

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2023

POST EVENT REPORT

Emerging Technologies: Is Asia Pacific Ready
for the Next Phase of the Internet?

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

About the Host

The .au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA)

The .au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA) is a not-for-profit organisation established by the Australian Internet community and endorsed by the Australian Government to ensure the .au country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD), part of Australia's critical infrastructure, is a secure, accessible and trusted Australian public asset.

auDA is a key player in the Australian internet ecosystem and has a role in advocating for an open, free, secure and globally interoperable internet. Through auDA's work, they innovate and invest in improving the utility of the .au domain for all Australians and represent Australia's interests internationally through engagement in multistakeholder internet governance processes and participation in international policy forums, discussions and decision-making processes.

auDA's involvement in the international internet community and ongoing support of the Australian Internet Governance Forum (NetThing) contributes to auDA's strategic objectives and commitment to advocating for the multistakeholder model of internet governance. Protecting this model is critical to ensuring the internet remains open, accessible, reliable and resilient for the benefit of all Australians and the international community.

auDA's Terms of Endorsement

- » Ensuring the stable and reliable operation of the .au domain
- » Administering a transparent domain name licensing regime based on multi-stakeholder processes
- » Advocating for and participating in multi-stakeholder internet governance processes both domestically and internationally.



Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)

Following the 2005 United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan established the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as a platform for free and equal discussion and to promote multistakeholder policy dialogue. It was first convened in Athens the following year and has been held annually ever since.

Not long after the introduction of the global IGF it became apparent that there was a need for regional and national versions to address internet concerns at more localised levels. National, Regional and Youth IGFs (NRIs) emerged as a result, which, using a bottom-up consultation process, strived to include stakeholders from all areas who could work together and meet on equal footing.

Held annually since 2010, the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF), together with the Youth Internet Governance Forum (YIGF), serves as a platform for discussion, exchange, and collaboration to advance internet governance development in the Asia-Pacific. One of the key regional initiatives on internet governance, the APrIGF promotes a multistakeholder approach and places significant emphasis on the diversity of participants and openness of discussions.

The APrIGF is led by the Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG), comprised of members from across the regional Internet community, who are responsible for deciding on the overall direction, theme and program content for the annual forum. Each year, a local host is chosen through a bid process.

Initiatives like the APrIGF are an important part of the global IGF process, as the discussions held on national and regional levels ultimately support those at the global scale. This is particularly true for 2023, with this year's global IGF taking place in Kyoto in October.



APrIGF 2023

In early 2023 auDA submitted a successful bid to host the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum as a hybrid event in Brisbane; this would be the first time the APrIGF was held in Australia.

The APrIGF was organised by the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG), with support from auDA as the local host and the APrIGF Secretariat - DotAsia, and consisted of the annual APrIGF program: a three day main conference, capacity building day and Youth IGF.

Four other key events – Australia’s national IGF (NetThing), the Pacific IGF (PACIGF), the Asia Pacific regional Youth IGF (yIGF) and a global IGF-organised Parliamentary Track – also took place alongside the regional initiative. Collocating the forums provided a unique opportunity for cross pollination of diverse views that incorporated Asia Pacific, Pacific and Australian perspectives.





Location

APriGF 2023 was held in Brisbane, Australia at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. A vibrant city on the east coast of Australia, Brisbane is known for its warm climate, beautiful parks, stunning river views and laid-back personality. Home to a diverse population, the city offers a range of cultural experiences, from live music and theatre to art galleries and museums and a thriving food and drink scene. Due to its prime location in southeast Queensland, Brisbane is also a gateway to the pristine beaches and natural beauty Australia is known for.

Venue

Centrally located in the cultural and entertainment hub of Southbank, along the bank of the Brisbane River, the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) is a multi-award-winning venue delivering exceptional, world class experiences to a global audience.

NetThing

NetThing, Australia's Internet Governance Forum, is an annual event which brings a diverse multidisciplinary community of stakeholders together and facilitates discussions on governance and public policy issues pertaining to the Internet in Australia. An initiative of the Australian internet community, it is housed within Internet Australia and supported by the auDA and other key internet bodies in Australia.

NetThing 2023 collocated with the APriGF and took place as a hybrid event at the BCEC on Monday 28 August 2023. Having weathered the storms of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns, NetThing was delighted to offer a face-to-face component for the first time in three years. The theme for NetThing 2023 was "Co-operation and Collaboration: Australia's commitment to supporting the future of Internet governance."



Pacific IGF

The Pacific Internet Governance Forum (Pacific IGF) is organised by the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) and other key partners across the Pacific region. It focuses on local issues and developments in the Pacific region and seeks to provide impartial advice to governments and the public on Internet-related matters that are relevant to Pacific Island people. The Pacific IGF ensures a human-centric design thinking process to create new and innovative ideas to deal with the challenges faced in the Pacific.

The 2023 Pacific IGF took place over two days on 28-29 August 2023 with the theme - Is the Pacific ready to tackle the challenges of an evolving internet – exploring AI and emerging technologies, cybersecurity, privacy, digital trust and internet regulations.



Youth IGF

First initiated by NetMission.Asia in 2010, the Asia Pacific Youth IGF (yIGF) is organised and facilitated annually by NetMission ambassadors and an independent organising committee in conjunction with the APriGF.

Sharing common principles with the APriGF, the initiative is led by youth for youth, and aims to raise awareness and build the capacity for young people to join in on internet governance discussions. The yIGF provides an open platform for youth across the various stakeholder groups to express and interchange their ideas and own thoughts on Internet governance freely and equally. The yIGF took place over three days from 28-30 August 2023.



Parliamentary Track

To strengthen the participation of parliamentarians in discussions on issues relating to the use, evolution and governance of the internet and related technologies, the global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) organised a Parliamentary Track to take place across two days during APriGF 2023.



