



WSIS+20 etc – how to amplify APTLD Members' Voice?

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The global Internet Governance Forum

- [IGF](#) was initiated as a direct result of the [UN World Summit on the Information Society – WSIS](#) established by the United Nations
- held first in Geneva in 2003 and then in Tunis in 2005.
- The IGF is an international arena for discussion and cooperation in areas relating to the development of the information society, Internet governance and issues facing the Internet as a whole.
- The IGF is not a decision-making body but rather a forum at which the problems defined and approaches discussed can be formulated into public, international or national policies and presented to other bodies, whether to those within the UN or to other international organisations or governments, for their consideration.

IGF range of subjects

- primary infrastructure and global regulations for management of primary resources
- cybersecurity, cyber conflict, cybercrime, child safety;
- access to information and knowledge (digital media, intellectual property rights);
- the economy (e-commerce, taxation, the gig economy, labour rights);
- human rights (freedom of speech, privacy and anonymity, hate speech and violence, content policy, ethics);
- development (universal access, education and digital literacy, emerging technologies, e-governance and services, e-health);
- regulatory aspects



Partners and stakeholders

- representatives from many countries (both developed and developing),
- representatives of the business sector (companies such as Telefonica, Microsoft, CISCO, Google),
- technical communities (ICANN, RIPE NCC, CERTs),
- networks of non-governmental organisations (such as EDRI, ISOC and APC),
- international organisations and institutions (such as the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, UNESCO, OECD, ENISA) and
- telecoms regulators (such as the FCC, NTRA, NPT, OFCOM).

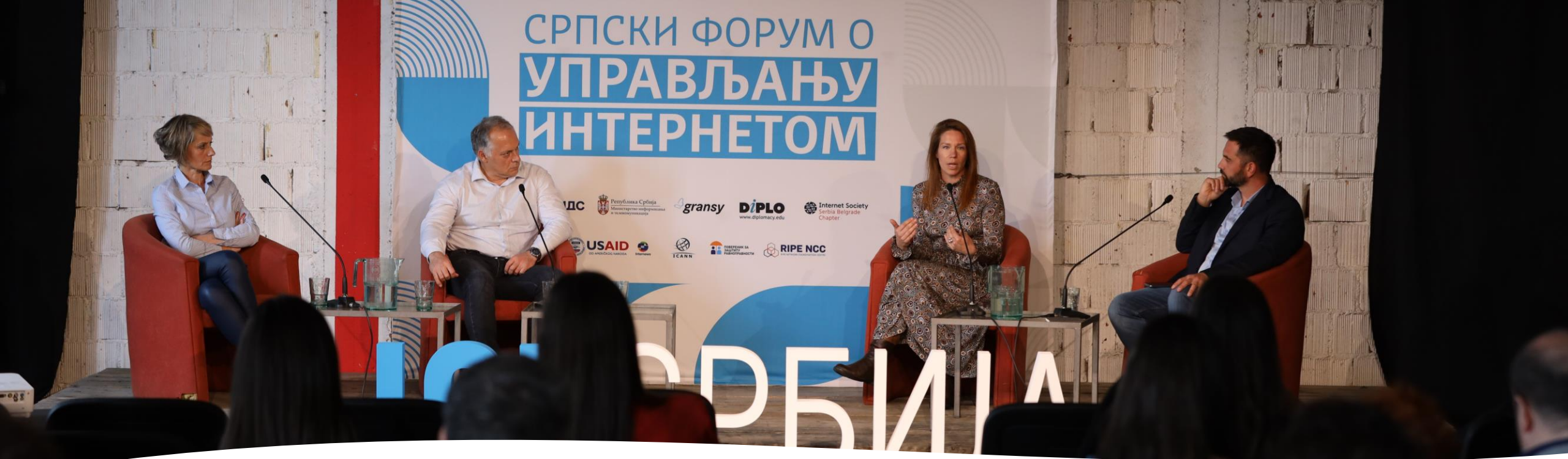


Regional and national processes since 2008

- Large number of [national and regional IGF initiatives \(NRIs\)](#) have also been established. The European process, known as the European Dialogue on Internet Governance ([EuroDIG](#)) has existed since 2008.

Dialogue in Australia

- The Australian IGF is meeting 28-29 October.
- The first event in 2012
- The theme: connecting Australia to regional and global processes.
- auDA has just become the Secretariat for the event
- draft Policy Position paper for community review, the subject is what we want from the WSIS+20 review process
- more info at <https://auIGF.au>



Dialogue in Serbia

- The first meeting to focus on IGF themes in Serbia was held in 2009
- Between 2012 and 2014 the annual Serbian Internet Dialogue was held, with the participation of numerous institutions, companies and organisations and active discussion of key topics of significance to Serbia and digital policy in this country
- IGF Serbia established in current format in 2022 (Ministry of Information and Telecommunications and RNIDS partner to deliver the project along with other stakeholders)
- IGF Serbia 2024 held in mid September 2024

WSIS+20 and GDC in short

Global Digital Compact

- Part of the Summit of the Future
- One of two global challenges - climate crisis and digitalisation
- A very broad, Sec Gen driven agenda
- Coming up next month
- Rev 4 likely in the next few days
- Internet governance - tensions around MS and enhanced cooperation
- Data governance and AI governance also on the table
- G77+China a key protagonist
- Tensions about control of the digital future
- Tensions about the process

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WSIS+20 review process

- Forum this year as noted
- Summit of the Future / GDC requests
- Feb 2025 - Paris Phase at UNESCO
- April 2025 - CSTD review in Geneva
- July 2025 - Geneva Phase - WSIS+20 High Level Event - Geneva
- Sep/Oct 2025 - New York phase - UNGA high level meeting to conclude the review.

Thanks for your attention

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