

Introduction to the Internet Governance Forum

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The IGF is in its 8th year

2006 Athens

2008 Hyderabad

2010 Vilnius

2012 Baku

2007 Rio de Janeiro

2009 Sharm el Sheikh

2011 Nairobi

2013 Bali

Housed at the United Nations

Created during the World Summit on the Information Society
2003 Geneva, 2005 Tunis

The Official Mandate of the IGF: Tunis Agenda on the Information Society, p 72

"Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet."

Organization and Administration

IGF Secretariat, Geneva
Multistakeholder Advisory Group



The IGF logo, consisting of the letters "IGF" in a bold, dark teal font, set against a light gray square background.

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Main Themes:

- * The Internet as an engine for growth and sustainable development
- * Internet Governance Principles
- * Principles of Multi-stakeholder cooperation
- * Security - Legal and other Frameworks: Spam, Hacking and Cyber-crime
- * Enhanced cooperation
- * Human rights, freedom of expression and free flow of information on the Internet



Regional and National IGF initiatives

Roundtable on "Day 0"

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