

The RIPE NCC has submitted its contribution to the IWW on March 6, 2024."

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The IGF Leadership Panel believes that the Internet We Want is:

1. Whole and open;
2. Universal and inclusive;
3. Free-flowing and trustworthy;
4. Safe and secure; and
5. Rights-respecting.

Together, Let's Shape the Future of the Internet

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the IGF Leadership Panel for the opportunity to engage in this vital dialogue. As we contribute to the discussion initiated by the IGF Leadership Panel, the RIPE NCC is guided by the principles of openness, connectivity, security, and inclusivity. These principles are not just the foundation of our work but are integral to achieving a digital world that benefits all stakeholders. Our engagement in policy development processes and community collaborations is a testament to our unwavering commitment to these ideals, aiming to foster an Internet environment that mirrors the aspirations outlined by the Leadership Panel and the broader Internet governance community.

As we navigate the complexities of today's digital societies, the pivotal role of the Internet in driving economic, social, and environmental development cannot be overstated. The RIPE NCC's commitment to enhancing Internet governance reflects our deep-seated dedication to fostering a robust, secure, and inclusive Internet environment. This dedication aligns seamlessly with the expansive themes laid out by the Leadership Panel.

1. Whole and Open

The RIPE NCC fully upholds the principle of a whole and open Internet as being fundamental to its mission. We advocate for an unfragmented digital space that remains globally connected and interoperable. This vision underpins our efforts to support innovation, foster collaboration, and facilitate the free exchange of ideas, thus maintaining the Internet's role as a driver of social and economic progress. Our efforts in promoting open standards, transparent policy development, and community engagement are central to preserving the Internet's openness and integrity.

2. Universal and Inclusive

We are committed to expanding Internet connectivity to achieve universal and inclusive access. Recognising the transformative power of the Internet, the RIPE NCC actively supports initiatives aimed at enhancing Internet infrastructure, such as the development of Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) and the adoption of IPv6. We provide training to the technical community and collaborate with the academic community (such as through RACI, the RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative). These efforts ensure more resilient, efficient, and accessible Internet services for all, bridging the digital divide and fostering inclusivity.

3. Free-flowing and Trustworthy

RIPE NCC champions the principle of data free flow with trust, emphasising the importance of a secure and trustworthy Internet. We work towards enabling a digital environment where data can be shared freely, fostering innovation and development, while also ensuring robust data protection and privacy standards. Our commitment to routing security, through initiatives like Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI), is a testament to our dedication to a trustworthy Internet ecosystem.

4. Safe and Secure

Ensuring a safe and secure online environment is paramount for the RIPE NCC. We advocate for increased efforts in cybersecurity, recognising its critical role in protecting infrastructure and users alike. Our involvement in developing and promoting security best practices, alongside fostering collaboration among stakeholders, is aimed at enhancing the Internet's overall security posture, safeguarding it against evolving threats.

5. Rights-Respecting

The RIPE NCC is steadfast in its commitment to a human-centric Internet that respects fundamental human rights. We believe in the Internet as a platform for freedom of expression, access to information, and the promotion of democracy and the rule of law. Through our policy development processes and community engagement, we strive to ensure that the Internet remains a space that upholds and protects individual rights.