Themes & Tracks

This year's theme – Emerging Technologies: Is Asia Pacific Ready for the Next Phase of the Internet? – presented an opportunity to explore the challenges of keeping pace with technological change and build actionable solutions to improve digital participation and outcomes across the region.

Three high-level thematic tracks were chosen to guide discussions and ensure dialogue would recognise and appreciate the complexity and interrelated nature of diverse Internet Governance issues and understand their significance at a policy level in all economies across the region.



Access & Inclusion

The principle of inclusivity advocates that no one should be disadvantaged on the basis of their background, location, gender, disability, religion, caste, class or any other factor. In Internet governance, access and inclusion means that emerging technologies like AI, 5G and blockchain provide an enabling platform for everyone to participate, raise their voices and partake in the benefits. Meaningful access, however, still presents a big issue in the region and the need for multistakeholder collaboration that focuses on providing infrastructure and access to all.

Sustainability

For many years, Internet governance discussions have been concerned with ensuring the sustainability of the Internet and other digital technologies, by assessing their social, economic and environmental impact. Emerging technologies can cause further disruptions to this ecosystem, not only to the socio-economic and political fabric of the community but also to our physical environment. For these new technologies to be sustainable long-term, they must be supported by reliable and resilient connectivity and contribute to a more equitable future for all.

Trust

Online safety, digital security, free and accurate flow of information, data privacy and cybersecurity in general all impact the formation and breaking of trust. The adoption of emerging technologies can only be meaningful if trust in their development and the key personnel behind them, along with Internet governance processes at the global, regional and national levels, is maintained. How can stakeholders ensure strong and resilient trust in the Internet, its underlying infrastructure and in Internet governance processes? How do we ensure transparency, accountability and fairness in emerging technologies? How do we foster trust in emerging technologies that many neither understand nor use?

Program Highlights

APrIGF Program

As the local host, auDA worked closely with the MSG to coordinate the opening and closing plenaries and was involved in the development of the program for the 2023 forum. A total of 86 abstracts were submitted and 34 were accepted (Appendix A).

The final program (Appendix B) included 226 national and international speakers across the five forums.



5
collocated
forums



96
sessions



226
speakers



10
local
hubs



5
social
events

“We need to speak with a combined voice...”

Brendon Dowling, the Australian Ambassador for Cybersecurity and Critical Affairs, gave the opening keynote address at NetThing on Day 0. Speaking about Australia’s commitment to supporting the multistakeholder model of internet governance, Mr Dowling emphasised the need for Australia to not only defend the model, but to put cyber security, Internet Governance and critical technology governance at the centre of foreign policy and strategic policy-making as well. With a new cyber security strategy on the horizon, Australia will take on a bigger role in advocating for the interests of the region as a whole.



« Australian Ambassador for Cybersecurity and Critical Affairs, Brendon Dowling



Welcome to Country » ceremony



Stronger together: Amplifying multistakeholder voices in cyber diplomacy

- » **Michael Karimian**, Microsoft (moderator)
- » **Johanna Weaver**, Tech Policy Design Centre, ANU
- » **Briony Daley Whitworth**, Australian Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- » **Raman Jit Singh Chima**, Access Now

Delving into the complexities of navigating a rapidly evolving digital era marked by emerging technologies, this panel discussion emphasised the pivotal role of multistakeholder collaboration in ensuring the collective readiness of the Asia-Pacific region to address new cyber threats and challenges.

Discussions aimed to derive valuable insight from real world examples of multistakeholderism in cybersecurity and regional cyber diplomacy; exploring key questions around multistakeholder cooperation and looking at how effective collaboration can be achieved to promote positive and concrete outcomes in the region through engagement.

Evolving Internet governance for the next phase of the Internet

- » **Jordan Carter**, auDA (moderator)
- » **Noelle Francesca de Guzman**, ISOC
- » **Boyoung Kim**, KISA
- » **Paul Wilson**, APNIC
- » **Amrita Choudhury**, CCAOI

This panel session, moderated by Jordan Carter (auDA), explored the rapidly changing internet of today and the need for internet governance systems to adjust in response. The advancements in technology and extension of connectivity mean that more and more people are getting online, which is having, and will continue to have, a massive impact on our economic, social and cultural lives.

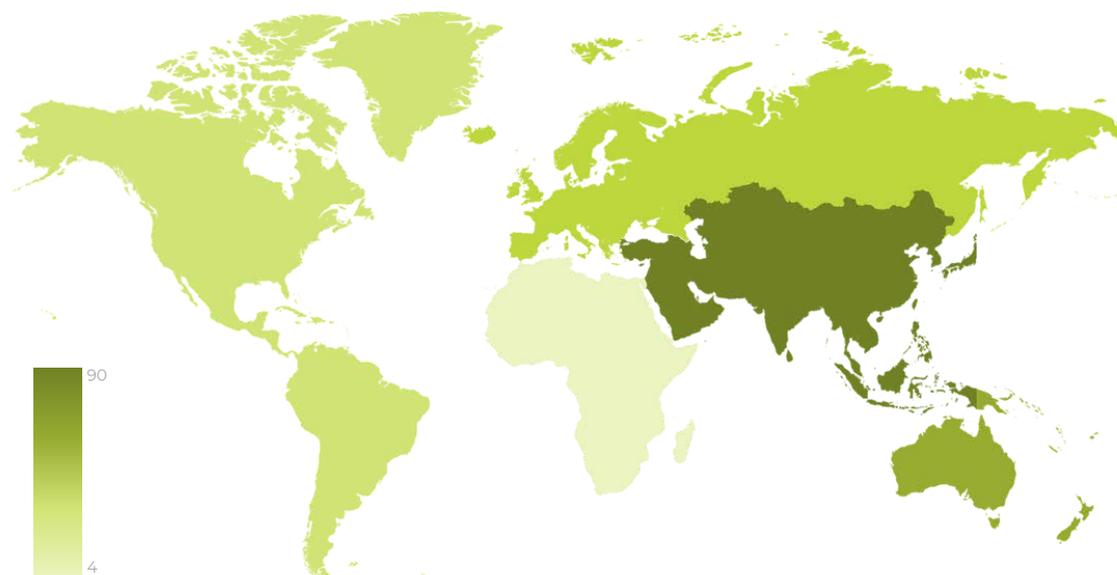
As was a common theme at this year's APriGF, discussions focused on addressing diverse multistakeholder participation in internet governance and how stakeholders need to work together to build trust in the internet and shape a model of governance that reflects a shared ideal.

