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>> Everyone we are going to wait a few minutes for people to come in from the break. And we will be starting very soon. Thank you for your patience.
   (Pause).
      >> RAJNESH SINGH: Okay. Good afternoon. We will make a start. We only have one hour for this session. And in instead of waiting any further, knowing that we will get in to very intense discussions soon, I hope, we'll make a start. Thank you for coming to this session. Much appreciated. Last year we did a similar session as a test phase that worked very well. We thought we would mainstream it. Hello. Hello.
      >> Better.
      >> RAJNESH SINGH: Okay. So this year again we have put this on the agenda and we hope that this year we can focus a bit more on what the national IGFs are doing out there in the community instead of just us talking about it.
   Today on the panel we have Wanawit and he is currently an advisor to the Thai Digital Ministry. We have Shita and we have the man himself, Chengetai. Everyone knows him. You can't miss him in the room because he is so tall. To my right is the executive director of APC, and Jennifer Chung who has put all this together and myself

I am here for comment relief. I'm Raj for those who don't know me.
I work for ISOC. Chengetai, if you can start with some updates from
the IGF.
     >> CHENGETAI MASANGO: Thank you very much. I will give a very
quick update on where we are. Hello. Can you hear me now?
     >> I think it is not on.
     >> CHENGETAI MASANGO: Testing. Oh, great. Right. Thank you
very much. Let me just give a very quick update on what has been
happening concerning the NRIs with the IGF Secretariat and also with
the MAG. The other panel members may expand on a couple of other
things. But as you know we in the MAG we had a meeting on the 5th
of July. We had a virtual meeting to discuss the NRI session because
part of the plan this year was to better integrate the national and
regional initiatives in to the annual meeting of the global IGF. And
part of this plan was, of course, as of last year give the NRIs a
main session which was given. And this year's topic was -- is rights
in the digital and online world.
   Their deadline to hand in to the IGF Secretariat is the 15th of
August. And Anya from the Secretariat who is the national and regional
initiatives focal point, who we all know, I think better than I, is
coordinating that.
   Also this year for the first time the NRIs were given between six
to nine slots to organize joint collaborative sessions. And these
should follow the basic principles of the IGF. So three NRIs will
partner on a topic. And so it has to be multi-stakeholder and also
has to be across regions. And it has to respect regional balance.
   So the work for this is ongoing and also the deadline is the 15th
of August to hand in some proposals. And the IGF Secretariat will
then again look at them and then award between the six to nine slots.
This was the deal that was reached with the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory
Group, MAG. And this is just the -- the MAG says that we are going
to try this for this year only. And then we are going to look at it
again and see whether or not we can continue for next year.
   I have all the confidence that these sessions are going to be great.
And the MAG is going to approve them for the coming years as well
because I mean the NRIs always do great work.
   Also for this year we are going to have as last year we are going
to have a joint booth for the annual meeting and where we have people
from NRIs who want to advertise their work to the participants of
the annual meeting, which is in December as you all know.
   You can contact Anya as well and she is organizing the booth for
the NRIs. And there is going to be a schedule for the booth captains
and what materials, if you have videos that you want to show on the
booth as well. These videos can be shown on the booth. That's the
IGF village booth.
   There is also a youth IGF initiatives track. And they are going
to look at their work and better integrate them in to the IGF work

and the Intersessional work as well. And again Anya is coordinating that.

The toolkit has been translated in to all six languages by the NRIs and I think that is really great. Great work. The last language we are going to be seeing is the French language which will be in next week.

As usual in the NRIs we also have these remote hubs. So this is for people who cannot attend the annual meeting. We encourage them to form up remote hubs. And these remote hubs can be a grouping of people who come together either at the University or through ISOC chapters and also I think ICANN also helps out. This year each of the main sessions, the best practice forums as well are going to have questions. And if these remote hubs are established and you register them on the IGF website, we will be sending you these questions once you select what kind of topics that you are interested in. And then we can talk with the session organizers to give you some space within those sessions to say your views and to contribute to the discussion that's going on.

