Conference Report

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Overview

Initially a hybrid event to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, the 16th Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) transitioned to a fully virtual format as of 16 September 2025, following a series of unfortunate events that took place in Nepal after the government's ban on social media platforms in early September 2025.

The APrIGF 2025 was held online via Zoom, organised and executed by APrIGF Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG) and APrIGF Secretariat, with Day 0 taking place on 11 October 2025 and concluding on Day 3, 14 October 2025.

The overarching theme this year was "***The Future of Multistakeholder Digital Governance in Asia Pacific",*** which highlighted 5 thematic tracks; Security & Trust, Resilience, Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Sustainability, and Access & Inclusion,

Date of event: 11-14 October 2025
Venue: Virtual Conference, Online
Total number of online attendees: 1,701
Number of sessions:
- 25 Sessions
- 3 Plenaries (Opening Plenary, Closing Plenary, and WSIS+20 High Level Session)
- 2 Town Halls

Sponsors:

About APrIGF

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) serves as a platform for discussion, exchange and collaboration at a regional level, and also where possible to aggregate national IGF discussions, ultimately advancing Internet governance development in the Asia Pacific region.

In 2010, while the global IGF is already in its fifth and final year of its initial charter, and Regional IGFs have been established in many other regions, including Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, to date, Asia has seen no parallel forum for discussing Internet governance issues at a regional level. For the first time, the APrIGF is therefore being convened with objectives to raise awareness and encourage participation from relevant stakeholders around the region on Internet governance issues, as well as to foster multi-lateral, multi-stakeholder discussion about issues pertinent to the Internet in Asia.

The multi-stakeholder approach is a core principle of the APrIGF with the emphasis on the diversity of participants and openness of the discussion. Valuing the youth as an important stakeholder and the future generations of the Internet, a Youth IGF also becomes an integral part of the APrIGF whereby they are held in parallel annually featuring a simulation of the multi-stakeholder discussion model among the young people on various Internet governance issues.

The APrIGF places significant emphasis on the diversity of participants and openness of discussions through its multi-stakeholder approach. The APrIGF is led by the Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG), composed of members from diverse stakeholders across the regional Internet community, who are responsible for deciding on the overall direction, theme and program content for the annual forum.

About APrIGF 2025

Theme & Tracks

The multistakeholder model of Internet governance is under pressure globally, challenged by geopolitical fragmentation and corporate dominance, among other issues. In the Asia Pacific, these global shifts intersect with a complex regional landscape marked by vast socio-economic inequalities, uneven connectivity, and diverse political systems. To address these challenges, there is a pressing need to reimagine multistakeholder digital governance in the Asia Pacific through models that are not only inclusive but also responsive to the region's diversity and lived realities.

Future governance frameworks must prioritise equitable participation, particularly from underrepresented voices and smaller states, and uphold human rights, transparency, and accountability. With growing geopolitical competition influencing digital policy directions, a regionally grounded, collaborative approach is essential – one that treats diversity as a foundation for resilience and ensures no one is left behind in shaping the digital future.

This year's APrIGF took the overarching theme of "***The Future of Multistakeholder Digital Governance in Asia Pacific".*** In exploring this theme, five critical sub-themes were identified; Security & Trust, Resilience, Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Sustainability, and Access & Inclusion.

Security & Trust

Resilience
Sensitive Data
Data Integrity Encryption
Digital Sovereignty
Network Security
Protecting User Rights
Cyber Threats Data Breach
Privacy
Trust
Data Protection Cybersecurity
User Safety
Secure Digital Identity
Surveillance

Resilience

Stability
Resilience
Redundancy
Crisis Response Coordination
Robustness
Infrastructure Vulnerability
Digital Sovereignty

Sustainability

E-waste
Recycle
Connectivity
Affordability
Renewable Energy
Energy Efficiency
Sustainable Computing
Tech Conservation
Reuse Green Tech

Innovation & Emerging Technologies

Blockchain
Regulations
Interoperability
Space Technology
Internet of Things
Rights-respecting
Quantum Sustainable
Ethics
Artificial Intelligence
Permissionless

Access & Inclusion

Inclusion
Accessibility Gender
Affordability
Community Network
Age Last-mile Challenges
Meaningful Connectivity
Digital Public Infrastructure
Multilingual Internet
Access Digital Divide

Preparatory Process

For more detailed information on the roles and responsibilities of each committee, including list of members, please visit: https://aprigf.asia/committees/

Pre-event Meetings
- Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG): 13 Meetings
- Event Committee: 11 Meetings
- Program Committee: 23 Meetings
- Fellowship Committee: 12 Meetings
- Joint Committees: 5 Meetings
- Drafting Committee: 8 Meetings
- Complaint Handling Committee: 0 Meetings

Virtual Event Environment

As APrIGF 2025 was conducted in a fully virtual environment, the following were made available to facilitate the virtual conference:

1. Virtual Participation Guide
2. Zoom Webinar & Zoom Meeting
3. Live Streaming
4. Live Captioning
5. Sign Language Interpretation
6. Countdown Timer
7. In-session support team
8. FAQ on Social Media

Virtual Participation Guide
- Virtual Participation Guide was developed by APrIGF Secretariat and circulated to all registered participants:
  https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gl2SqfwF0JS32w0bok_mdjAvqQNZWKgY/view
- The guide contained comprehensive information that would be useful for APrIGF 2025 virtual participants such as contact for technical support, zoom links to all sessions, and details of program agenda

Zoom Webinar & Zoom Meeting
- Webinar mode with up to 1000 participants capacity was used for Opening and Closing plenaries, while Meeting mode was used for all other sessions
- Zoom Meeting was upgraded to fit up to 500 participants

Live Streaming
- With the technical support of Joly MacFie, we were able to live stream the entire conference on YouTube, with speakers' name and title clearly shown for livestream viewers. Comments and questions on these platforms would also be posted to the Zoom room instantly for better audience engagement.
- Compilation of APrIGF 2025 Playlist on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0BWwBA9kNFfIzcCFN7bfK5so8rBZuqhj

Live Captioning
- AI vs human captioning study was done earlier in the year and presented to the MSG during the MSG meeting in June. Upon comparison, real time human captioning is preferred, which has greater accuracy in terms of speakers' names, and nuances associated with the Internet governance.
- Real time captioning in English was provided as a closed caption in the Zoom room and also as streamtext where you can view in a separate browser. Transcripts were uploaded to our website after the conference: https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/

Sign Language Interpretation
- International sign language interpretation was provided for Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Plenaries, and two (2) sessions on disability and inclusion which requested for sign language interpretation service. It was a great success and would continue to be considered for future conferences.

Countdown Timer
- For a seamless time management throughout the virtual sessions, a countdown clock was displayed on screen to remind moderator and speakers.
- All speakers and moderators were briefed at least 5 minutes before the beginning of the session and made aware of the existence of the countdown timer. Audible notifications were made at the end of session.

In-session support team
- A dedicated team staffed by the APrIGF Secretariat and DotAsia Organisation was placed in each parallel Zoom room to ensure smooth running of sessions. Duties include:
  - Zoom setup
  - Audio & video checks
  - Briefing of all speakers and moderators
  - Handling presentations
  - Assistance for breakout groups during sessions
  - Recording in the main room and breakout rooms
  - Watching out for disruptions and taking action upon zoombombing, if any
  - Facilitate discussions in chat pod

FAQ on Social Media
- ● Quick FAQ was developed on our social media messenger (Instagram and Facebook) and allowed people to get prompt answers on commonly asked questions to help them participate in the conference seamlessly.
- ● FAQ includes:
  - ○ Where is the location for APrIGF 2025?
  - ○ I have registered. Where can I get the meeting links?
  - ○ I did not register for APrIGF 2025. How do I participate in the conference?
  - ○ Where can I find the program schedule?