Speakers

The program for APriGF 2023 and collocated forums had an incredible 226 speakers from 42 economies and 6 stakeholder groups.

Stakeholder Balance

Academia	7.5%
Government	13.7%
Intergovernmental Organisation	13.3%
Civil Society	32.7%
Private Sector	7.5%
Technical Community	13.3%
Not specified	11.9%



Oceania	38.1%
Asia	39.8%
Americas	4.0%
Europe	4.4%
Africa	1.8%
Not Specified	11.9%

Australian versus International speakers



Online versus in person speakers



^ A full breakdown of economies represented in the program for APriGF 2023 and collocated forums can be found in Appendix C.

Social Events



28 Aug NetThing social function
sponsored by Verisign

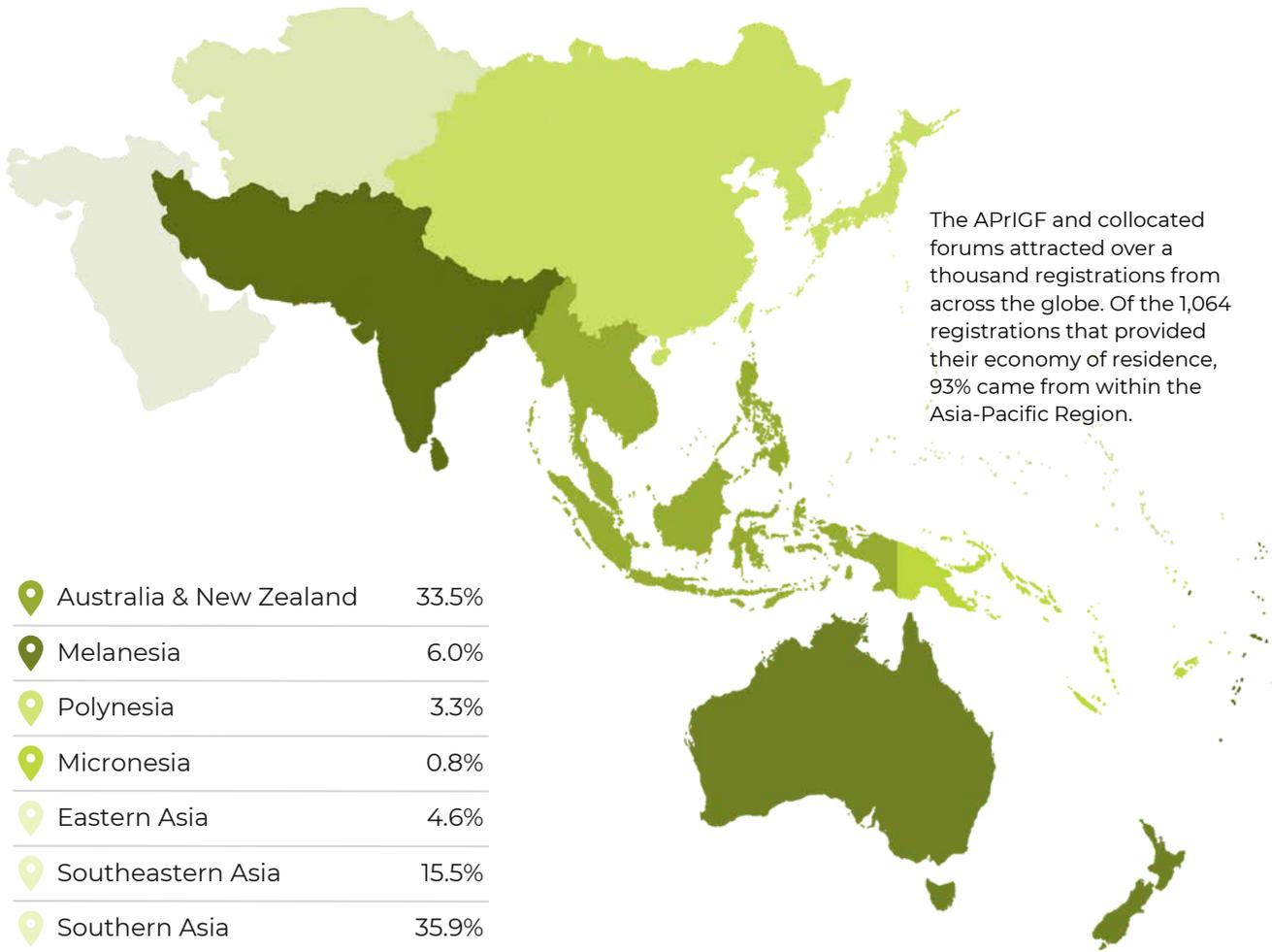
29 Aug Welcome Reception
sponsored by APNIC

30 Aug Casual Pub Drinks
sponsored by auDA

31 Aug APNIC Breakfast

1 Sep Parliamentary Drinks
sponsored by ICANN

Registration & Attendance



The APriGF and collocated forums attracted over a thousand registrations from across the globe. Of the 1,064 registrations that provided their economy of residence, 93% came from within the Asia-Pacific Region.