And I think this is also very important because most people cannot make it to Geneva, especially in December. So it is very important to get the most number of people involved in these discussions.

I won't say much about the CNB phase 2, that is connecting the next billions, phase 3 because Shita and others will say more about it, correct? Jennifer will say more about it. Okay. Great.

But the other best practice forums are gender and access, which I think is very important. And I do encourage you to go to the website and join the gender and access best practice forum. Also local content, I have heard there has been a lot of talk about encouraging local content. Here the last best practice forum that we are going to have is cyber security. So what we do with these best practice forums is that we have a discussion throughout the year. We call it Intersessional work. And then at the end we formulate good practices in to a document. And then we distribute these documents as widely as possible. We use the UN network and we put it on the website. And we also encourage the NRIs and also other people to distribute these good practices that we have if people are interested in improving the gender balance and access, how to encourage the local content in countries, et cetera.

Yes, I think that is all I have for the update. If anybody has any specific questions, I'm open to answer them. I don't know whether now or later at the end.

>> RAJNESH SINGH: We will do that later. Just to get through the first bits first. So I think it is really good news to hear that the MAG has, of course -- mentioned that everyone can't get to Geneva. It is not easy to get to these events. There is time and resources involved. National IGFs play a strong role. What we need is more voices and more people to contribute so the learnings from that can

be floated upstairs to a regional and global level. I think that's a great initiative. With that I want to invite Wanawit to give his comments.

>> WANAWIT AHKUPUTRA: When we start off with 2015, so I think that is the last time we have the national initiative, national IGF, in fact, in the same city when we did. And 2016 and '17 we don't have. And during the first time I joined the MAG and discuss about the difficulty we have on two aspects. First is when we need to follow or the process call for inputs and making meeting reports and the difficulties is the language issue. Because one of the things is local volunteers and students and young generation and we try to assist them in coming up with the final report back to the IGF and to comply as a national initiative. And then we fail because it -- it is difficult to find volunteers to work in that area.

   And when we step in, the Government tries to step in to assist, so then it is very difficult for them. They try to communicate and we try to recap this in 2018 for two reasons. One is that response, since the Macao. So we have some new generation, thanks to the regional initiative that we host a significant number of students. So we try to rebuild the national initiative again. That's the first thing. And I also like to report that in 2015 we bring the -- one of the topic conferences to accessibility for the blind. So we sponsored and we managed to get in to the global IGF in Guadalajara, in Mexico and not quite getting the result of the work. So the commissioning of the system, coordination was between the people in Thailand that led to this accessibility solution that is run by the community, now join. And it is done. Now the system is up and running.

   At least for us we make things happen from the national initiative go all the way to the IGF. And then we get the result. And this round we find one more opportunity that I need to talk to the community trying to find budget to sponsor that. Okay.

>> RAJNESH SINGH: Thank you, Wanawit, for your comments and nice to see some collaboration to come out of these national initiatives.

>> SHITA LAKSMI: Thank you. I would like to give background that MAG is supporting the NRIs. It is all the positive feedback we receive from the 2016 IGF. There is no negative points on the main session of the NRI because we think that it was the first time that NRI got the main session and got the visibility of the NRIs. And we -- almost all of us agree that NRI is one of the most tangible outputs of the IGF itself. So that's why we agreed to have the main sessions as well as the six to nine slots of the program.

   I would like to talk on behalf of Indonesia IGF. So we have this review process for our working mechanisms that we have received some feedback. So we are in the process of finalizing our working mechanism. It is almost more or less the same that we have in IGF global. And after that the MAG will decide and we will put it on websites on the IGF, we will call it Indonesia IGF. We will have our

national dialogue most probably in October. We are still deciding whether it is 23rd or 28th of October. And it is multi-stakeholder processes because we have five -- in a MAG, the current MAG of ID IGF. It is 5% from each stakeholder. And we have five stakeholders and we add academia. In Indonesia we separate Civil Society and academia. Yeah, so that will be my update. Thank you.