With all these efforts to establish a favourable virtual environment, the feedback received was heavily positive, with a few improvements noted for future virtual and hybrid conferences.
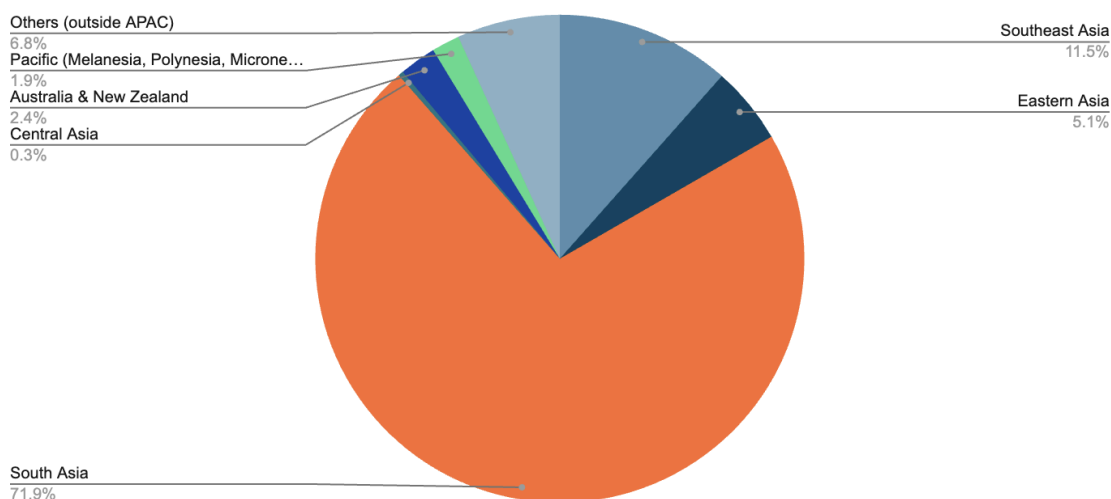
Participation Statistics

1. Registered Participants
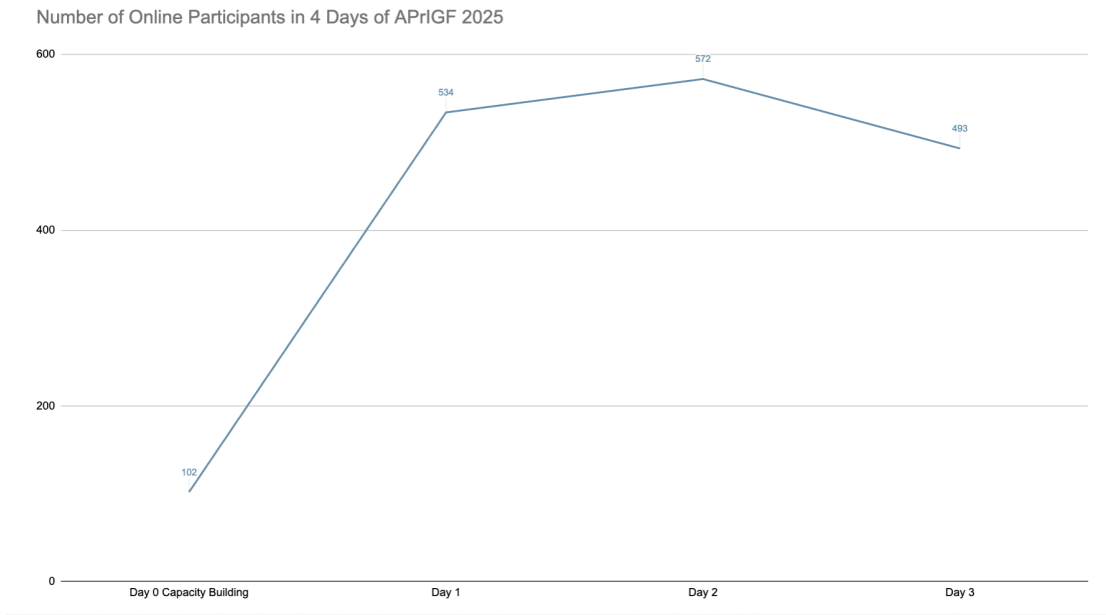
Total number of registered participants: 1,188
Geographical diversity of registered participants: 66 economies

Geographical Diversity by Region

Others (outside APAC)
6.8%
Pacific (Melanesia, Polynesia, Microne…
1.9%
Australia & New Zealand
2.4%
Central Asia
0.3%