Australia & New Zealand	33.5%
Melanesia	6.0%
Polynesia	3.3%
Micronesia	0.8%
Eastern Asia	4.6%
Southeastern Asia	15.5%
Southern Asia	35.9%
Central Asia	0.1%
Western Asia	0.2%

A full breakdown of economies represented at APriGF 2023 and collocated forums can be found in Appendix D.

1,130+

total registrations

450

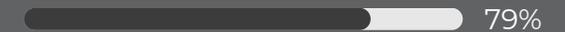
in-person registrations

689

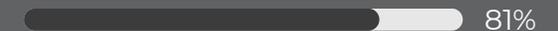
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Asia



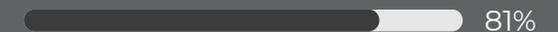
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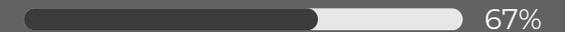
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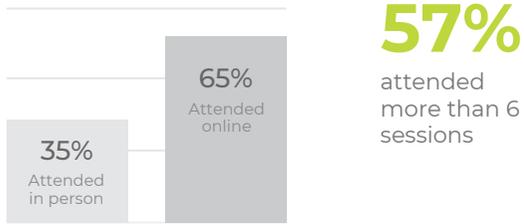


Africa



% of attendees per region who attended in person

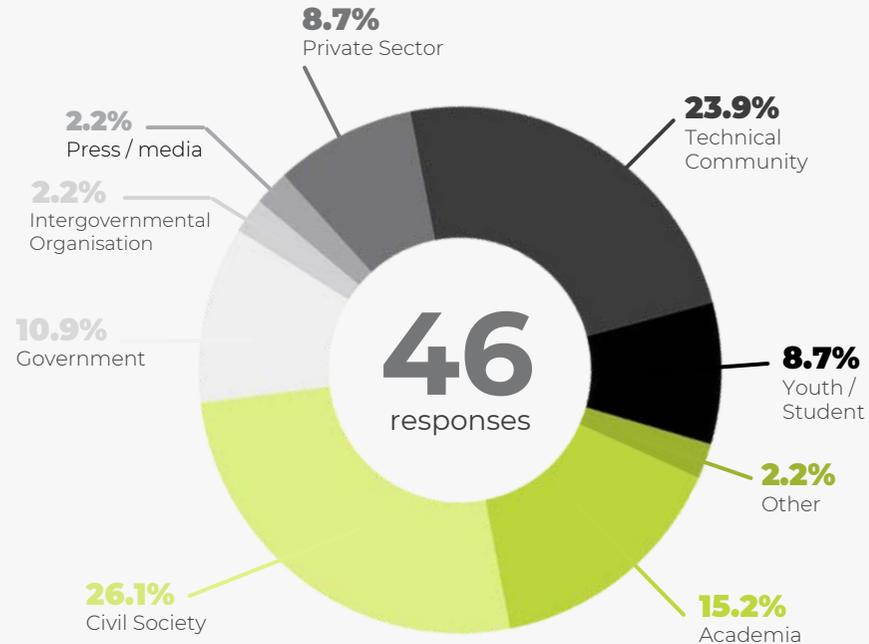
APrIGF Post Event Survey



57%
attended more than 6 sessions

83.7%

of participants said they would definitely or very likely attend APrIGF again in the future



Most Popular Sessions

Favourite APrIGF sessions according to survey participants

Investing in professional development for a diverse workforce in APAC: challenges and opportunities

Policy development on generative AI based on Biometrics & Weaponizing Information Bubbles

Digital Environmental Sustainability through Circular Economy and Sustainable Design Solutions

Evolving Internet governance for the next phase of the Internet



Fellowships

Stakeholder Balance

Academia	10	22.2%
Civil Society	12	26.7%
Government	6	13.3%
Private Sector	10	22.2%
Technical Community	5	11.1%
Intergovernmental Organisation	2	4.4%

Regional Breakdown



APrIGF Fellows

A total of 137 fellowship applications were received. In the final round of selection, **sixteen** individuals were chosen to participate at the forum in Brisbane.

Youth IGF Fellows

The Youth IGF selected **ten** fellows to participate at this year's Asia Pacific yIGF and APrIGF.

Pacific IGF Fellows

The Pacific IGF selected **eight** successful applicants to participate in the 2023 Pacific IGF and collocated forums.

APNIC & APNIC Foundation Foundation Technical Fellowship

APNIC and the APNIC Foundation selected **eight** technical fellows to participate in this year's APrIGF and Pacific IGF.

NetThing Fellows

NetThing and Identity Digital's inaugural Indigenous Leaders Internet Governance and Policy Fellowship was officially launched at NetThing 2023, encouraging Indigenous Australians to become involved in internet governance. **Three** fantastic individuals were selected to participate and had their attendance supported.

Media engagement and coverage



14,264

social media impressions



4

media articles



16,000

combined potential reach* of all articles (minus CommsDay)

*Stroom's definition of potential reach is: The total number of unique individuals who see the content. The default population base used to calculate reach is the total Australian population aged 2 years and over. N.B. This figure only captures daily audience reach at a site level, NOT at an article nor monthly level.

The screenshot shows an ITWire article from April 2023. The headline is "Emerging technologies in spotlight at Regional Internet forum". The article discusses the upcoming Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriGF) in Brisbane, Australia, in August 2023. It mentions that the forum will focus on emerging technologies and drive discussions on whether the Asia Pacific is ready for the next phase of the Internet. The article also notes that the forum will support regional contributions to the 2023 global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Kyoto, Japan. The author is Gordon Peters.

