

## **The RIPE NCC submission to IGF Open Consultations**

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We would like to thank the IGF Secretariat and MAG, and the host country, Kenya, for convening these Open Consultations.

The RIPE NCC is pleased to continue its long-standing engagement with the IGF, the MAG, National and Regional IGF Initiatives, and the wider Internet governance community.

In response to the questions shared by the MAG, we would like to highlight the following important areas.

First, regarding our priorities for the coming year, the RIPE NCC will continue supporting our members, the Internet technical community, governments and regulators through capacity building, technical expertise and data-driven insights. Our work on IPv6, routing security, Internet measurements, peering and resilience is part of a wider objective: helping communities build an Internet that is globally interoperable, secure and resilient. We see strong opportunities to collaborate with the IGF ecosystem by bringing practical experience from the operational side of the Internet into policy discussions.

Second, in the context of WSIS+20 follow-up, the Global Digital Compact, and other UN processes, our key message is that implementation must be grounded in the Internet's real operational foundations. Digital public infrastructure, AI systems, cybersecurity frameworks, cloud services and cross-border digital cooperation all depend on resilient connectivity, secure routing, open standards, interoperability and trusted technical coordination. The IGF can help ensure that these implementation processes do not become fragmented or disconnected.

Third, looking ahead to IGF 2026, we encourage the MAG to reflect three priorities in the programme.

The first is implementation. After WSIS+20 and the GDC, the IGF should help move the discussion from principles to practice by focusing on what countries and communities actually need to implement inclusive, secure and sustainable digital transformation.

The second is coherence. The IGF agenda should help connect the WSIS+20 follow-up and GDC implementation, rather than treating them as separate tracks, as is the case today. This would strengthen the IGF's role as the space where diverse processes converge in an open, multistakeholder setting.

The third is participation. IGF 2026 should provide strong visibility for National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs), Network Operator Groups (NOGs), youth, parliamentarians, governments, and capacity building for developing-country

stakeholders. This is essential if global digital governance is to remain inclusive, practical and connected to local realities.

As the IGF enters its permanent phase following WSIS+20, the RIPE NCC stands ready to work with the IGF Secretariat, the MAG, and all stakeholders to strengthen the IGF's work and ensure it is globally anchored, locally connected through NRIs, technically resilient, and continuously impactful.

Thank you.