Southeast Asia
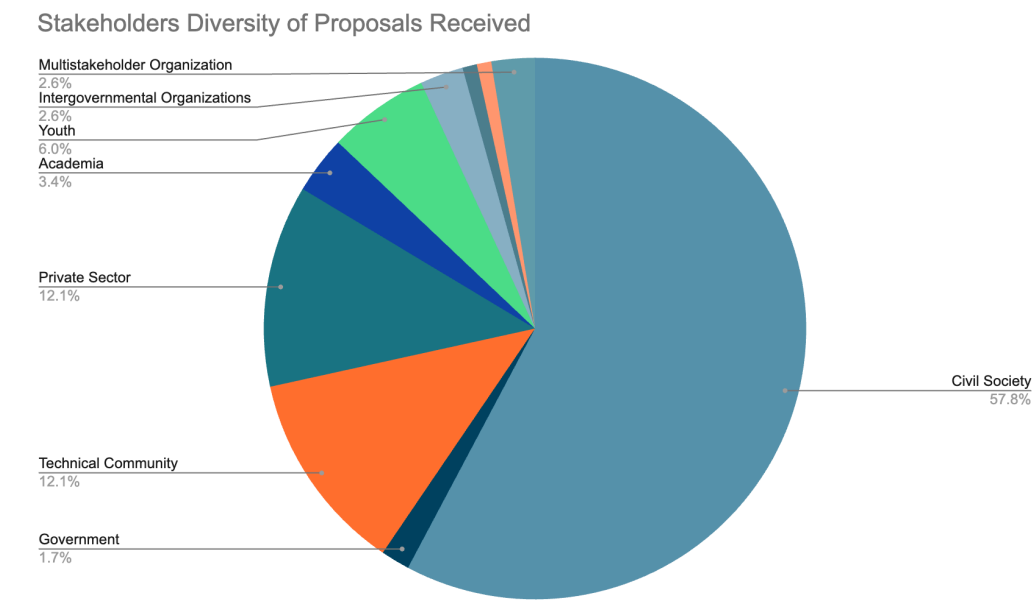11.5%

Eastern Asia
5.1%

South Asia
71.9%

2. Online Attendance

Total number of online attendees (across 4 days of APrIGF 2025): 1,701 attendees
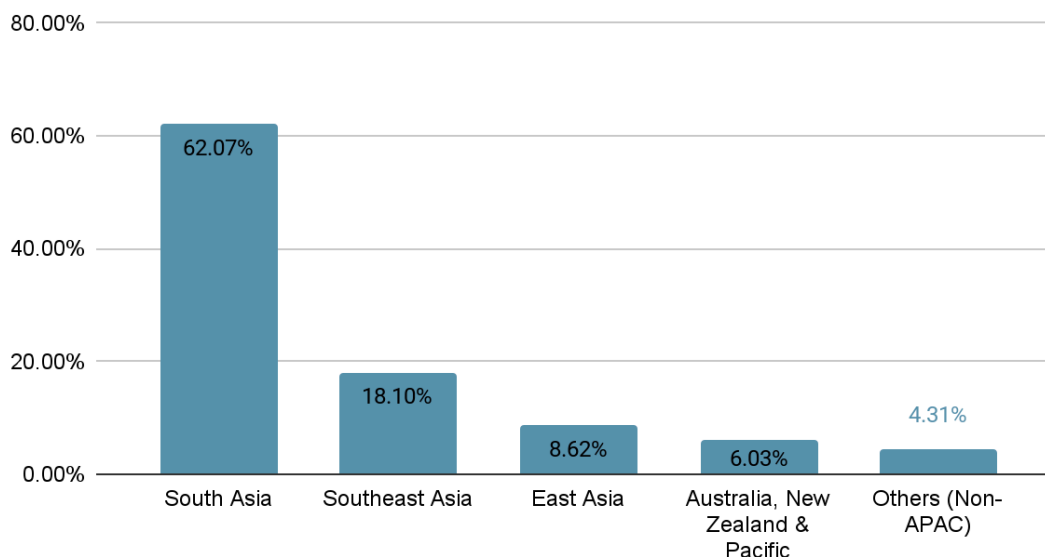Average number of attendees in one session: 53 participants

Number of Online Participants in 4 Days of APrIGF 2025

	Day 0 Capacity Building	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Participants	102	534	572	493

3. Session Proposals

Number of session proposals received: 116 proposals

Stakeholders Diversity of Proposals Received

Stakeholder	Percentage
Civil Society	57.8%
Private Sector	12.1%
Technical Community	12.1%
Youth	6.0%
Academia	3.4%
Multistakeholder Organization	2.6%
Intergovernmental Organizations	2.6%
Government	1.7%

Geographical Diversity of Proposals Received

Number of proposals selected: 25 proposals
Number of speakers for all 25 selected sessions: 94 speakers
Number of speakers throughout APrIGF 2025: 141 speakers

Session Types	Thematic tracks	Stakeholder Groups	Economies
Panel Discussion: 7 Workshop: 7 Showcase: 3 Roundtable: 3 Lightning Talk: 3 Pitch: 1 Fireside Chat: 1	**Primary** Access & Inclusion: 8 Security & Trust: 5 Innovation & Emerging Technologies: 7 Resilience: 4 Sustainability: 1 **Secondary** Access & Inclusion: 5 Security & Trust: 5 Innovation & Emerging Technologies: 4 Resilience: 1 Sustainability: 2	Civil Society: 14 Technical Community: 2 Private Sector: 2 Academia: 2 Youth: 2 Government: 1 Intergovernmental Org: 1 Organisation of Person with Disabilities: 1	India: 9 Nepal: 6 Pakistan: 3 Thailand: 2 Vietnam: 1 Australia: 1 Malaysia: 1 Singapore: 1 Bangladesh: 1

Session Title	Organisation	Stakeholder Group	Thematic Tracks	Economy
Internet Governance at a Crossroads: Asia-Pacific Priorities for WSIS+20 and Beyond	Internet Society	Technical Community	Access & Inclusion, Sustainability	Singapore
Nothing About Us Without Us: Advancing Inclusive Digital Governance for Persons with Disabilities in Asia-Pacific	Disability Empowerment Society Nepal	Organization of Persons with Disabilities	Access & Inclusion	Nepal
"Which Animal Are You?" Take a Quiz, Learn More	Body & Data, Nepal	Civil Society	Security & Trust, Innovation & Emerging Technologies	Nepal
AI4Justice: Bridging the Access Gap or Deepening the Digital Divide in the Asia-Pacific?	AI for Justice Initiatives	Technical Community	Access & Inclusion, Innovation & Emerging Technologies	Nepal
Prioritising Digital Gender Inclusion in Asia: From Token Mentions to Transformative Action	Global Digital Inclusion Partnership (GDIP)	Civil Society	Access & Inclusion, Security & Trust	Pakistan
Disasters, Data, and Digital Rights	South Asian University	Academia	Resilience, Sustainability	India
AI as Public Good: Analysing the interplay of Private Investments, Public Infrastructure and Public Accountability	Individual	Civil Society	Access & Inclusion, Security & Trust	India
Not Just Participants: Youth as Co-Governors of the Internet	NetMission Asia	Youth	Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Access & Inclusion	Pakistan
Regulating AI Beyond the Hype: Evidence, Equity, and Policy Priorities for the Asia-Pacific	CCAOI	Civil Society	Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Security & Trust	India
From Oversight to Overlooked: Ethics in AI	Pakistan Telecom	Government	Innovation & Emerging	Pakistan

Governance	Authority		Technologies, Security & Trust	
Bridging the Digital Divide: Youth Access to Knowledge, Policy, and Power	Basic Income Earth Network, Eötvös Loránd University	Youth	Access & Inclusion	Vietnam
Multistakeholderism and meaningful participation in DPI Governance: What should it actually look like?	Tech Global Institute	Civil Society	Security & Trust	India
Building Rights-Centric Digital Infrastructure: A Collaborative Workshop on the Data-Centric Digital Rights (DCDR) Framework	The IO Foundation	Civil Society	Security & Trust, Resilience	Thailand
Empowering Data for All: Unlocking Trust and Transparency using Open Data Editor	Open Knowledge Nepal	Civil Society	Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Access & Inclusion	Nepal
Smart, Safe, Strong: Youth Innovations for Online Child Protection	ECPAT international	Civil Society	Security & Trust, Access & Inclusion	Thailand
Inclusive Digital Policies in Asia-Pacific	UNESCO	Intergovernmental Organizations	Innovation & Emerging Technologies, Access & Inclusion	Nepal
Beyond Connection: Fostering Digital Literacy and Accessibility for All Ages and Abilities	Women's Group for Disability Rights	Civil Society	Access & Inclusion	Nepal
Digital Dilemmas in Just Transitions: Lessons from India's Coal Heartland	Digital Empowerment Foundation	Civil Society	Sustainability	India
Powering Sustainable Connectivity: curvelQ's Low-Cost Solution for Remote Telecom Sites	Distant Curve	Private Sector	Innovation & Emerging Technologies	Australia

Experience of Co-designing Digital Justice and Inclusion Initiatives with Communities in Bangladesh	Oxfam in Bangladesh	Civil Society	Resilience, Access & Inclusion	Bangladesh
A Garden of Connectivity: Visualizing the Internet Connectivity Landscape	University of Technology Sarawak	Academia	Access & Inclusion, Innovation & Emerging Technologies	Malaysia
Social AI, Youth and Digital Vulnerability: A call for multi-stakeholder action in the APAC	The Pranava Institute, India	Civil Society	Innovation & Emerging Technologies	India
Rethinking Universal Service Funds in South Asia: Challenges, Impact, and the Road Ahead	ComFirst Pvt Ltd	Private Sector	Resilience, Access & Inclusion	India
The Growing Threat of Personal Liability in Platform Regulation: A Necessary Measure or Overreach?	SFLC.in	Civil Society	Resilience, Security & Trust	India
Local Bots, Global Norms: Discussing content moderation and chatbots in the APAC region	Centre for Communication Governance	Civil Society	Security & Trust, Innovation & Emerging Technologies	India