The screenshot shows a Daily Star article from August 2023. The headline is "APriGF 2023 to be held in Brisbane, Australia this August". The article features a photo of the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The text states that the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriGF) 2023 will be hosted by auDA (au Domain Administration) in Brisbane, Australia, from August 29-31. The conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, and is expected to be attended by both in-person and virtual attendees. The article also mentions that the forum will feature sessions on artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technology, with speakers from across the Asia-Pacific region including Australia, Indonesia, Nepal, and the Philippines. The event program features a range of sessions on topics including the challenges of digital accessibility, cybersecurity and governance in an ever-evolving internet. The forum will be held in Brisbane from 29-31 August 2023. The forum is a hybrid event, with in-person and online participation, and all members of the community are encouraged to register and participate free of charge. auDA is delighted to host this year's APriGF, which focuses on 'Is the Asia-Pacific ready for the next phase of the internet?' said auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM. AI and other emerging technologies are rapidly transforming the way we live and work. The APriGF 2023 will provide a multi-stakeholder platform for us to discuss how these technologies can enhance the lives of internet users in the Asia-Pacific. One of the sessions proposed by the Digital Law and Policy Centre will focus on the responsible AI. The session will explore the ethical and legal challenges of AI, and how these can be addressed to support sustainable economic growth. The International Telecommunication Union will meanwhile look at the use of AI and string how we can develop policies to reduce discrimination, stereotyping and exclusion. In our program and registration information, see the event website.

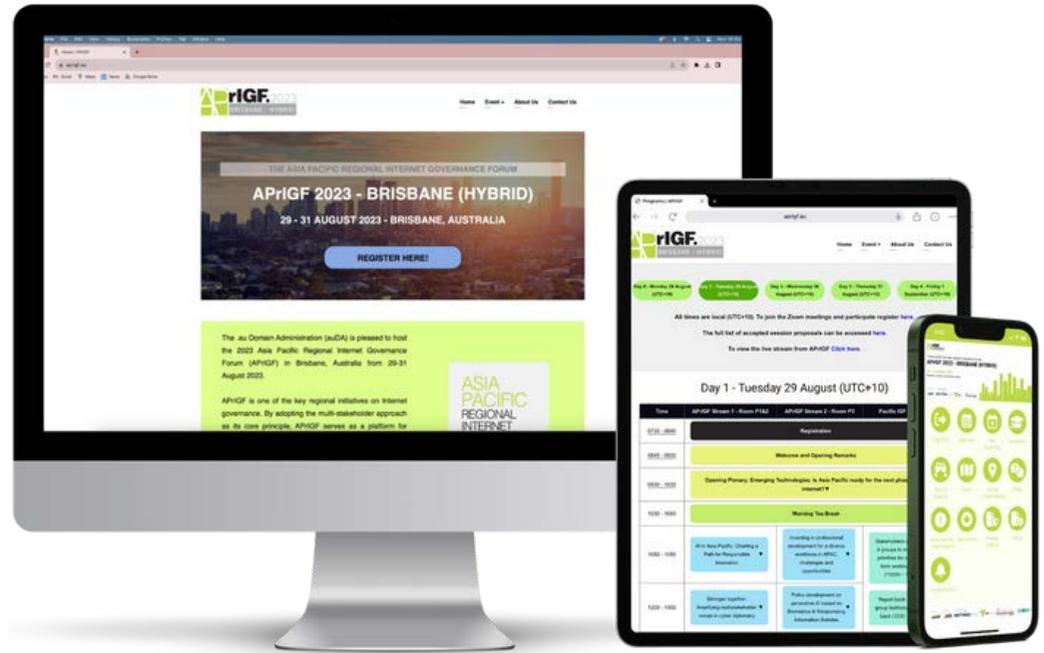
The screenshot shows a Technology Decisions article from April 2023. The headline is "auDA brings regional internet forum to Brisbane". The article discusses the announcement that auDA (au Domain Administration) has announced it will host the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriGF) in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 29-31 August 2023. The three-day forum is an annual event on the Internet governance calendar that brings together representatives from the Asia-Pacific internet community. It facilitates discussion and collaboration on how the Internet is governed and how best to advance the Internet in the region. The event will be a hybrid format to allow for in-person and remote participation. In 2023, the APriGF will focus on emerging technologies and drive discussions on whether the Asia-Pacific is ready for the next phase of the Internet. Additionally, the forum will support regional contributions to the 2023 global Internet Governance Forum (IGF), convened by the United Nations in October in Kyoto, Japan. "auDA is proud to bring the APriGF event to Brisbane in 2023," said auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM. "Sustaining and supporting the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance is a strategic priority for auDA. We recognise it is a shared interest with the Australian Internet community and we welcome their active participation in the forum." "The Brisbane APriGF will also strengthen connections between Australian and Asia-Pacific multi-stakeholder communities, growing our capabilities and strengthening internet governance in the region." "We look forward to working with the APriGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group and Secretariat, supported by dsAsia, to facilitate robust, essential and productive discussion on internet governance in the region," Sinclair said. Information on the program, registration, fellowship applications, community session suggestions and associated events to take place alongside APriGF will be made available in the lead-up to the forum and will be published on the official 2023 APriGF website. Image credit: @block.com/DPA

The screenshot shows a Technology Decisions article from July 2023. The headline is "AI and emerging tech governance forum". The article discusses the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriGF) which will feature sessions on artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technology. Speakers will be drawn from across the Asia-Pacific region including Australia, Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines, and represent a diverse cross-section of the multi-stakeholder community. The event program features a range of sessions on topics including the challenges of digital accessibility, cybersecurity and governance in an ever-evolving internet. APriGF will be held in Brisbane from 29-31 August 2023. The forum is a hybrid event, with in-person and online participation, and all members of the community are encouraged to register and participate free of charge. "auDA is delighted to host this year's APriGF, which focuses on 'Is the Asia-Pacific ready for the next phase of the internet?'" said auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM. "AI and other emerging technologies are rapidly transforming the way we live and work. The APriGF 2023 will provide a multi-stakeholder platform for us to discuss how these technologies can enhance the lives of internet users in the Asia-Pacific." One of the sessions proposed by the Digital Law and Policy Centre will focus on the responsible AI. The session will explore the ethical and legal challenges of AI, and how these can be addressed to support sustainable economic growth. The International Telecommunication Union will meanwhile look at the use of AI and string how we can develop policies to reduce discrimination, stereotyping and exclusion. In our program and registration information, see the event website.

