

IGF Panama Narrative Report

IGF Panama 2021

- Date: July 19th-23rd, 2021
- Hybrid format
- Overarching theme: none

Preparatory phase

The preparatory phase of the working group began at the end of January 2021. The first meeting of the working group was held on February 8, 2021, followed by meetings on April 12, May 10, and May 26. At these meetings, the date and venue of the event, biosecurity measures, changes to the event depending on epidemiological conditions, sending correspondence and invitations to the governmental and parliamentary sector, among other tasks, were established in a multisectoral manner. Each sector proposed a theme that was widely discussed with the national internet ecosystem.

AGENDA

Day 1:

Session: Universalidad del internet. Un medio para crear sociedades del conocimiento y la agenda de desarrollo sostenible

Format: conference

Host: ISOC Panama | Nayreth Gonzalez

Panelist: Dr. Antonio García Zevallos

Virtual attendance: 34 people

On site attendance: 7 people (3 women, 4 men)

Brief of the session: Having access to the Internet and connectivity is one of the first forms of social inclusion and reducing inequality. Not having connectivity is exclusion.

The LATAM region is not ready for the digital era. There are areas in countries with high connectivity while rural or low population density areas do not have service or have low penetration.

The important thing is to have national connectivity plans. It is not a panacea, but it is a sine qua non condition for advancing the digital agenda.

Data on broadband in Panama and the Internet in general were presented. The following recommendations were made:

Incentives for private investment

Infrastructure sharing

Media regulation (flows)

Migration to 5G and switch off 2G

Spectrum policy

FO deployment strategy to improve connectivity to the whole country.

Session: Obstáculos al acceso universal y significativo y soluciones prácticas de políticas impulsadas a nivel local

Format: panel

Host: ISOC Panama | Nayreth Gonzalez

Panelist:

- Alkin Saucedo | Autoridad para la Innovación Gubernamental (AIG)
- Gabriel Silva | Asamblea Nacional de Panamá
- Marielza Oliveira | UNESCO
- Maryleana Mendez | ASIET
- Shernon Osepa | Internet Society

Virtual attendance: 33 people

On site attendance: 7 people (3 women, 4 men)

Brief of the session: The development of the Internet in Panama, the legal and physical infrastructure that has developed it, as well as the latest legal projects for its benefit were discussed.

On the other hand, the legal capacity to bring the internet to the whole country, including rural and county areas, was analyzed. Finally, the need to initiate joint efforts to improve connectivity in the country as soon as possible was mentioned.

Session: Retos y resoluciones en la regulación del espectro

Format: panel

Host: ISOC Panama | Pablo Ruizdiaz

Panelists:

- Alejandro Adamowicz | GSMA
- René Piper | ASEP
- Martha Suarez | Dynamic Spectrum Alliance

Virtual attendance: 30 people

On site attendance: 7 people (3 women, 4 men)

Brief of the session:

The local status of the radio spectrum and the complexities of applying to the state for its extension or concession were discussed. On the other hand, the need to migrate to 5G and the benefits of a future 6G for the country were discussed.

Session: Modelos de negocio de inversión e servicio y acceso universal

Format: panel

Host: ISOC Panama | Pablo Ruizdiaz

Panelist:

- Irvin Halman | CNC Panamá
- Moisés Abadi | Liberty Tech
- Yeni Hernández | Liberty Latin America

Virtual attendance: 23 people

On site attendance: 6 people (3 women, 3 men)

Brief of the session:

The main plans and investments being made in the country to achieve full quality connectivity were discussed. He concluded by saying that "We must raise awareness in the country that the issue of connectivity is a problem to be solved at a national level and with the participation of all stakeholders. Internet is not recreational, it is a basic service".

Day 2:

Session: Implicaciones de la gobernanza de internet | El papel de la cooperación en la era digital

Format: panel

Host: NICPanama | Jeniffer Lopez

Panelist:

- Alex Neuman | Vida Digital
- Lilia Liu | Moore Panama
- Christian Corredoira | CAPATEC
- Jayguer Vasquez | UTP

Virtual attendance: 29people

On site attendance: 5 people (3 women, 2 men)

Brief of the session: The importance of multisectoral work in Internet governance, from the point of view of the main stakeholders, was discussed.

Day 3:

Session: ¿Puede el internet ser verde?

Format: panel

Host: Ciudad del Saber | Alessandro Francolini

Panelist:

- Alex Sanchez | Logic Studio
- Ignacio Sanchez | PNUMA
- Jovel Sanchez | MiAmbiente

Virtual attendance: 27 people

On-site attendance: 14 people (7 women, 7 men)

Brief of the session: The use of energy in technology and the dangers of increasing technological waste were discussed. At the same time, both topics were discussed from the

Panamanian perspective, the lack of discussion of these topics in the main forums of opinion in the country, and the urgent need to regulate it.

Day 4:

Session: La tecnología al servicio de la sociedad durante la pandemia

Format: panel

Host: IPANDETEC | Abdías Zambrano

Panelist:

- Olga de Obaldia | Transparencia Internacional
- Cesar Diaz | LACNIC
- Demostenes Garcia | tHINKERS
- Janice Becerra | AIG

Virtual attendance: 13 people

On site attendance: 3 people (1 women, 2 men)

Brief of the session: The main global uses of technology during the covid pandemic were discussed. The conversation focused on the projects, applications, platforms, that the government advanced during the pandemic for the different sectors and their success stories.

Day 5:

Session: Seguridad digital

Format: panel

Host: Universidad de Panamá | Gustavo Diaz

Panelist:

- Monica Villalaz | SENNI AF
- María Capelo | META Latam
- Amarilis de León | Universidad de Panamá

Virtual attendance: 30 people

On-site attendance: 10 people (7 women, 3 men)

Brief of the session: The panelists mentioned the efforts being made for digital security from their respective organizations and agreed that all efforts should be addressed together with the government sector and campaigns for the entire population, in addition to promoting public policy proposals that generate legal infrastructures and minimum standards to minimize risks.

Organizing team:

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