     >> RAJNESH SINGH: Two examples of what is happening in countries in the region. So we were just trying to see how we can manage the time. So we have got about 40 odd minutes left for the session. There is a couple of slides that Jennifer will run just on some further background on what's happening with connecting the next billion. And then we will open it up to the floor so we can have an interactive discussion. If you have questions for the panelists or like to offer your own experiences and suggestions, so we will open that up and take it from there. Jennifer, thanks.

     >> JENNIFER CHUNG: Thank you very much, Raj. My name is Jennifer Chung from APR Secretariat. So I'm going to run through the slides very quickly. Just to see if we can kind of frame a little bit of how we want input to come in but, of course, all questions, all comments and all input and even updates from your NRIs are very, very welcome and extremely encouraged here.

  So this is the policy options for connecting and enabling next billion, phase 3. As you all know phase 1 and phase 2 happened the last two years. And APrIGF did send in the document from Taipei and from Macao in these two phases. As we are in phase 3 the input -- the deadline is the 31st of July. But I'm pretty sure it is a running deadline. We are able to put in our input as we see it, to focus on the success stories and case studies and tangible happenings in your national IGFs. And it is really centered on these three SDGs, three goals that you can see on this slide. Goal 4 which is ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning. Goal 5, achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. And goal 9, build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

  I am too short to see the slides there. So these are these, just some guiding goals for you to think about in your NRIs, the stories, success stories, the challenges faced when trying to achieve these SDGs. So without further ado I would like to pass back to our moderators so we can open up the floor.

     >> RAJNESH SINGH: So this is where I -- it was called passing the buck and my good friend Chat will run the moderation session.

     >> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Okay. It is now our turn to hear from you. And I think as Raj was saying one either updates and any questions that you might have of the panel. And I'm wondering also if there are suggestions around the applications for the six to nine slots. If I understand correctly that there could be -- there could be proposals coming from the region as well for this -- for these

sessions.

>> Yes, exactly. I think the process is underway at the moment.
And Anya is coordinating but I can answer any question that you may
have.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: There you go. We open the floor for you
all. Yes. The mics are over there but maybe take this. No, take
this.

>> Hi. Good evening. I'm Bob. Nepal IGF here and Vice-Chair
of multi-stakeholder registering group of Nepal IGF and leading the
program committee as well.

So thank you very much for this good interaction. One question,
just like Chengetai said IGF is giving you space for NRIs with
different sessions. Can we replicate that in APrIGF as well in the
next round, having local IGFs to represent in workshops and
differences and that kind of thing? And for operating Nepal IGF, Nepal
IGF is happening for the first time in this August 18 and 19. We will
try to make it livestreaming as well and we will circulate our
informations to APrIGF Secretariat. And I hope they can circulate
among all participants and that will be interesting. Thank you.

>> Yes. Raj, you want to answer that question for next year?

>> RAJNESH SINGH: So Chat, I am Chair for tomorrow night, not
right now for the MSG. Look, I think that's a good suggestion.
Obviously I can't make the decision. The MSG can consider. That
there is a role for national IGFs and the regions themselves to
self-organize and seeing what they could come to the MSG as a proposal.
Whether it is reserved slots, there is a couple of options we can
look at. What I would suggest to you perhaps you could send a
suggestion on to the MSG. And the Secretariat can help you with the
contact details. And at a future meeting we can consider and there
is MSG members in the room as well. But let's see what we can do about
it.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Any questions for the panel or any updates
on your own process nationally? Yes. This one here and I can't see
the other hand. There is a mic at the back, if you want to go at the
back.

>> Hello. I'm from Sri Lanka. We have conducted our local
national IGF last May. So as a national IGF coordinator we are facing
some problems. So these problems are common. Some are related to
our country basis and some are regional. And some we can address as
all of NRIs. So we should have a mechanism or Round Table kind of
thing in this kind of forums to discuss our own matters within our
initiatives.

It is my idea.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Yes. Thank you. If you want to share
some of those briefly also that might be useful for others as well
if they want to respond to some of that. I would invite you to.
Because this is sort of your Round Table. Yeah.