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Appendix A - List of accepted sessions

Table 1. List of sessions accepted to present at the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum

No	Session Title	Contact	Organisation
1	AI in Asia-Pacific: Charting a Path for Responsible Innovation	Mamta Siwakoti	Digital Law and Policy Centre
2	Investing in professional development for a diverse workforce in APAC: challenges and opportunities	Sylvia Cadena	APNIC Foundation
3	Sustainability of Complementary Connectivity Initiatives	Marie Lisa Dacanay	Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA)
4	Policy development on generative AI based on Biometrics & Weaponizing Information Bubbles	Ryan Payne	Internet Society
5	Stronger together: Amplifying multistakeholder voices in cyber diplomacy	Michael Karimian	Microsoft
6	Breaking security for 'online safety': What's at stake for Asia-Pacific	Kazim Rizvi	The Dialogue
7	Content moderation policy advancing technology for democracy	Kyung Sin Park	Open Net/ Korea University
8	Disability and Digital Self-Determination: What's the Missing Link?	Debarati Das	Point of View
9	Co-creating Digital Future for Children: An Intergenerational, Multistakeholder Dialogue on Children's Data Protection	Ananya Singh	USAID Digital Youth Council
10	AI & Gender in Asia Pacific	Catherine Setiawan	International Telecommunication Union
11	The role for government purchasing of accessible Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Wayne Hawkins	Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
12	To protect or harm?: what the tensions between privacy and civic freedoms in personal data protection laws mean for civil society	Debora Christine	TIFA Foundation

13	Progressing Core Internet Values and Global Good Practice for the Internet of Things: impact on sustainability	Maarten Botterman	IGF Dynamic Coalition on the Internet of Things (DC-IoT)
14	Stories from the Pacific – the human side of cyber incidents	Cherie Lagakali	Glocal Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE)
15	Tech Policy Atlas: your one stop shop for internet law, regulation and strategy	Tanvi Nair	ANU Tech Policy Design Centre
16	The Fulfilment of the Data Justice Framework through the Data Governance Model in Implementing the Village Information System; Indonesia Case Study	Elanto Wijoyono	Combine Resource Institution
17	Ambivalence in Fulfillment of Internet Access Rights in West Papua? Civil Society Experience	Unggul Sagena	Southeast Asia Freedom of Expression Network
18	Youth Engagement in the Asia Pacific: What does the future hold for young people? – A showcase from Youth Standing Group	Shradha Pandey	ISOC
19	Online Safety Self regulatory Codes of Practice as a means to tackle digital harms – the New Zealand experience	Brent Carey	Netsafe
20	Be Safe Project	Sagarika Wickramasekera	Lanka School on Internet Governance
21	A Framework for Developing Gender-responsive Cybersecurity Policy	Pavitra Ramanujam	Association for Progressive Communications
22	Unpacking stakeholder engagement with the private sector	Gayatri Khandhadai	Business and Human Rights Resource Centre
23	Mines, Maps and Minerals: Trace the complex material flows of your smartphone to make more sustainable choices	Titiksha Vashist	The Pranava Institute
24	Malicious Convergence: Addressing Emerging Trends of Gendered Hate Speech in South Asia	Saritha Irugalbandara	Hashtag Generation

25	Bridging the Communications Divide	Holly Raiche	Internet Australia (Australian Chapter of ISOC)
26	Connecting Communities: Community Radio for Connectivity, Inclusion, Digital Rights, and Freedom of Expression	Ritu Srivastava	Jadeite Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Radio Bulbul
27	Is fragmentation the future of the Internet and How Can We Resist?	Joyce Chen and Adrian Wan	APNIC and Internet Society
28	Exploring Youth Perspectives in Social Media Content Creation	Stella Anne Teoh Ming Huil	NetMission.Asia
29	Internationalised Domain Names: Implementation around APAC – Lessons, Challenges & Opportunities	Patrick Donaldson	Identity Digital
30	Evolving Internet governance for the next phase of the Internet	Jordan Carter	au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA)
31	Digital Environmental Sustainability through Circular Economy and Sustainable Design Solutions	Syed Sultan Kazi	Asia Pacific Council for Social and Digital Development (CSDD) and Digital Empowerment Foundation
32	What are the Challenges, Progress and Social Prosperity for Digital Economy in Asia?	Priyatosh Jana	Haldia Institute of Technology
33	G20 in India and digital inclusion: The impact of shutdowns	Radhika jhalani	SFLC.in
34	Impacts of national digital transformation on small island developing states	Maureen Hilyard	CIIAG, DC-SIDS, ALAC ICANN, PICISOC,

Appendix B - Program Overview

B.1. Day 0 Program - Monday 28 August 2023

NetThing	APrIGF Capacity Building	Pacific IGF	Youth IGF
Registration			
Welcome address and welcome to country			Introduction of yIGF 2023
Ministerial Address (pre-recorded)			Ice-breaking
Keynote Address			
NetThing and Identity Digital Indigenous Leaders Internet Governance and Policy Fellowship launch	APAC Youth Leaders Dialogue <i>#YouthPower: Building Collaborative Partnerships for Youth Inclusion in Internet Governance</i>	Overview of the Pacific IGF	
Forging our Future		Opening Ceremony	
Morning Tea Break			
Examining the social and economic value of the Internet		Emerging Technologies in the Pacific – AI, ChatGPT, OpenAI, Cryptocurrency, e-commerce	Opening Remarks
			Basics of Internet governance & multi-stakeholder participation
Meaningful Connectivity		Meaningful Connectivity	Meetup with our supporting organization
			Algorithmic decision-making and future of the Internet
Lunch Break			
Australia's Internet Resilience Extends Beyond Its Borders	Capacity Building for Fellows and Newcomers - Part 1	Digital Skills and Content	Introduction on youth policy statement and Preparation on youth policy statement (1)
Afternoon Tea			
Multistakeholder governance for the future – where next and how to get there	Capacity Building for Fellows and Newcomers - Part 2	Cybersecurity – legislations, policies, and capacity building	
Cooperation and Collaboration: NetThing and our opportunity to support the future of Internet governance			
Closing Address / Closing Remarks			
NetThing Social Function (all welcome)			