4. Fellowship Program

Total application received: 379 applications (Male: 239 / Female: 136 / Others: 4)
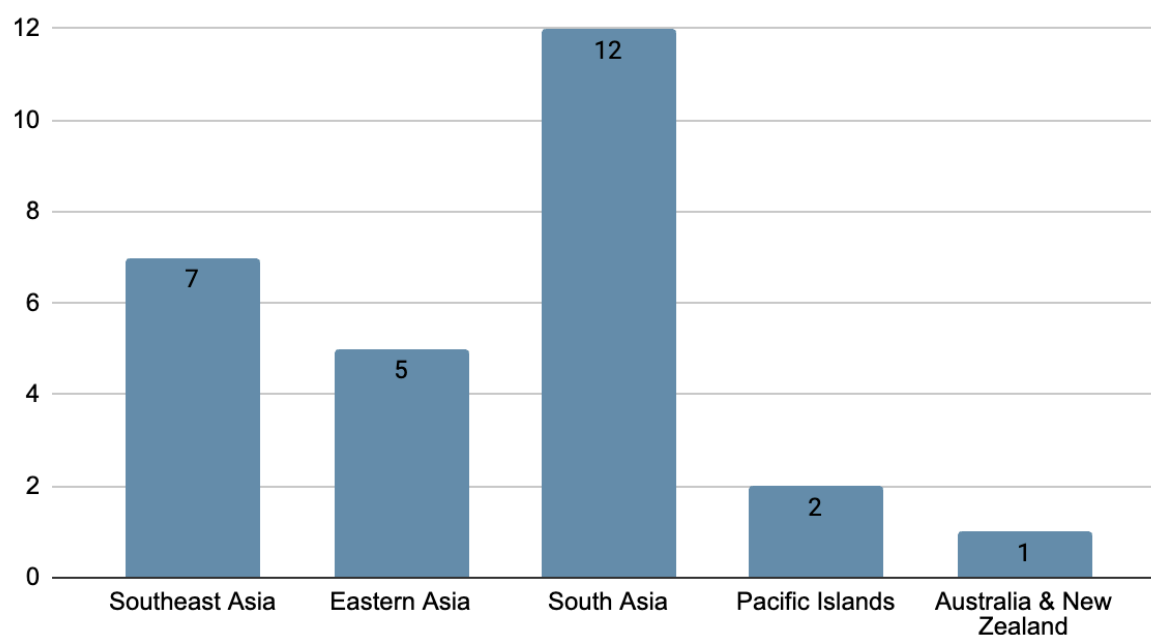Initial round of selected fellows: 30 (Male: 15 / Female: 15)
Final selected fellows: 27* (Male: 14 / Female: 13)
- 23 International fellows
- 4 Local fellows

*only 26 Fellows completed the APrIGF 2025 Fellowship Program

Geographical Diversity of Selected Fellows

List of APrIGF 2025 Selected International Fellows:				
No.	Name	Gender	Economy	Stakeholder
1	Al Mahmud	M	Bangladesh (BD)	Technical
2	Ana McAllister	F	New Zealand (NZ)	Technical
3	Andriani Kesa Alivia	F	Indonesia (ID)	Civil Society
4	Aristheo Lacuna	M	Philippines (PH)	Academia
5	Ashutosh Akhilesh Maharaj	M	Fiji (FJ)	Academia
6	Fiafaitupe Tuiloma- Lafaele	F	Samoa (WS)	Academia

No.	Name	Gender	Economy	Stakeholder
7	FuJen Hsueh	M	Taiwan (TW)	Inter Governmental Organisation
8	Gerelsuren Bayarsaikhan	F	Mongolia (MN)	Civil Society
9	Jenie Fernando	F	Sri Lanka (LK)	Academia
10	Kaung Khant Ko	M	Myanmar (MM)	Academia
11	Khun Sint Phoo Wai	F	Myanmar (MM)	Students
12	Manoj Adhikari	M	Bhutan (BT)	Technical
13	Maria Luisa Calanag	F	Japan (JP)	Academia
14	**Nguyen Thi Ngoc Huyen	F	Vietnam (VN)	Civil Society
15	Rafi Uddin	M	Pakistan (PK)	Civil Society
16	Rishabh Singh	M	India (IN)	Students
17	Sasan Darwazi	M	Afghanistan (AF)	Academia
18	Shan Yin	M	China (CN)	Academia
19	Soulisack Phommasand	M	Laos (LA)	Government
20	Tahmina Akter Supti	F	Bangladesh (BD)	Private Sector
21	Trung Minh Trung	M	Vietnam (VN)	Students
22	Tshering Yangdon	F	Bhutan (BT)	Private Sector
23	Yuan-Ting Lin	F	Taiwan (TW)	Government

***Returning fellow*

List of APrIGF 2025 Selected Local Fellows:				
No.	Name	Gender	Economy	Stakeholder
1	Swarnim Raj Adhikari	M	Nepal	Students
2	Ananda Niraula	M	Nepal	Government
3	Evasana Pradhan	F	Nepal	Technical
4	Suvasini Shrestha	F	Nepal	Academia

Program Highlights

Parliamentary Track

In collaboration with IGF Secretariat and Nepal parliamentarians, APrIGF 2025 welcomed the 2nd edition of the Regional Parliamentary Track on 11 October 2025. The Parliamentary Track was divided into two (2) sessions, across 2.5 hours. The following is a report received from the IGF Secretariat:

Parliamentary Session 1 - Navigating the Net: An introduction to the Internet Ecosystem.

The first session of the regional Parliamentary Track invited technical community representatives to introduce the Internet ecosystem and raise awareness regarding unintended consequences of regulation on the proper functioning of the Internet. The panel distilled concrete do's for drafting digital policy, which include to keep laws tech-neutral and flexible so they do not age out; to "think global, add local" by aligning national rules with the globally coordinated names-and-numbers system (ICANN/RIRs) to avoid splintering the internet; to consult operators and the technical community early through multistakeholder processes to surface operational realities; to balance privacy with accountability so cybersecurity responders can reach the right network contacts lawfully and quickly; and to bake in open standards—notably IPv6, DNSSEC, and RPKI—to future-proof networks, Internet of Things (IoT), and smart-city ambitions. Finally, the panel was encouraged to build state capacity, equip staff regulators with real expertise and use sandboxes. It was further suggested that legislators can immediately leverage the Asia Pacific community by engaging beyond the parliamentary track, by attending main IGF sessions, APNIC open policy meetings, ICANN/IETF fora, and draw on IGF and APrIGF outcome documents when legislative committees need cross-stakeholder policy advice. Finally, they can invite registries/RIRs and network operators to hearings for briefings, borrow peer models via regional parliamentary networks, and request targeted technical training from DotAsia/APNIC. This ecosystem gives lawmakers rapid access to comparative practice, real-world impact tests, and draftable language that travels well across borders.

Practical guidance for lawmakers

1. **Think global, add local**: align national laws with globally coordinated systems for names/numbers; avoid rules that conflict with RIR/ICANN policies.

2. **Consult early & often**: run **multistakeholder consultations** with operators, CSOs, standards bodies, and RIRs to surface operational realities.

3. **Be tech-neutral & flexible**: write **principles-based** provisions that won't be obsolete as technologies evolve; consider sandboxes.

4. **Balance privacy & security**: enable lawful, timely access to operational data for cybersecurity while protecting personal data.

5. **Promote open standards**: explicitly support **IPv6**, **DNSSEC**, **RPKI**, and other widely recognized best practices.

6. **Build state capacity**: staff regulators with strong networking/cyber expertise and support their participation in IGF/APNIC/IETF fora.

7. **Leverage IGF assets**: use **IGF messages, APRIGF Synthesis Documents**, and Parliamentary Track outputs as reference material for committees.

