

IGF: Intersessional work / National and Regional Initiatives

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Update from IGF MAG

- **Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion – Phase II**
- **National and Regional Initiatives (NRI)**
- **Best Practice Forums (BPF) and Dynamic Coalitions (DC)**
- **IGF Retreat**

Input into IGF intersessional work

- **Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion**
 - Presented at at IGF 2015 in João Pessoa, Brazil, November 2015.
- **Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion – Phase II**
 - Call for public input – 9 guiding questions for consideration

Guiding questions (1 / 3)

1. How would you define, or how do you understand, the theme “Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion”?
2. The first phase of Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion (2015) identified a set of policy options aimed at the creation of enabling environments, including deploying infrastructure, increasing usability, enabling users, and ensuring affordability. What are the factors to consider when adopting these policy options at local levels?
3. Are you aware of any specificities around connectivity at a local or regional level?

Guiding questions (2 / 3)

4. Data shows that the growth of Internet adoption is slowing down in some areas, especially as broadband services extend to more remote, less densely populated areas. What are some of the barriers or limitations preventing people who do have Internet access from being enabled or empowered through such connectivity?
5. What does meaningful access mean?
6. How can connectivity contribute to reaching the new SDGs?

Guiding questions (3 / 3)

7. Do you know examples of stories where using ICTs to support development has not worked, and why?
8. Can you think of ways in which ICTs or Internet connectivity could be used to help reach the SDGs?
9. Do you know of examples of success stories that can illustrate how Internet access can help to address real-world problems?

National and Regional Initiatives

- How to strength linkages between the NRIs and the global IGF?
- What are the key issues for the Asia Pacific Region?
- What does the AP community want to bring to the main IGF session?

Comments & Input

- Synthesis Document: <http://comment.rigf.asia/>
- Questions? Email us at sec@aprigf.asia