

IGF Poland

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The IGF Initiatives are organized and function in accordance with five core principles. They are:

- open and transparent – all interested parties, regardless of their age, profession, interests or their representation can join the activities of IGF Poland and co-organize our annual conference. All can engage in Internet Governance and participate in shaping standards, rules and policies.
- inclusive– IGF Poland’s actions, especially organizing the annual meeting and developing its overall program, should encompass the views of the wider Internet Governance community. The IGF role is to ensure that all interested can participate in the Internet Governance Forum and present their views.
- bottom-up – all participating in IGF Poland can engage in decision-making through public consultation rounds. It ensures that IGF Poland’s activities reflect the needs of the respective community it is acting within.
- non-commercial - IGF Poland is not-for-profit organization. Participation in its activities and in the annual event is free of charge.
- multistakeholder –it functions, strictly speaking, according to the multistakeholder model of Internet Governance. It means IGF is a collaboration of a maximum possible number of stakeholders: government, civil society, academia, technical community and individual Internet users. All of them cooperate within IGF Poland on equal footing with no preferential treatment.

The effectiveness of each IGF initiative depends on the activity of local Internet users’ community, i.e. how many individuals and institutions are willing and able to successfully engage in this process. Stakeholders’ activity is important as, contrary to popular belief, Internet Governance is not just about technical parameters or infrastructure. It also covers such fundamental areas as manufacturing and commerce, Internet of things, finance, security, media and entertainment, education, public affairs or human rights. Decisions made in all these fields affect every one of us. Maybe not to an equal degree and mostly indirectly but the sum of these decisions ultimately determines the direction the Internet develops. If we want it to continue in a way that will help us grow the economy, be creative and innovative or conduct research - we should engage in discussions shaping these fundamental decisions.