How can Members of Parliament benefit from the community

- **Network with peers** (e.g., African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance) to exchange models and text.

- Tap **technical training** and briefings from .asia/APNIC and others; invite them to hearings and drafting sessions.

- Participate not only in parliamentary tracks but also **main IGF program sessions** to hear cross-stakeholder perspectives on pending bills.

Parliamentary Session 2 - Governing Digital Platforms in the Asia-Pacific: Strengthening Public Policy through Multistakeholder Insights

The second session of the regional Parliamentary Track on governing digital platforms in the Asia-Pacific urged lawmakers to govern platforms with transparent, rights-based, innovation-friendly rules. Key priorities were discussed to avoid fragmented, reactive laws, to use multistakeholder consultation early (government, digital platforms, civil society, technical experts, youth), to balance safety with freedom of expression and economic growth, and to build state capacity so ministries can coordinate on cross-cutting platform issues. Practical levers include requiring algorithmic accountability and transparency, promoting AI fairness and content-moderation safeguards that do not silence marginalized voices, and calibrating compliance so Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are not crowded out. Legislators were further encouraged to embed inclusion and accessibility by design, treating web/app accessibility as a baseline requirement, while pairing governance with digital literacy to curb mis- and disinformation and support safer participation. Legislators can plug into the community by standing up recurring national forums that bring together all stakeholder groups, with targeted tracks for under-heard groups (women, persons with disabilities, or from rural areas…). This ecosystem gives Members of Parliament comparative practice, operational reality-checks, and draftable language that travels across borders.

Practical guidance for lawmakers

- **Legislate tech-neutral, rights-based rules** for platforms that safeguard freedom of expression while enabling safety, competition, and innovation.

- **Institutionalize multistakeholder input early** (government, digital platforms, civil society, technical experts, youth) and keep it continuous.

- **Require platform accountability**: transparency reporting, notice-and-appeal for users, basic algorithmic transparency and impact assessments (with special attention to AI bias).

- **Bake in inclusion & accessibility by design**: make accessibility standards a baseline for public- and large-platform services; require inclusive UX and language access.

- **Calibrate compliance to size/risk** so SMEs and startups are not crowded out (graduated duties, safe harbors, model templates).

- **Strengthen state capacity & coordination**: equip regulators and staff with networking/AI/content-moderation expertise; set up clear lead ministry and inter-ministerial coordination for cross-cutting issues.

- **Pair governance with digital literacy** programmes to counter mis/disinformation and deepfakes, especially for vulnerable groups.

- **Promote open standards and interoperability** that support a resilient ecosystem and reduce lock-in.

WSIS+20 High Level Session

This session invited and gathered esteemed speakers from various stakeholder groups to discuss the WSIS+20 Review process. Speakers present in this session include:
- H.E Suela Janina, Co-Facilitator, WSIS+20, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations
- H.E Ekitela Lokaale, Co-Facilitator, WSIS+20, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations
- Sally Wentworth, President & CEO, ISOC & ISOC Foundation
- William Lee, Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communications, Australia
- Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT For Change
- Jennifer Chung, Co-Convenor, WSIS+20 Informal Multistakeholder Sounding Board (IMSB)

At this session, speakers shared their respective perspectives on the key focus areas throughout the Review process and what is expected next. The session also focused on what is realistically possible and where the process will lead; region-specific focus and aspects; and a call to action for the Asia Pacific community.

Program Agenda

Transcripts, videos and speakers' slides are publicly available for viewings:
https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/

Day 0 Capacity Building Program - 11 October 2025

04:00 - 06:00 UTC (09:45 - 11:45 Nepal Time)	**Capacity Building Program for Fellows, yIGF participants, and Newcomers** Details: https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/#day0Capacity

Regional Parliamentary Track - 11 October 2025

05:15 - 06:30 UTC (11:00 - 12:15 Nepal Time)	**Opening of the Regional Parliamentary Track & Welcome Remarks** **Parliamentary Session 1 - Navigating the Net: An Introduction to the Internet Ecosystem** Details: https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/340/30057
07:30 - 08:30 UTC (13:15 - 14:15 Nepal Time)	**Parliamentary Session 2 - Governing Digital Platforms in the Asia-Pacific: Strengthening Public Policy through Multistakeholder Insights?** **Closing of the Regional Parliamentary Track** Details: https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/340/30057

Day 1 - 12 October 2025

04:00 - 05:30 UTC (09:45 - 11:15 Nepal Time)	**APrIGF 2025 Opening Ceremony** **Opening Plenary - Platform Governance in Asia Pacific** Details: https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/#openingCeremony
05:45 - 06:45 UTC (11:30 - 12:30 Nepal Time)	**Workshop: AI4Justice: Bridging the Access Gap or Deepening the Digital Divide in the Asia-Pacific?** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2NjhkOTI1Y2Y1OS8vMzkvLzIzNzEvLzA=
	Roundtable: Disasters, Data, and Digital Rights Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2ZlMjU5MWEyYi8vMzkvLzI0MzQvLzA=
07:15 - 08:15 UTC (13:00 - 14:00 Nepal Time)	**Workshop: Multistakeholderism and meaningful participation in DPI Governance: What should it actually look like?** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2ODAxNDQyZDJkOC8vMzkvLzI0MzgvLzA=
07:15 - 07:45 UTC (13:00 - 13:30 Nepal Time)	**Showcase: Rethinking Universal Service Funds in South Asia: Challenges, Impact, and the Road Ahead** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2MmIwNjAzNWYxOC8vMzkvLzIzNTIvLzA=

07:55 - 08:15 UTC (13:40 - 14:00 Nepal Time)	**Lightning Talk: Social AI, Youth and Digital Vulnerability: A call for multi-stakeholder action in the APAC** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2UyNDNhN2RjZi8vMzkvLzI0MjYvLzA=
08:30 - 09:30 UTC (14:15 - 15:15 Nepal Time)	**Workshop: "Which Animal Are You?" Take a Quiz, Learn More** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2U0ZDE2ZGRmOC8vMzkvLzI0MjgvLzA=
	Roundtable: Not Just Participants: Youth as Co-Governors of the Internet Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2ODRjMmZkYzgzYy8vMzkvLzI0NzQvLzA=
09:45 - 11:00 UTC (15:30 - 16:45 Nepal Time)	**WSIS+20 High-Level Main Session and WSIS+20 Town Hall** Details: https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/#wsis20

Day 2 - 13 October 2025

03:15 - 04:15 UTC (09:00 - 10:00)	**Roundtable: Nothing About Us Without Us: Advancing Inclusive Digital Governance for Persons with Disabilities in Asia-Pacific** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2NjM1ZWFjNWMxYy8vMzkvLzIzNjIvLzA=
	Panel Discussion: Regulating AI Beyond the Hype: Evidence, Equity, and Policy Priorities for the Asia-Pacific Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2NzZkOWMwOTM1Ny8vMzkvLzIzODQvLzA=
04:30 - 05:30 UTC (10:15 - 11:15 Nepal Time)	**Panel Discussion: Internet Governance at a Crossroads: Asia-Pacific Priorities for WSIS+20 and Beyond** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2E1ZTNiZDNkYy8vMzkvLzIzOTMvLzA=
04:30 - 05:00 UTC (10:15 - 10:45 Nepal Time)	**Fireside Chat: Local Bots, Global Norms: Discussing content moderation and chatbots in the APAC region** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2M3OWZmMjMyYy8vMzkvLzI0MDkvLzA=
05:10 - 05:30 UTC (10:55 - 11:15 Nepal Time)	**Lightning Talk: Digital Dilemmas in Just Transitions: Lessons from India's Coal Heartland** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2N2RiMGY3MGQ0NC8vMzkvLzI0MjQvLzA=