>> So one is a language issue. Because as industrialization is needed. But even though in a local contest, to get content in to the discussion, the language is a matter. It is one point. And again funding. I'm not elaborating each one. So I will take little and the public policy awareness of the IG stakeholders within the stakeholders. So these are topics that I would like to get the idea of the IDR NRIs.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Okay. Thank you. I'll call on Winston and Izumi. And we will have maybe responses from the panel. Okay.

>> Thank you.

>> Okay. How many countries are not represented at this meeting? How many countries in the region? Have you made a count? There are quite a few which are not represented. I just wondered if you know.

>> Not at this time.

>> Okay. Well, it is a big region and it stretches everywhere from -- well, I hesitate to say. From Pakistan to Fiji shall we say or the Cocos Islands. And it stretches everywhere from New Zealand up to somewhere near the equator. It is a very, very big region. And it is very expensive to -- you are from Fiji. Yes, you are right. I know that Maureen is in the Cocos Islands. I didn't want to start an argument. But it is a very big region. It is very expensive to participate. Even if you come from a prosperous region like New Zealand and prosperous places like New Zealand I think they don't need to attend. My funding comes from Europe to attend. I am representing an NGO. It doesn't come from New Zealand. So I entirely take the point that the other gentleman over there raised about funding. Funding is an issue that you need to maybe have a workforce, a task force to address. Okay.

   Another question, to try and bring in more countries to participate, perhaps you need to write specifically to all the national ISOCs, to specifically bring the program of events next year to their attention.

   I don't know whether you have a sort of communications task force or a person at the head office -- sorry, the Secretariat charged with communication. But somebody I suggest could write to all the ISOCs in the region, the national ones and say hey, look, next year it is in Vanuatu. I noticed that you didn't come this year. Perhaps you could come next year. Perhaps you could circulate information about this within your country, arouse interest among young people. Circulate to them the information about fellowships, try and get some fellows, more fellows from say New Zealand to go to Vanuatu, which is not that far. It is not so far as Bangkok. Do a bit of consciousness raising. Because I did speak to my national ISOC before I came here and said look, I'm a member of your organization. I'm going there. But not representing you. Is there anybody officially who is going who is representing you. And they said no. So it seems to me there is a big gap. Okay.

I did have another point but I have forgotten it. But that's enough.
(Laughter).
        >> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: And we have Izumi.
        >> It is the hot weather.
        >> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Yeah, Izumi.
        >> IZUMI OKUTANI: Thank you. Izumi Okutani, coordinator of
Japan IGF. Thank you for the update. It is important to have much
better collaboration between national and local IGF. We support the
initiative that started from last year and continuing. And we are
having the opportunity to provide feedback to the global IGF on the
national level. On connecting the next billion phase 3, I'm not sure
whether all the three -- like earlier ones, all the ones that's listed
it is relevant to Japan. I will try to coordinate and provide
feedback. That's one of the things, even if you are not like
officially registered in the UN, these are the things that you can
go back to your communities and try to encourage input from your
national perspective. So that's one thing.
    And then regarding the earlier suggestion about better information
exchanges among the national IGFs, I strongly support that as well.
So this is more like a kind of session on better collaboration with
the global IGF and what we do at APrIGF. This is useful to keep it
as it is. And we can have a more informal exchange session where both
existing national IGFs and potential national IGF people can join.
And we can share what are the current issues, how we operate and things
like that. So that's -- maybe I will stop here and then I'll -- I
would like to introduce what's happening in the Japan IGF. But maybe
I will save it for maybe another chance for the microphone and let
others speak first.
        >> I'd just like to introduce what is Taiwan IGF happening.
Although we have difficulty to participate in Geneva this year, but
this year in June we have first Taiwan IGF meeting in Taipei. And
this is purely by citizen. We don't want Government funding to do
anything. So even the Government want to give us money. We don't
want it. We want to bottom-up. Although this is the first time we
have 3 -- around 300 people registered, but actually it is around
200 participants. And we actually have seven sessions in our meeting.
And, you know, maybe have more detail. But let's forget. And we also
create a page on the Facebook. And around 1300 people participate
in our Web page. And to discuss about the issues they are concerned
and interested in. And because I was in Facebook, I know there is
almost 20 articles being published every day. This is very exciting
for us. And because we have Taiwan IGF on June, so it is really -- it
really surprise me. More than certain people from Taiwan is coming
to APrIGF in Thailand.
        >> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Fantastic. Do you think that this
is -- the APrIGF from last year facilitated this?
        >> Yes. Because you are right, APrIGF happened in Taiwan last

year. Internet Governance has been well-known by the people in Taiwan.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: It is sort of stimulating national IGFs. We have Vocas and then -- yeah. Maureen, you can go ahead and then Makas.

