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UN turns to voice of youth on digital: Youth IGF to influence choice of internet policies

The Youth IGF Movement, together with the Swiss government (FDFA), presents live commentary by young leaders from the UN IGF high-level sessions.

The UN IGF is an annual multi-stakeholder meeting for policy dialogue on internet governance issues (www.intgovforum.org). With the importance of hearing the voice of the younger generations on our policies is growing across the planet, the need for a strong youth presence and the opportunity to hear their fresh ideas on digital matters was underlined by different stakeholders during the previous annual UN Internet Governance Forum in 2020.

The Youth IGF has therefore partnered with the Swiss government to provide live commentary **on selected IGF 2021 sessions, to broaden the effective reach of youth opinion on policy.**

While the young are not present in the UN IGF high-level sessions, they can comment on these sessions and bring their views to the world on the hottest questions related to digital issues. Ultimately, the young can influence policy choices on data protection legislation, the role of digital platforms, digital sovereignty or antitrust regulations – some of the topics that the Youth IGF will comment on during the week of 6-10 December 2021 at the UN IGF.

“The expanded Youth IGF presence at the IGF 2021 is a means of giving global recognition to the voice of young leaders and their innovative ideas in digital cooperation – proposals that can be scaled from a comment to a fully-fledged policy proposal or solution,” says Youth IGF founder Yuliya Morenets.

The Youth IGF live commentary is a way of supporting the UN Roadmap on Digital Cooperation and generating powerful ideas for digital cooperation.

The commentating will be done by Youth IGF Leaders and will be broadcast live in video format on all major social media platforms @globalyouthigf.

For the full daily schedule, see: www.globalyouthigf.com

About the Youth IGF

Created in 2011, the Youth IGF (www.youthigf.com) is a recognized part of the UN IGF. The Youth IGF brings the voice of youth on the digital world to you from 35+ countries. We talk about policies and governance with a focus on online safety, cybersecurity skills, online fakes and all the hottest internet issues. @globalyouthigf

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