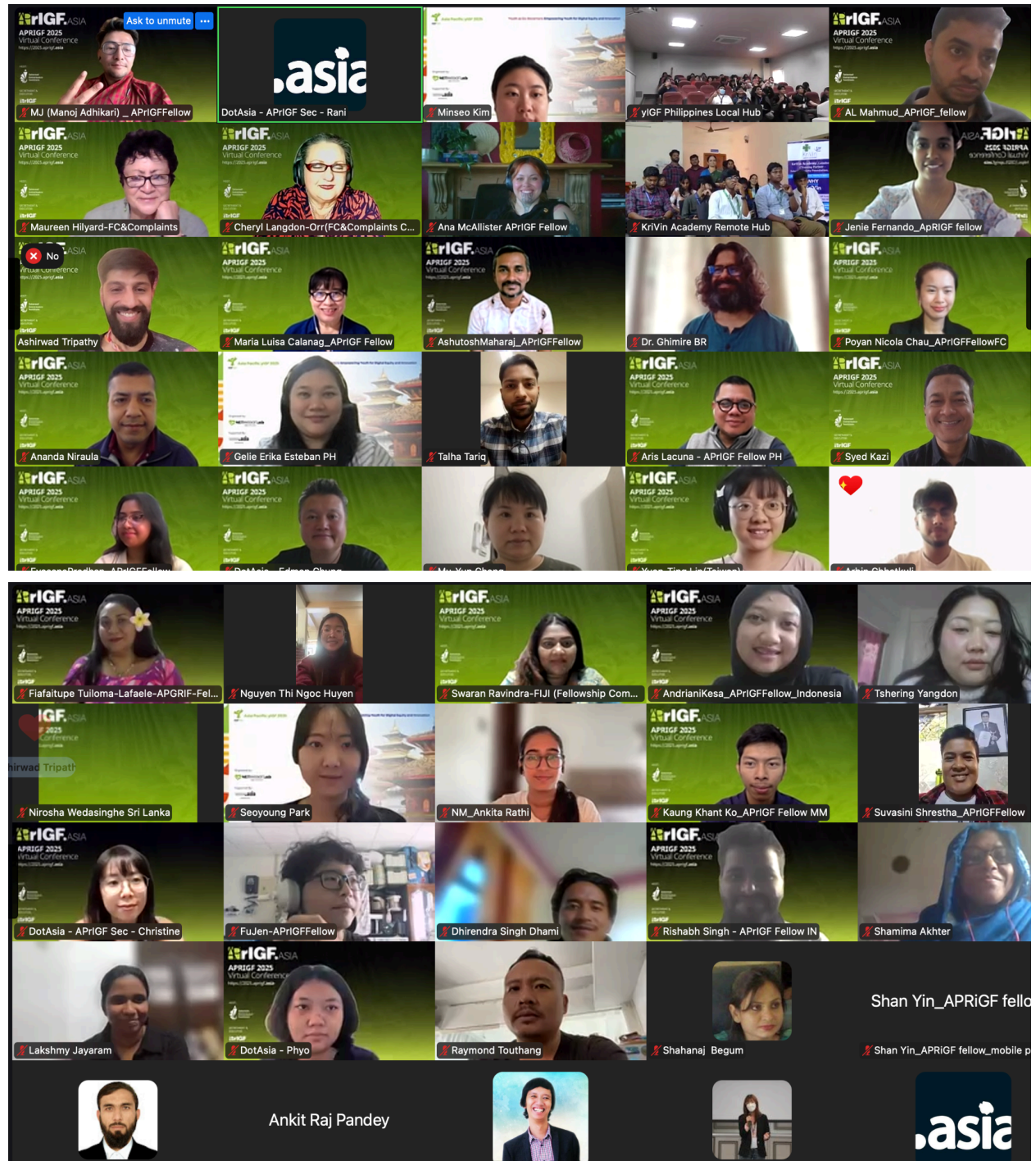|	
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	Panel Discussion: Prioritising Digital Gender Inclusion in Asia: From Token Mentions to Transformative Action Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2NmIzYWY0MjAyNy8vMzkvLzIzNzQvLzA=
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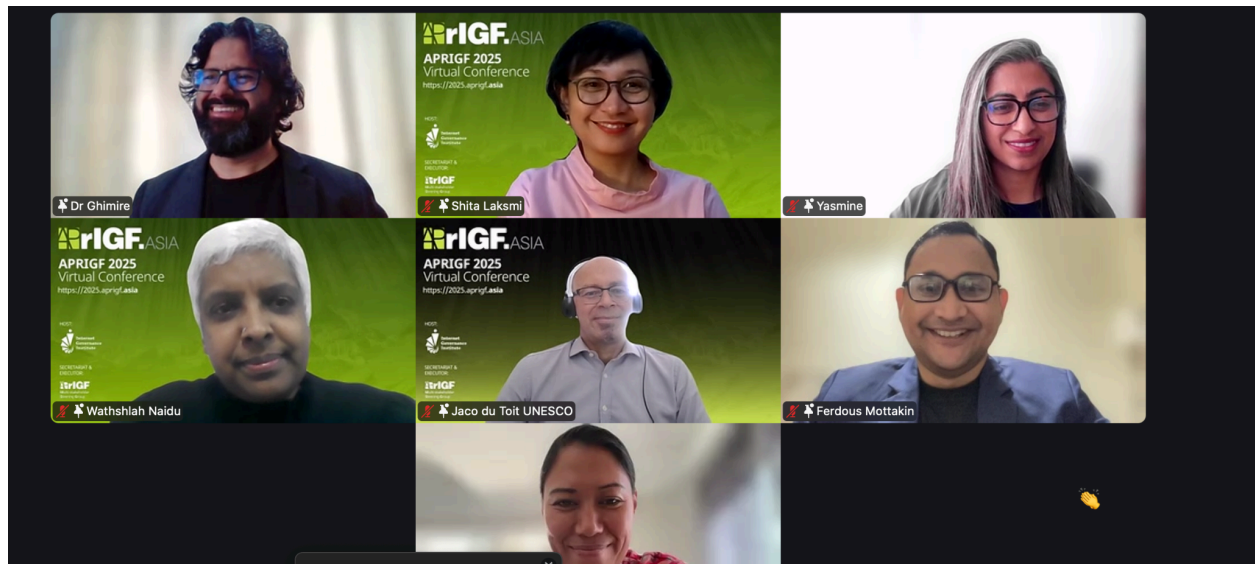|	
02:15 - 03:45UTC (08:00 - 09:30 Nepal Time)	**WSIS+20 Stakeholder Consultation** *This session is organised by the IGF Secretariat. Meeting link is available only to those who have registered for this session through UN DESA website*
04:00 - 05:00 UTC (09:45 - 10:45 Nepal Time)	**Panel Discussion: Beyond Connection: Fostering Digital Literacy and Accessibility for All Ages and Abilities** Details: https://forms.for.asia/proposal/?proposalform=Njg2ODE5MjVjZjlhZS8vMzkvLzl0NDgvLzA=
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09:30 - 11:00 UTC (15:15 - 16:45 Nepal Time)	**APrIGF 2025 Closing Ceremony** **Closing Plenary - Bridging the Digital Divide: Strategies for Inclusive and Sustainable Connectivity in the Asia-Pacific Region** Details: https://ap.rigf.asia/2025-program-schedule/#closingCeremony