B.2. Day 1 Program - Tuesday 29 August 2023

APrIGF Stream 1	APrIGF Stream 2	Pacific IGF	Youth IGF
Registration			
Welcome and Opening Remarks			
Opening Plenary: Emerging Technologies: Is Asia Pacific ready for the next phase of the Internet?			
Morning Tea Break			
AI in Asia-Pacific: Charting a Path for Responsible Innovation	Investing in professional development for a diverse workforce in APAC: challenges and opportunities	Stakeholders divided into 4 groups to map out the priorities for countries – form working groups	Morning Briefing
			Introduction to APrIGF 2023 and Synthesis Document
			Workshop: Idea Wall
Stronger together: Amplifying multistakeholder voices in cyber diplomacy	Policy development on generative AI based on Biometrics & Weaponizing Information Bubbles	Report back – working group facilitators to report back	Introduction on youth policy statement and Preparation on youth policy statement (2)
Lunch Break			
Sustainability of Complementary Connectivity Initiatives	Breaking security for 'online safety': What's at stake for Asia-Pacific	Opportunities in the Pacific	Roundtable Discussion: Scrolling through the Stigma: The Impact of Cyberspace on Youth Digital Wellbeing
Afternoon Tea			
Town Hall			Closing Ceremony
APrIGF Welcome Reception			

B.3. Day 2 Program - Wednesday 30 August 2023

APriIGF Stream 1	APriIGF Stream 2	APriIGF Stream 3	Youth IGF
Registration			
Progressing Core Internet Values and Global Good Practice for the Internet of Things: impact on sustainability	The role for government purchasing of accessible Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Content moderation policy advancing technology for democracy	IGF 2023 Youth Track Trust and Human Rights Aspects: Balancing Privacy, Security and Freedom of Expression
Digital Environmental Sustainability through Circular Economy and Sustainable Design Solutions	Co-creating Digital Future for Children: An Intergenerational, Multistakeholder Dialogue on Children's Data Protection	Unpacking stakeholder engagement with the private sector	Program Summary
			Takeaways and way-forward
			Feedback and Q&A
Morning Tea Break			
A Framework for Developing Gender-responsive Cybersecurity Policy	Exploring Youth Perspectives in Social Media Content Creation	Mines, Maps and Minerals: Trace the complex material flows of your smartphone to make more sustainable choices	Prepare & Attend APriIGF workshop: Youth Perspective on Social Media Content Creation
Lunch Break			
Stories from the Pacific – the human side of cyber incidents	Youth Engagement in the Asia Pacific: What does the future hold for young people? – A showcase from Youth Standing Group	Tech Policy Atlas: your one stop shop for internet law, regulation and strategy	Youth policy statement presentation
	Ambivalence in Fulfillment of Internet Access Rights in West Papua? Civil Society Experience	The Fulfilment of the Data Justice Framework through the Data Governance Model in Implementing the Village Information System; Indonesia Case Study	
	Online Safety Self regulatory Codes of Practice as a means to tackle digital harms – the New Zealand experience	Be Safe Project	
Internationalised Domain Names: Implementation around APAC – Lessons, Challenges & Opportunities	Fellow Session	Disability and Digital Self-Determination: What's the Missing Link?	Meetup with Industry Experts: Navigating the Digital Career Labyrinth
			Debriefing & Wrap-up
Afternoon Tea			
Town Hall			
Social Drinks at The Charming Squire			

B.4. Day 3 Program - Thursday 31 August 2023

APrIGF Stream 1	APrIGF Stream 2	APrIGF Stream 3	Parliamentary Track
Registration			
Breakfast at the APNIC Office			
To protect or harm?: what the tensions between privacy and civic freedoms in personal data protection laws mean for civil society	Impacts of national digital transformation on small island developing states	Malicious Convergence: Addressing Emerging Trends of Gendered Hate Speech in South Asia	
Evolving Internet governance for the next phase of the Internet	Bridging the Communications Divide	G20 in India and digital inclusion: The impact of shutdowns	What does Youth have to say? A dialogue between the new generation and Members of Parliaments
Morning Tea Break			
Is fragmentation the future of the Internet and How Can We Resist?	Connecting Communities: Community Radio for Connectivity, Inclusion, Digital Rights, and Freedom of Expression	What are the Challenges, Progress and Social Prosperity for Digital Economy in Asia?	Contributing to Internet Governance Processes: The Key Role of Parliamentarians in shaping the Digital Space
Lunch Break			
Closing Plenary: Ensuring regional priorities are reflected in the changing world of Internet governance			
Closing Remarks			
Afternoon Tea			
			Welcome and introductions
			Where policy meets technology: Parliamentarians and the Technical Community - Part 1 (open session: workshop)
			Where policy meets technology: Parliamentarians and the Technical Community - Part 2 (open session: workshop)
			Closing remarks of Day 1
Parliamentary Track Social Function			

B.5. Day 4 Program - Friday 1 September 2023

Parliamentary Track
Welcome remarks
From local to global: Setting the scene for the annual IGF by including a regional perspective
Morning Tea Break
Governing Data in the Asia-Pacific
Lunch Break
As AI regulation looms: Understanding its governance in the Asia-Pacific
Afternoon Tea
Countering misinformation and disinformation in fast-growing online communities
Closing remarks of Day 2 and of the regional parliamentary track

