

Proposal for a National and Regional IGF session, Bali IGF
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National and regional IGFs are essential building blocks of the global IGF.

There should be a session in Bali to allow national/regional IGFs to share and discuss information about the outcomes of their meetings.

We suggest that the coordinators of each national/regional activity are invited to join a coordinating group, which will work with the MAG and IGF Secretariat to arrange the session.

The coordinating group should prepare a standard reporting format. Reports of each national/regional activity should be prepared in advance of the session and made available on the IGF website. The coordinating group will produce an initial analysis of the regional/national IGFs reports submitted. The analysis will be an input for the dialogue. Each report can be briefly introduced during a "reporting-in" part of the session.

We emphasize that the main purpose of the session should be to allow discussion between the respective national/regional activities. Reporting-in from the national/regional IGFs should be kept to a minimum. Discussion should seek to identify the commonality of views across the different regions/countries, and at the same time identify the unique elements that arise from each process.

Based on the input reports, initial analysis and discussion, an outcome report identifying areas of commonality and difference should be prepared by the coordinating group as an output of the session. The outcome report will go beyond identification/comparison to provide a more substantive analysis; for example on common challenges faced, different/local interpretations of same topics, etc.

Session features: a substantive session that focuses on dialogue not reporting. Written reports, to a pre-agreed format, required from each process must be submitted before the Bali IGF. Brief reporting-in from each national/regional activity important. Session outcome report to be prepared.

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