Documentation

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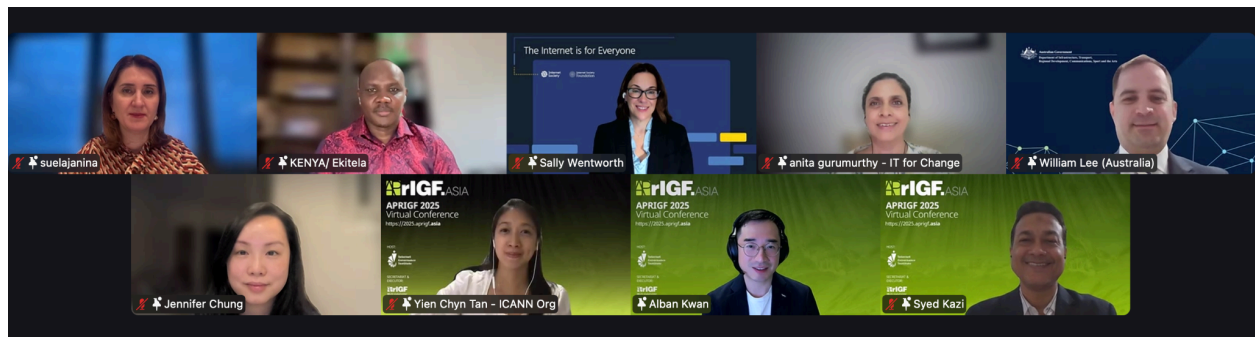
Day 1
Opening Plenary

Top row (from left to right): Bhoj Raj Ghimire (Emcee), Shita Laksmi (Panelist), Yasmine Bhattarai (Moderator)
Middle row (from left to right): Wathshlah Naidu (Panelist), Jaco Du Toit (Panelist), Ferdous Mottakin (Panelist)
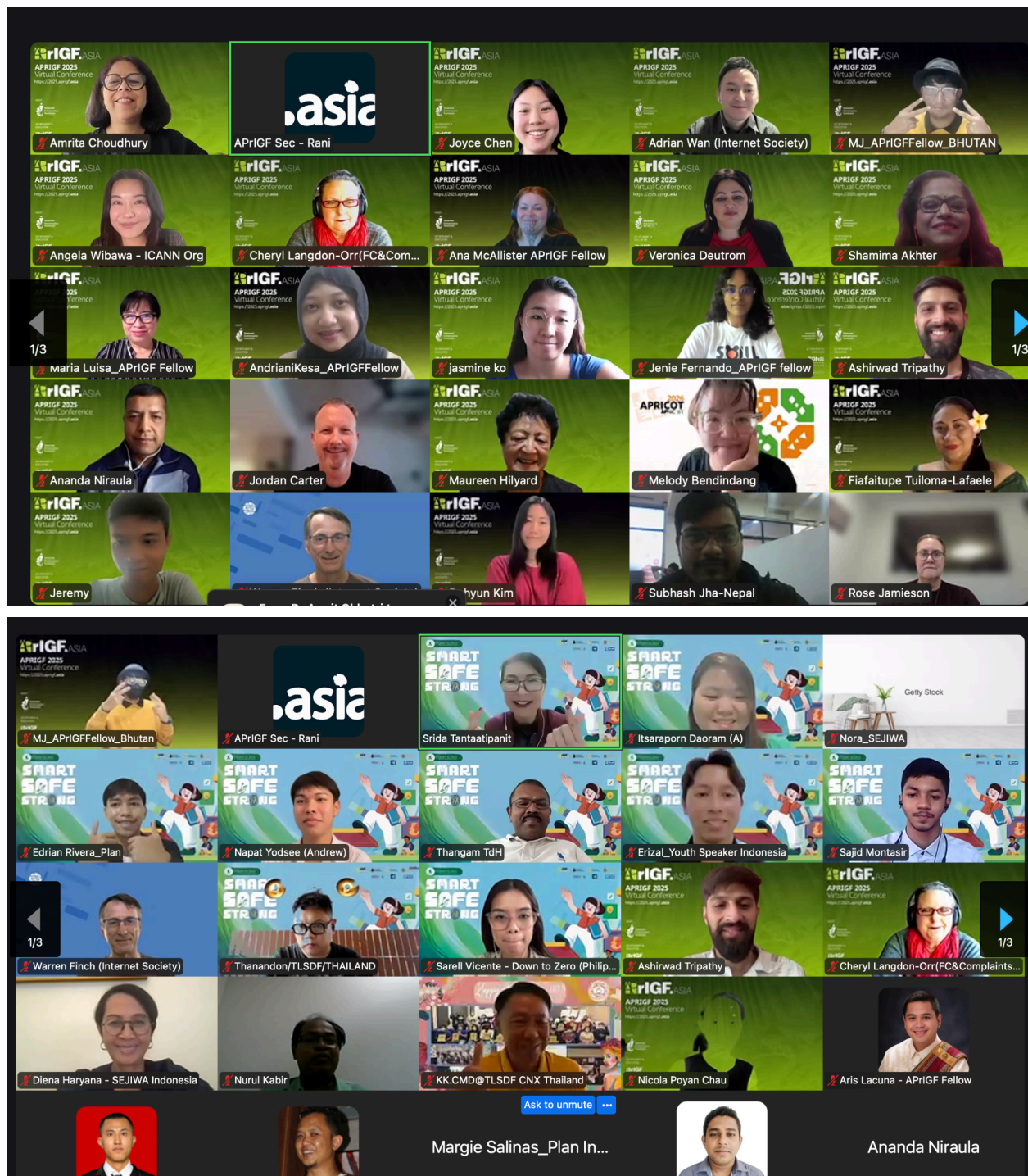Bottom row: Sumana Shrestha (Panelist)

WSIS+20 High Level Session

Top row (from left to right): H.E Suela Janina (Panelist), H.E Ekitela Lokaale (Panelist), Sally Wentworth (Panelist), Anita Gurumurthy (Panelist), William Lee (Panelist)
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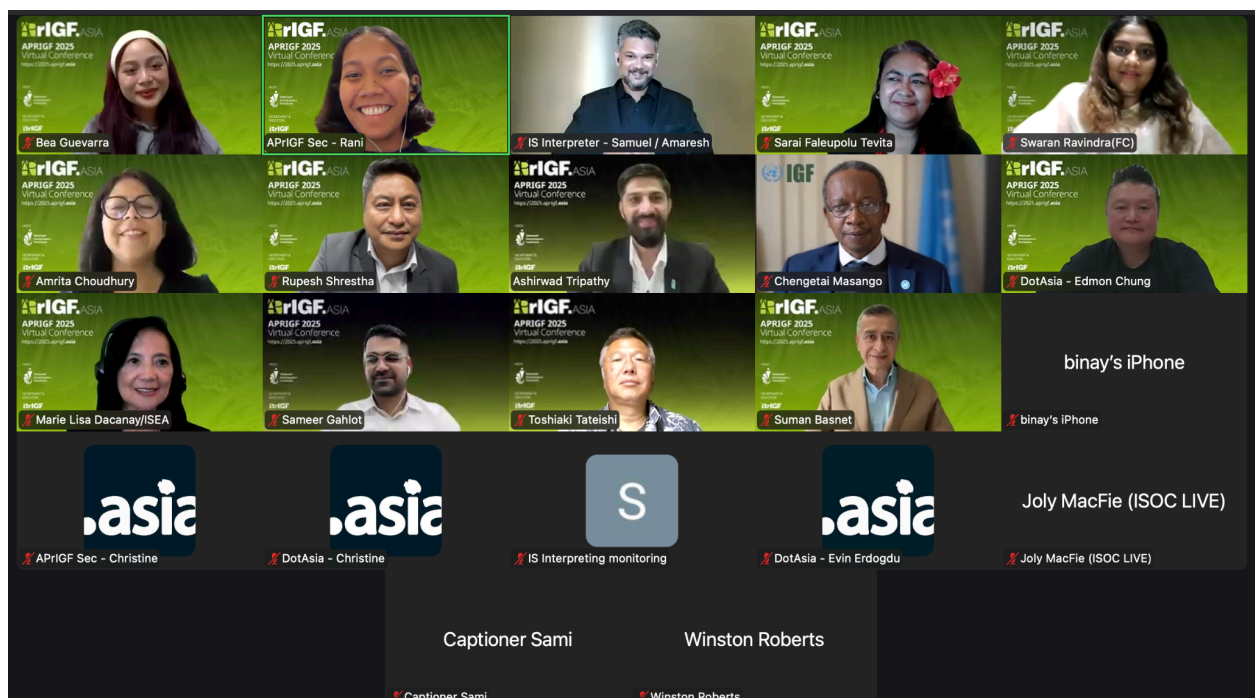
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<u>Second row (from left to right):</u> Amrita Choudhury (Incoming MSG Chair, 2026-2028), Rupesh Shrestha (Closing Remarks), Ashirwad Tripathy (Emcee), Chengetai Masango (Keynote), Edmon Chung (APrIGF Secretariat)