Appendix C - Regional demographic breakdown of speakers

Table 1. Breakdown of all APriGF and collocated forum speakers by subregion and country/economy

Region	Country/Economy	Number	Percentage (%)
Australia and New Zealand		57	25.2
	Australia	52	23.0
	New Zealand	5	2.2
Melanesia		15	6.6
	Fiji	4	1.8
	New Caledonia	1	0.4
	Papua New Guinea	5	2.2
	Solomon Islands	1	0.4
	Vanuatu	4	1.8
Micronesia		2	0.9
	Kiribati	1	0.4
	Micronesia (the Federated States of)	1	0.4
Polynesia		12	5.3
	Cook Islands	1	0.4

	Samoa	5	2.2%
	Tonga	4	1.8%
	Tuvalu	2	0.9%
Eastern Asia		11	4.9
	Hong Kong	1	0.4%
	Japan	3	1.3%
	South Korea	4	1.8%
	Taiwan	3	1.3%
South-eastern Asia		35	15.5
	Indonesia	15	6.6%
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1	0.4%
	Malaysia	2	0.9%
	Philippines	7	3.1%
	Singapore	6	2.7%
	Thailand	3	1.3%
	Vietnam	1	0.4%
Southern Asia		44	19.5
	Afghanistan	2	0.9%
	Bangladesh	4	1.8%

	India	23	10.2%
	Nepal	4	1.8%
	Pakistan	7	3.1%
	Sri Lanka	4	1.8%
Northern Europe		2	0.9
	United Kingdom	2	0.9
Western Europe		8	3.5
	Austria	1	0.4%
	Belgium	1	0.4%
	Germany	1	0.4%
	Netherlands	2	0.9%
	Switzerland	3	1.3%
North America		8	3.5
	Canada	1	0.4%
	United States	7	3.1%
South America		1	0.4
	Argentina	1	0.4
Eastern Africa		1	0.4
	Mauritius	1	0.4

Southern Africa		3	1.3
	Lesotho	1	0.4
	South Africa	2	0.9
Unspecified		27	11.9
	Unspecified country of origin/residence	27	11.9%

Notes. The countries, territories and economies mentioned within the report body and the table above have been divided into regional and subregional groups using the United Nations geoscheme, devised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

Appendix D - Regional demographic breakdown of registrations

Table 1. Breakdown of registrations by subregion and country/economy

Region	Country/Economy	Number	Percentage (%)
Australia and New Zealand		332	29.1
	Australia	309	27.1
	New Zealand	23	2.0
Melanesia		59	5.2
	Fiji	17	1.5
	New Caledonia	1	0.1
	Papua New Guinea	19	1.7
	Solomon Islands	13	1.1
	Vanuatu	9	0.8
Micronesia		8	0.7
	Kiribati	5	0.4
	Micronesia (the Federated States of)	2	0.2
	Palau	1	0.1

Polynesia		33	2.9
	Cook Islands	1	0.1
	Samoa	17	1.5
	Tonga	11	1.0
	Tuvalu	3	0.3
	Other listed as “South Pacific”	1	0.1
Eastern Asia		46	4.0
	China	2	0.2
	Hong Kong	6	0.5
	Japan	15	1.3
	Mongolia	3	0.3
	South Korea	6	0.5
	Taiwan	14	1.2
South-eastern Asia		154	13.5
	Cambodia	22	1.9
	Indonesia	51	4.5
	Lao People’s Democratic Republic	1	0.1
	Malaysia	13	1.1
	Myanmar	6	0.5
	Philippines	25	2.2

	Singapore	15	1.3
	Thailand	11	1.0
	Timor-Leste	1	0.1
	Vietnam	9	0.8
Southern Asia		356	31.3
	Afghanistan	4	0.4
	Bangladesh	33	2.9
	Bhutan	1	0.1
	India	144	12.6
	Iran	2	0.2
	Nepal	43	3.8
	Pakistan	38	3.3
	Sri Lanka	91	8.0
Western Asia		2	0.2
	Armenia	1	0.1
	Azerbaijan	1	0.1
Central Asia		1	0.1
	Tajikistan	1	0.1
Eastern Europe		3	0.3
	Poland	1	0.1

	Russian Federation	1	0.1
	Ukraine	1	0.1
Northern Europe		4	0.4
	United Kingdom	4	0.4
Western Europe		10	0.9
	Austria	1	0.1
	Belgium	2	0.2
	Germany	2	0.2
	Netherlands	2	0.2
	Switzerland	3	0.3
Southern Europe		2	0.2
	Andorra	1	0.1
	Portugal	1	0.1
North America		15	1.3
	Canada	1	0.1
	United States	14	1.2
Central America		1	0.1
	Mexico	1	0.1
South America		4	0.4
	Argentina	2	0.2

	Colombia	1	0.1
	Guyana	1	0.1
Eastern Africa		4	0.4
	Ethiopia	1	0.1
	Mauritius	1	0.1
	Uganda	2	0.2
Southern Africa		10	0.9
	Botswana	3	0.3
	Lesotho	2	0.2
	Namibia	1	0.1
	South Africa	3	0.3
	Swaziland	1	0.1
Western Africa		11	1.0
	Burkina Faso	1	0.1
	Chana	7	0.6
	Sierra Leone	2	0.2
	Togo	1	0.1
Middle Africa		9	0.8
	Cameroon	1	0.1
	Chad	1	0.1

	Congo (the Democratic Republic of the)	7	0.6
Unspecified		75	6.6
	Unspecified country of origin/residence	75	6.6

Notes. The numbers and percentages presented in the above table are based on the countries and economies submitted by registrants themselves during the registration process. Countries, territories and economies mentioned within the report body and the table above have been divided into regional and subregional groups using the United Nations geoscheme, devised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).