreed upon at the inaugural General Assembly continued in 2017: individual membership with annual membership dues of USD 25 and organizational membership with annual membership dues of USD 100. Following the amendment of Article 5 with simplified admission procedures the Executive Committee informs the General Assembly that the following new members were admitted in 2017:

Individual Members:

1. Adebunmi Akinbo
2. Brenda Ansley
3. Fiona Asonga
4. Josephine Crawshaw
5. Francis Olivier Cubahiro
6. Roxanne John
7. Laura Margolis
8. Thiago Tavares Nunes de Oliveria
9. Raza Qureshi
10. Israel Rosas
11. Ucha Seturi
12. Rapid Sun

Organizational Members

Arab World Internet Institute

2. Activities of the Association

a) Fundraising

Below is a breakdown of all the contributions received as of 1 December 2017:

Amount in USD	Organization
50,000	ICANN
50,000	NRO
2500	Amazon (pledged)
670	Membership dues
Total:	
103,170	

Since its inception at the 2014 IGF in Istanbul, IGFSa has raised USD (635,412.80.)

b) Budget and allocation of Funds ¹

Balance as per 1 January 2017:	USD 147,581.00
2017 Contributions:	USD 103,170.00
Reserved funds:	
Contingency:	USD 41,530.00
Disposable 2017 funds:	USD 209,221.00

¹ The consolidated financial statement for 2017 will be made available in early 2018.

The 2017 General Assembly adjusted the formula for the allocation of funds that had been agreed on in 2016 as follows.

Contributing to the UN-IGF Trust Fund: 35 % of all funds received;

Supporting NRIs: 40% of all funds received.

The remaining 25% were reserved to outreach/communications activities (7%), support of the IGF Secretariat (10%), and IGFSAs contingencies (8%).

While the main objective of the new formula was to take into account the growing demand for supporting National/Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs), the dynamics of their growth went beyond expectations. The Executive Committee decided to apply the formula in a flexible manner and to give priority to the NRIs:

The actual expenses were as follows:

UN IGF Trust Fund:	USD 60'000.00 (= 28,7 %)
NRIs:	USD 102,500.00 (= 48.9 %)
IGF Secretariat	NIL n/a
Coms/outreach	USD 2,248.00 (= 1 %)
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Total expenses:	USD 163,748.00
Disposable reserves as per 1 December 2017:	USD 45,473.00.

(i) Contribution to the UN-IGF Trust Fund

IGFSA is recognized by the UN as an official contributor to the IGF Trust Fund. A first exchange of letters was concluded in October 2016. IGFSA in 2017 transferred USD 60,000 to the UN account, bringing up the total of its contributions to the IGF Trust Fund to USD 260,000.

(iii) Regional/National IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

The Executive Committee attached a high priority to strengthen, seek and promote exchange and collaboration with National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs), with a focus on NRIs from developing countries and economies in transition. This is one of the purposes of the IGFSAs, according to Article 3 of the Articles of Association. A pre-condition for being considered as a recipient of IGFSAs funding is to be recognized by the IGFSAs Secretariat and listed on the IGF website

As part of this priority, 10 Regional and Sub-Regional IGF and 33 National Initiatives were approved to receive a total of USD 102,500.

10 Regional and Sub-Regional IGF received 3500 USD funding, that is USD 35,000 in total:

1. African IGF
2. Caribbean IGF
3. Central Africa IGF
4. Central Asia IGF
5. EuroDIG
6. LAC IGF
7. North African IGF
8. Pacific IGF
9. SEEDIG
10. West Africa IGF

33 National IGFs were approved to receive 2000 USD funding, and the Kenyan IGF Week, consisting of several events, received USD 3500, that is USD 67,500 in total:

1. Afghanistan IGF
2. Argentina Internet Dialogues
3. Armenia IGF
4. Barbados IGF
5. Belarus IGF
6. Benin IGF
7. Bolivia IGF
8. Bosnia and Herzegovina IGF
9. Chad IGF
10. Colombia IGF
11. Croatia IGF
12. Dominican Republic IGF
13. Ecuador IGF
14. Georgia IGF
15. Guatemala IGF
16. Indonesia IGF
17. Kenya IGF Week
18. Macedonia IGF
19. Malawi IGF
20. Mauritius IGF
21. Namibia IGF
22. Nepal IGF
23. Nigeria IGF
24. Panama IGF
25. Paraguay IGF
26. Rwanda IGF
27. Senegal IGF
28. Slovenia IGF
29. Sri Lanka IGF
30. Trinidad & Tobago IGF
31. Tunisia IGF
32. Uganda IGF
33. Ukraine IGF

(v) Outreach/Communications/Miscellaneous

The IGFSAs Executive Committee and the Secretariat made use of various events to promote the Association, raise awareness and recruit new members, such as NRI and MAG meetings, the WSIS+10 High-Level event, the AfICTA Summit, the WSIS Forum and ICANN meetings.

IGFSA held an informational luncheon/outreach session during ICANN 58 Copenhagen on 14 March 2017. Many coordinators and representatives from NRIs shared how IGFSA funding helped with their initiatives, and over 100 people participated in this informational session.

Similar events were also held during the WSIS Forum on 15 June 2017 and at ICANN 60 Abu Dhabi on 2 November 2017.

Funds were used for the printing of IGFSA Brochures and other promotional materials, which were distributed at all these events, a few of the NRIs as well as events at the ITU and the CSTD.

For the Executive Committee:

Markus Kummer
Chairman

Jennifer Chung
Co-Secretary