



# Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2025

## SIA Report Highlights

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# APrIGF Project Goals

To contribute to stronger Internet governance engagement and greater regional visibility for the .Asia domain by acting as a trusted facilitator and Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF).

As a registry, DotAsia also aims to highlight its regional authority by maintaining good relationships with the Internet Governance community, including governments, industry, civil society, youth, academia and the technical community.



# APrIGF Project Goals & Theory of Change (ToC)

Position DotAsia as a trusted regional leader in Internet governance while increasing visibility and credibility of the .Asia domain, by serving the community as Secretariat of APrIGF, convening diverse stakeholders to maintain good relationships and raise awareness of Internet governance

## Key activities:

- Advocacy at regional and global Internet Governance Forums
- Operational support for APrIGF events
- Capacity building and collaboration with global IG bodies, NRIs, and partners
- Amplifying Asia Pacific voices in GDC and WSIS+20 related activities

## Measurable outcomes:

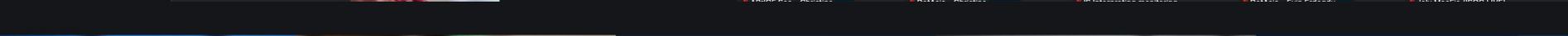
- Increased participation and session proposals from the Asia Pacific region
- Greater diversity across geography, stakeholder groups, and gender
- Stronger regional and international partnerships





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# Highlights #1

**APrIGF 2025 Virtual Conference, the first fully virtual APrIGF after APrIGF 2020, was successfully carried out despite the transition taking place in less than a month before the conference.**

- Number of registered participants:  
**1,188** (12.1% - 2024)
- Number of online attendees:  
**1,701** (+348% - 2020) / (+1.6% - 2024)
- Number of economies registered attendees are from:  
**66** (4.8% - 2024)
- Average number of attendees in a session:  
**53** (-28% - 2020) / (1.3% - 2024)



# Highlights #2

There was an increased in the number of submitted proposals.

In spite of the last minute transition to a fully virtual format, all selected sessions and plenaries were able to be conducted as planned, including the WSIS+20 High Level Session which invited and was attended by two WSIS+20 Co-facs

- Numbers of proposals submitted:  
**116** (+78% - 2020) / (+26.1% - 2024)
- Number of selected proposals:  
**25** (+79% - 2020) / (-7.4% - 2024)
- Number of APrIGF Sessions:  
**32** (+100% - 2020) / (0% - 2024)



# Highlights #3

Improved virtual event environment with better accessibility features including International sign language for relevant sessions, live captioning, and live streaming, among others.

Accessibility features allowed a diverse range of stakeholders and speakers to participate in this year's APrIGF

- Number of speakers:  
141 (+88% - 2020) / (-25.8% - 2024)
- Number of sessions with SLI:  
4 (+300% - 2020) / (+100% - 2024)
- Sponsorship received:  
USD 42,000 (-16% - 2024)



# 2025 APriGF Fellowship Program

A total of 379 applications were received, with gender ratio of 136 females, 239 males, and 4 others. Out of which, 30 fellows were selected in the initial round, evenly split between 15 females and 15 males. Only 26 fellows successfully completed the APriGF Fellowship Program.

Diversity, in terms of economies, gender, and stakeholder groups were heavily taken into consideration during selection process. 22 international fellows came from 18 different economies, with 4 local Nepalese fellows selected on meritocratic basis.

- Number of fellowship applications received:

**379** (-35.3% - 2024)

- Number of economies the applicants are from:

**30** (+66.7% - 2024)

- Number of economies the selected fellows are from:

**19** (+5.6% - 2024)



# Remarks on APrIGF 2025

- The Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG) formed a working group focussing on WSIS+20 Review to create a platform for APrIGF Community to participate and contribute to the WSIS+20 process. The working group successfully organised 3 Webinars from June to November 2025, leading up to the WSIS+20 Review High Level Meeting.
- Two MSG members kindly volunteered to design social media templates to promote registrations and the APrIGF 2025 Fellowship Program
- The MSG commented that the 2nd Regional Parliamentary Track could have been better promoted to garner more community participation and attendance during the event



# Prospect of APrIGF 2026

## Local Hubs

- Strengthening Local Hubs for upcoming APrIGF events; potentially targeting Local Hubs as a proof of concept for APrIGF hosting
- Encourage MSG members to co-organise Local Hubs in collaboration with ISOC chapters, APrIGF Fellows alumni, for example

## Fellows

- Recognise outstanding fellows & mentors to encourage active participation

## Parliamentary Track

- Continue annual momentum to collaborate with other side events as a week of Internet Governance, including Parliamentary Track



# Thank You!



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