>> Thank you. I have been asked by Anju to present a brief report on the Pacific IGF. Unfortunately I was unable to attend and I think that Anju was unable to attend. We were sent a report. We should actually present it here. Just very briefly, I think I mentioned at the MSG meeting, when we had a fellows we did an overview of some of the important issues that we felt came from our regions. And I sort of like note in the report that was written after our IGF, the issues were affordability, accessibility, social development, economic development, youth. And I think those are some of the issues that came up as important across the region. So that was particularly significant. But I think what I can raise is some of the recommendations that have come out of the Pacific IGF for general consideration. And one of the things I think within our region, of course, but one of the things is the establishment of a Pacific MSG. And I think in relation to the Pacific IGF is for the Pacific -- anyway was that it had been a long time since the -- since we had actually had what we used to have annually, a PAC iNet. And so this initiative of establishing an IGF within the Pacific was seen to be timely. And so that what they are going to do, the PAC iNet was like a sharing of initiatives that were within the region. And I think that we can probably incorporate the IGF PAC iNet like initiative in some way. So they are looking at establishing a Pacific MSG, which to help coordinate that. And looking at engaging key partners within the region to roll out some capacity building programs on Internet Governance because that sort of seemed to be an issue. And I think that in light of the six that are actually being established within the region this is probably also significant.

   And then continuing some coordination by PIC ISOC which is a major organization within the Pacific which actually coordinates quite a lot of the IG and IT sort of like activities within the region. They want to encourage greater engagement with the young people which is really great. And also raising the profile of the Pacific IGF within the global agenda and I think that that's probably what everybody is trying to do anyway. Thank you.

>> Hi. This is Vargas from Pakistan. I would like to update about the national IGF that is happening in Pakistan this year. So Pakistan had last two years, in 2015 and 2016, and we are having one this year, that build the momentum to bring all the stakeholders together and have a national IGF. I think one of the -- probably the unique feature of this IGF would be that the Government, the ministry and the regulator, also one of the partners were organizing this IGF. I believe this is going to be a true multi-stakeholder platform where

all the people converge together and talk about the governance issues in the country.

And one of the reasons that we are also trying to partner with the Civil Society on this is that when the Government invites the other Government partners, they usually respond well other than one of the Nongovernment actors involved in a Nongovernment Forum. So we are trying to work this way. And we hope that it comes off well. I had a question about the -- about how is there any platform where the other IGFs happening in the region collaborate but I think that Maureen has already touched upon it, if there is any update from the MAG.

And before I finish I would like to mention I asked for the slot because Moshi was not there, but he is here and he is one of the main people from the Civil Society. And he is from ISOC Islam who is one of the partners. And he would like to say a few words. Thank you.

>> Hello. Sorry, I was stuck in a meeting and got late. I am managing the Secretariat of Internet Governance and I am a national coordinator for national IGF. Thanks to all of you guys for having this session, pretty good session. We had -- as Vargas we had two additions of Internet Governance. And we are now going for our national IGF. What our focus, not only on local capacity building and awareness we are also working on cross-border in the neighboring countries. We had five participants from Afghanistan and this year we are having 5 to 10 participants. I am endorsing. The question is by Vargas. I would like also like to know, I mean a Forum, for the coordination purpose only that can actually help us facilitate in this regard. Thank you.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Okay. Thanks. Yes. And there was someone else behind you also. But go ahead. Go ahead. Here. She raised her hand earlier. Oh, I see. I'm so sorry. That's okay. I call her next.