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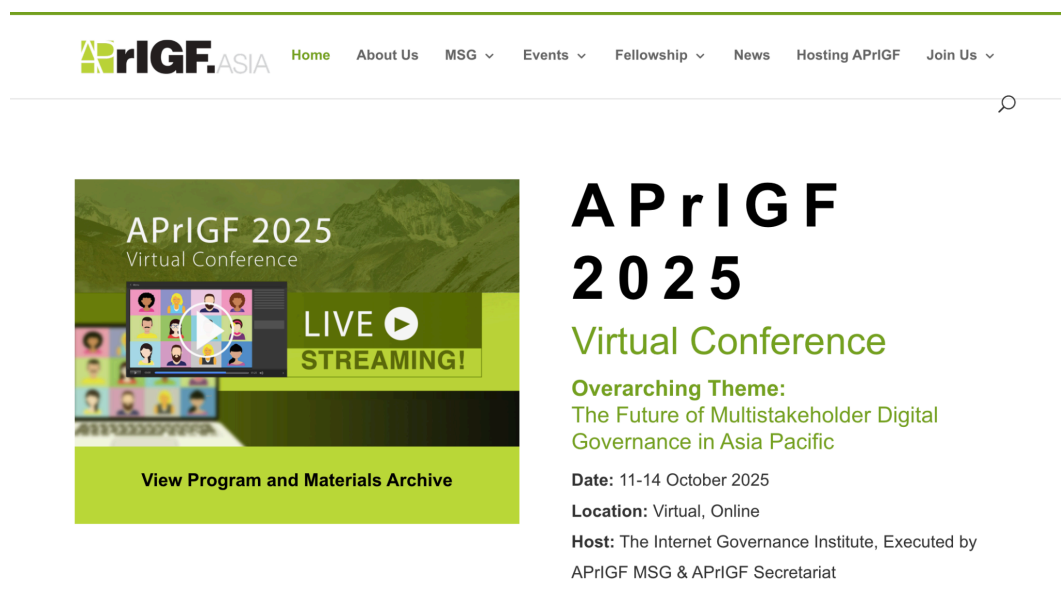
Virtual Background

Event Website & Social Media

Event Website

Local Host (Nepal) created APrIGF 2025 website to store all relevant information leading up to APrIGF 2025: 2025.aprigf.asia

However, with the transition to fully virtual conference, information on program details were actively updated on the APrIGF Main Website where APrIGF Secretariat has more control over: aprigf.asia

Social Media

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/aprigf.asia/
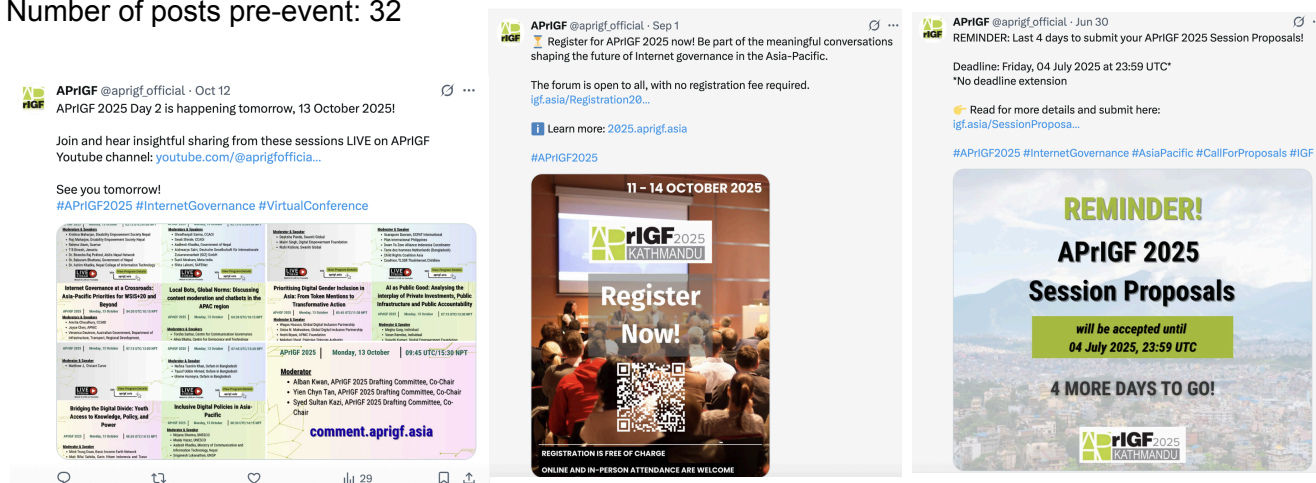Number of posts pre-event: 30

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/aprigf.asia
Number of posts pre-event: 30

X (formerly Twitter): https://x.com/aprigf_official
Number of posts pre-event: 32

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@aprigfofficial8174/

Synthesis Document

The Synthesis Document aims to document items of common interest relevant to Internet governance in the Asia Pacific region and has developed into one of the highlight innovations of the APrIGF and inspired other national and regional initiatives to develop their own processes.

The open input framework document was based on the submitted and accepted workshop proposals for APrIGF 2025, which contain policy questions and basic summary of topics which were discussed at the APrIGF event. Further input was sought at the Townhall sessions during the APrIGF event.

All APrIGF participants were encouraged to attend the Synthesis Document Townhall Sessions during the conference to highlight key issues discussed and give comments verbally or via the commenting platform.

The APrIGF 2025 Synthesis Document was open for public input on https://comment.aprigf.asia across two periods (Draft 0 and Draft 1), with timeline as per below:

10 October	Draft 0 published, Public Comment opened
12-14 October	APrIGF Townhall Sessions
20 October	Draft 0 Public Comment closed
Late October – Mid November	Drafting Committee working period
Late November	Draft 1 Public Comment period
Late November – Early December	Drafting Committee working period
Early December	2025 Synthesis Document Published

The final 2025 APrIGF Synthesis Document is available as a separate document.