

Pacific Internet Governance Forum

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Why Pacific IGF?

Multi-stakeholder institution, allowing the sharing of perspectives from all those interested in Internet policy issues

- Governments
- ccTLD Managers
- Regulators
- Businesses
- Civil Society
- Youth Representation



History of Pacific and key issues then



- The first Pacific IGF was held in Noumea, New Caledonia in 2011 in parallel with the Pacific ICT Ministers meeting. Issues discussed are
- Citizen Journalism.
- Digital Observatories
- E-waste in the Pacific
- Critical Information Infrastructure Protection
- Regulatory challenges and impact on internet accessibility
- Civil Society collaboration on internet governance
- Internet to be accessible in Pacific languages
- Discussion on Internet Rights
- The need for representation at the global IGF forum
- The report on the 2011 inaugural Pacific Internet Governance Forum can be found on this link https://www.picisoc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/07/Report_on_the_Inaugural_Pacific_Regional_IGFSala.pdf

PICISOC the host organization for Pacific IGF



- Recommendations from the 2017 Pacific IGF meeting in Port Vila pointed to PICISOC as the potential organization to lead future Pacific IGF events. The following year in 2018, Pacific IGF was held in parallel with the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) led by PICISOC in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

MOU between PICISOC and APTLD to host Pacific IGF 2021



- After many discussions between APTLD and PICISOC in 2019, on February 20, 2020, with the aim of building a strategic partnership to explore areas of cooperation in the field of outreach and engagement of and building capacity for ccTLD managers across the Pacific Countries and Territories, an MOU was signed between the two organizations.

Pacific IGF 2023 and beyond



- Pacific IGF themes and sub-themes of common interest or on emerging issues on internet governance
- Misinformation and Dis-information
- Access and connectivity through opportunities with LEOs
- Digital Inclusion – e.g., addressing gender divide, digital divide and working with disability and vulnerable groups
- Digital Literacy
- Digital Resilience
- Connectivity
- Secure, safe, and stable internet e.g., cyber safety, cybersecurity initiatives
- DNSSEC training and signing

Pacific Youth IGF

- Youth IGF has been part of the 2018 APriIGF but it would be something useful to venture into and include during Pacific IGF. The intention is as an awareness to prepare the next generation to be part of the IGF discussions in the coming years as well as providing an avenue where Youth Groups in the Pacific Region have a platform where their ‘voices’ can be heard to advance Internet Governance in the region.



Ongoing Objectives of Pacific IGF



- Provide understanding of governing the internet through policy and legislation within each small island state.
- Inspiring participants to think out-of-the-basket through case studies, new ICT and Internet-related initiatives and trends
- Strengthening a multistakeholder process using knowledge sharing
- Highlighting key challenges, opportunities and lessons learned
- Properly set up the Pacific Youth IGF as an awareness initiative for the next generation.
- Set up Oceania ccTLD Association and first meeting

Challenges of Pacific IGF

- Diverse community separated by ocean
- Event Funding
- Engagement of ccTLDs in Pacific IGF
- Government engagement and support of Pacific IGF
- Participation of Youth in Pacific IGF



Pacific IGF 2023



- The PNG government has agreed to host the event this year in August
- Youth Participation is also a priority