>> Good afternoon, everyone. And I am the coordinator of IGF China. And we are now the first year to join NRI community. And also we want to devote our -- from China community. China has a very big population to connect to the Internet. We are around 700 million people. And this is a huge community and huge market. So we want to also devote our energy in Internet community, even though we are late comer to the NRI.

So what we want to do is in the next year we will have our first IGF China. And we will start our proposal process very soon. So you are all welcome to propose. And we will have our IGF China in next year. And also for the initiatives of enabling the next billion, I think currently we are in China. We are also having initiative of one built road initiative. And this is -- I think it is quite a match of this enabling next billion because we not just connect the infrastructure part, but also we want to enable the connecting people around this area. And also I don't know what's the output of the -- of this project. But from our aspect or from my personal aspect, I think

we also could have something just not to report or just to the outputs of those kind of very best kind of format. But also we can do something that to collaborate to do something, like to enabling people to do the access from facilities to -- from our technologies. So I also think that IGF is not just governance, not just the mechanism. This is very, very important. But also from my own background and from the tech background or block chain which we will see to the next generation of Internet. So I think the technology is also quite important. We want to bring in this aspect to collaborate with the international community, to devote really something we can do together to improve the process. Thank you.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Okay. Thank you. Yeah. First and then one more after you.

>> Hello. My name is Deanna and I'm from IGF Indonesia. Just adding what was said about updating. And I think it is connected to this project, policy option for connecting. And to the goal No. 4, answering inclusive and quality education for all and promote life learning, lifelong learning. We are going to socialize to the University, largest in Jakarta about IGF itself because I think same as China, we have a lot of people using Internet.

And we also are going to -- what did you call it? We produce the book about children online protection. And yeah, I think that's all. Thank you.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Okay. Last comment for this round. For this round. We will -- and I would like to ask like maybe the panel to also respond to some of the questions, issues that have come up.

>> This mic is small for me. Mr. Chengetai would struggle as tall people. I am truly honored to be here. I would like to thank the Apr Secretariat to be cooperating with me. Since I have applied they have done a tremendous job in responding to e-mails, invitations, like -- so my name is Seb. I'm from Afghanistan. I am based in Malaysia doing my Ph.D. I like the question that was raised by -- like he said about the representation. I think when we look at the presentation we needed to have more people from the Least Developed Countries because these are the countries that are really suffering. Digital literacy is really low. People have access to Internet but the digital literacy is disastrous. It would have been great if we had greater representation from these countries. It would have been more fairer. Because what I have learned as a learner I would go back and contribute to my country I mean. And my goal is to go back to Afghanistan. My brothers are all overseas and they are working for the nation building. So it would have been far more greater if we had better representation of the Least Developed Countries because in one of the sessions I mentioned. The needs, when we talk about capacity building, the needs of developed countries, they are different. New Zealand is different than the country of Afghanistan. It would have been greater than if we had categorized and we put extra

emphasis on capacity building for the Least Developed Countries. Thank you very much.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Thank you. I will ask everyone to say -- respond. But just to note some of the issues that have come up, like one is around language. Second is around funding. And I think this relates to also the representation where we -- how we prioritize. Capacity building was also raised as a challenge and something we need to pay attention to to support the NRIs. There was also platform, how do we have a platform for sharing among the national IGFs. Lessons, et cetera. Maybe not only through this Forum but more outside of this. And yeah, and then the number of countries we have. I think Jenny has a response to this.

>> JENNIFER CHUNG: This is Jennifer Chung from the APrIGF Secretariat. To the question that Winston asked and the fellow that asked about the representation here, I am happy to note that we have representation from 46 economies in the region. If you think about it the UN has for the Asia-Pacific 53 Member States for APNIC and they cover a region that compromises 56 economies. It is a pretty fair representation. There are a few participants that do come from economies that are outside of the AP region. I do note there is a great map that maybe you have seen when you are going in to the social where it asks where you come from. And there is little pins and there was a few pins coming from maybe the LAC region and also the U.S. But the main part of it, I'm really happy to note that we do have 46 economies represented. Thanks.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Anyone else?

>> RAJNESH SINGH: So just on this thing of representation, those who have been to previous IGFs it moves around the region. Wherever we have such an event, there is always, I don't want to use complications but that's what comes to mind right now. And the top most is the visa. And then there is the cost to get there. Let's not forget this region is a half of the world. It is big. And time, distance, money, it costs. So I think every year you see the Secretariat and members of the MSG trying to ensure there is greater participation. I think this year it has been great. And Bangkok is a simple visa regime compared to other countries in the region. This is sort of a hub in this part of Asia. There is large South Asian population at this meeting and there is a reason for that. Visa process is easier. When we move to Vanuatu we hope our Pacific colleagues go. It is not a bad thing. It is a big region. Sometimes we miss certain contacts in the discussions. I agree with that. And these where I think the local or national IGFs can play a great role. As long as we have that platform that someone mentioned that we can bring it back in to the regional IGF and to the global IGF. I think we are starting to win the game in that manner.

There was a mention, Winston talked about ISOC in the various countries. So whichever ISOCs are connected to us we do make sure

the information goes out. Ultimately comes down to money, time and can they afford to come to an event. A lot of people in this room, people who attend these events this is not their day job. They have to take time off work. We need to take all that in to account as well. But what I can say for sure having been involved in this space for perhaps too long now, but every year I see greater progress, greater interest, greater interaction and then hope we can keep encouraging that.

>> I would like to comment on the platform that Izumi was mentioning. At global IGF we have Anya who is coordinating all national and regional IGFs and build the NRI toolkit which is very useful. And we translate and we are using that as well during our development. I was thinking at this point in Asia-Pacific there are several national IGFs listed. APrIGF, if you can build that platform for us. I don't want to put on Jennifer's shoulders but that can be something we can think about to build another platform for collaborations or coordinations.

What I think is necessary is the sustainability. We all know that the national IGF is a voluntary basis. Also deals with commitment which is not easy to maintain in a country, in a different set of countries. I know that Asia-Pacific is very diverse and very rich. And that's an issue that we have to discuss openly about the sustainability. Potential of backlash and backfire of national IGF. Thank you.

>> I will just answer the questions randomly as I have written them down. There was a question about meeting spaces. For the global IGF, if anybody or any group of people want to meet, they can just contact us. Send an e-mail to Elanora and we can give them a room to meet. This year we are at the Palais and we have the whole building. So we have about 28 rooms. So yes, if you need a place to meet and discuss, you know, issues, it doesn't have to be a public meeting, but you like to discuss issues amongst yourselves we can give you that room if you can make it to the IGF.

On funding, yes, funding is a perennial problem. We try to get as much funding as we want and also to encourage participation from emerging economies and also from Developing Countries. I mean that is what our priority is. There are people like the IGF support association as well which gives small grants. But, of course, this is not enough. And we are trying to contact companies, Governments as well to give us funding for this.

As far as representation is concerned, yes, it is very difficult, especially very expensive which is connected to the funding for people to fly to places to meet. We at the IGF Secretariat are trying to get innovative ways to use remote participation. We have a remote participation Working Group as well. And we are trying all sorts of methods to make it easy for people to log on in and participate in meetings.

If anybody here, if the national or regional IGF wants to use our remote participation platform, the WebEx platform, just contact Anya. She can give you a virtual room or set it up for you. This is our effort to encourage people to communicate.

Sharing of best practices as well and good practices, Anya is working on some place on our website that we can have all the best practices for national and regional initiatives. One size doesn't fit all but experiences, people who are starting national and regional initiatives can come there and slightly modify what they find there to suit their situation. Yes. That's it. Thank you.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Anybody else? Okay. Are there other comments? We only have five minutes.

>> One more. Sorry one more. For capacity building, we are also trying to encourage for the European region and for the Latin American and Caribbean region they have the summer schools. You had one day zero but we want to encourage more. It can be multiple summer schools. And at the Secretariat we will also help if you want to encourage some people to come from, you know, from around the world. It doesn't have to be only from this region but we can get experts to come and do some training or do some capacity building at the summer schools. And also encourage people to give small grants to support these summer schools.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: We do have an Asia-Pacific school of Internet Governance that is five days. That happened before us as well. We have three more. Maybe the last comments then and then we close. Make it short, please.

>> I will be brief. I want to touch on your suggestion by Shita. It seems like she was reading my mind. I really wanted to make a specific suggestion to create a mailing list among the national/regional IGFs in our region. And then we can start from there. We don't necessarily have to have regular calls and just information exchanges on an e-mail basis. May be helpful enough, especially in preparation for this year. I try to coordinate with other NRIs on organizing a joint NRI session. So I think we can exchange each other on ideas and how we prepare and providing input in addition to exchanging ideas about the regular operational things. I want to also like briefly mention about Japan IGF. That we set up a new revised website. And so I'll share that to the MSG link. And I think there are like myself and others from Japan IGF, can you raise your hands here? So we will be here until the end of the meeting. So if you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out to us and happy to share information.

>> Hi. I am from South Korea. So like I also want to add on to the previous discussions about like making Anya for coordination and collaboration among the NRIs. So what about like making some kind of like NRI kit? So like participants or hosts of all NRIs can contribute to the Wiki pages so they can notify what's going on among

those specific regions about like Internet Governance. That's my suggestion here. So yeah. So we are also like holding Korean IGF this year as well. And we are also like thinking of like hosting -- inviting some professions, professionals who are working in their NRIs so they can contribute or so that they can share what's going on inside their NRIs for the Korean Internet Governance. But what I also found out like Korean IGF website is not actually listed in the official IGF websites, although it has been run since 2012. Yep. That's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

     >> I will be very short. Chengetai, can you tell us why choosing stage -- December. It is so close to Christmas. And you know the people know that Geneva December, first of all, is very cold. Second of all, when you want to get out it is very difficult to. Yeah, I know. So it is very expensive. Usually you go to Geneva the hotel is about $200, but when the meeting happen it jump to $500. Can you explain how that happen?

   (Laughter).

     >> CHENGETAI MASANGO: What's more important, the discussion or the place? No, I understand.

     >> One minute.

     >> CHENGETAI MASANGO: The thing is those were the dates that we could get for the Palais and the Palais runs a lot of conferences. Those were the dates. And when you are finding accommodations, don't focus on Geneva. The transport system in Switzerland is very, very good. If you get a hotel in France, it will still take you 20 minutes to get in to Geneva. You can go to the surrounding towns as well. And then for winter, I do realize winter may be problematic for some people. But we do travel around the world. And in some places we go to places where, you know, it can hit 40 degrees. So, you know, it is a balance.

     >> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Thank you. So we really have run out of time. Just a quick response from Jenny.

     >> JENNIFER CHUNG: This is Jennifer again from the Secretariat. So thank you so much for all the really great input from everyone. We are going to take the mailing list idea and Wiki idea and see if we can set this up for the AP region. Greater coordination, greater communication and collaboration. That's really great. Because it is the -- the time is really running short. So I will pass it back to our moderators.

     >> APC is collaborating with the IGF Secretariat in a publication, two publications, in fact, on NRIs this year. That's our global information society watch. So if you want to write something about your process, please if you are interested, come to me and let me know. And we can -- that could be in a publication and that will be launched in December.

   I have a tip for your trip accommodations in Geneva, 35 Euros a night. The Community of Geneva has a service to people attending UN

conferences. You have to apply a month before. But if you are interested again come to me. We have used it and it works. They give you a hotel accommodation for 35 Euros a night, depending on what country you come from. That's a good tip to afford the accommodation. And lastly if anything from --

>> So we have zero minutes. I will cut it to zero comments again. Thank you very much for attending. It has been great to share your experiences and thanks to all the panelists. Please stay engaged. We have a few follow-up items from the MSG perspective and see you next year in Vanuatu.

>> Don't forget to go to the census town hall. Do send e-mails to the NRI focal point who was really kind to join online, Anya. I am sure that everyone knows. You can e-mail her at agngo@unog.ch. She has been in contact with all of us. And happy to answer any questions. And we cannot thank her enough. Thank you so much everyone.

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