

Summary Record of the 2021 IGFSA General Assembly

2022 General Assembly

Addis Ababa and Virtual, 28 November 2022

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iymAQ6iDZLk>

1. The IGFSA held its ninth General Assembly during the 17th IGF (Addis Ababa and Virtual) on 28 November 2022. 51 IGFSA Members and observers, as well as 1 remote hub attended the meeting in room and via remote participation. Seven of nine Executive Committee Members were also in attendance, Anriette Esterhuysen sent apologies, Eduardo Santoyo was not in attendance. Markus Kummer, as the Chair of the Executive Committee, presided over the General Assembly.
2. The following agenda, sent out in advance and [published on the IGFSA website](#), was approved with a change of order of items by consensus by all members present.
 - I. Adoption of the agenda
 - II. Approval of the [Summary Record of the 2021 General Assembly](#)
 - III. Executive Committee Election
 - IV. Adoption of the contents of the [reports](#) and [financial statements](#) for the year
 - V. Approval of the annual budget, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee.
 - VI. Fundraising
 - VII. Release of obligations of the Executive Committee members
 - VIII. Any Other Business
3. The Chair, Markus Kummer, welcomed the IGFSA members and observers in-person and online to the ninth General Assembly of the IGFSA on the margins of the 17th Internet Governance Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and called the meeting to order.
4. *Adoption of the agenda*
 - I. The agenda was adopted as proposed, with the switching of the order of Agenda Item III and II.
5. *Approval of Summary Record of the 2020 General Assembly*
 - I. Jennifer Chung, Secretary, presented the [Summary Record of the 2020 General Assembly](#). She noted that one of the Executive Members, Brian Cute had to step down from the Executive Committee as he accepted a new job that created conflicts of interest with IGFSA. Subsequently, the candidate, Fiona Asonga, who received the next largest number of votes in the 2021 EC elections was invited to join the Executive Committee. She also noted that was a change to the IGFSA Articles of Associations to

reflect the change of provision of Secretariat services from ISOC to DotAsia Organisation. The [summary record](#) of the previous General Assembly from 10 December 2021 that was held in Katowice, Poland was approved.

6. *Executive Committee Election*

- I. The Chair noted that there were no statements of interest received from IGFSAs members in good standing before the end of the nomination period. He noted that the IGFSAs bylaws are flexible regarding the number of EC members on the committee, that there should be more than 5 members. He further noted that with the term ending for Eduardo Santoyo there is a gap of representation in the EC from GRULAC. Two prospective candidates registered their interest in standing for the EC elections, Kashif Adeel and Flávio Wagner'. The Chair noted that there will be an online process to be started for the EC elections and notices will be duly posted on the IGFSAs website regarding details to be overseen by the successive Chair.

7. *Adoption of the contents of the reports and financial statements for the year*

- I. Jennifer Chung, Secretary, presented the [2021-2022 Report on IGFSAs Activities](#). The report describes new memberships, meeting schedules, Executive Committee subcommittees, Executive Committee composition and how funds were collected and allocated. The Secretary noted that eight EC meetings were held over the course of the year and also separate small committee members to discuss expanding the donor space. She noted that there was also a special call with the private sector to further understand how private sector engages with sponsorship. There were initiatives, headlined by EC members in particular for fundraising to broaden the donor base such as the creation of the value proposition document for prospective donors and other presentation materials, as well as outreach and communications. There was a dedicated communications messaging sent out via the IGF Secretariat to the entire IGF community that introduced and described the mission and activities of IGFSAs.
- II. There were some questions received regarding disbursements and it was noted that those with * next to the line item were approved by the EC but currently in progress and not fully completed.
- III. The Annual report was adopted as presented, and the draft status to be changed to final on the IGFSAs website.

8. *Approval of the annual budget, based upon a recommendation by the Executive Committee.*

- I. Nigel Hickson, Treasurer, presented the financial report for IGFSAs 2021-2022 as prepared by the IGFSAs Accountant, Michael Parrett. He gave an overview of the status of the IGFSAs bank accounts and broad categories of disbursements, expenditures and income received. He noted that IGFSAs is very keen to broaden the financial donor base
- II. It was noted by members that the projected budget was fiscally responsible and projected expenditure will not extend beyond the current funding resources. The Treasurer noted that IGFSAs is demand-driven in expenditures with the incoming requests and expressed gratitude to IGFSAs donors.
- III. The Annual Budget was adopted with a caveat to correct the date typo as recommended by the Executive Committee.

9. *Fundraising*

- I. There was appreciation expressed by recipients of the IGFSAs small grants, Liberia IGF and Chad IGF regarding how the small grants had helped them host virtual meetings during the difficult pandemic times.
- II. There was discussion raised by IGFSAs members suggesting that IGFSAs provide funding for Schools for Internet Governance. The Chair noted that this discussion was taken up by the Executive Committee and currently it was not looking to expand the categories of funding beyond small grants to the National, Regional, Sub-regional and Youth initiatives, and support to the IGF Secretariat via the IGF Trust Fund and accessibility report.
- III. Christopher Mondini gave an introduction to the fundraising outreach activities undertaken by the EC this year. He noted that there is increasing demand as more initiatives resume meetings coming out of the pandemic. He noted that IGFSAs recognizes that it is in a healthy financial situation, but also reiterated the need to broaden the donor base. He noted that the value proposition developed in 2021 did assist with presentations to potential stakeholder groups of donors. He further noted that concrete feedback was received from the Domain Name Registries and Registrars regarding encouraging capacity building and training on how the Domain Name System works as a component of the NRIs supported by the IGFSAs. In addition, he noted that some Registries also directly support specific NRIs and have asked IGFSAs for further recommendations on such. He noted that together with a small group of EC members there were additional private sector and business contacts that were outreached to over the course of the year and encouraged IGFSAs members to let the EC know if there are additional organisations and institutions that may be interested in supporting the IGFSAs mission.
- IV. It was noted that there is a broad range of activities related to the IGF and suggested that IGFSAs should summarize this and present to the potential donors and funders the potential for supporting the range of activities. The Chair noted that this would be helpful both of potential donors.
- V. Markus Kummer, Chair, noted that it would be possible to schedule a dedicated brainstorming session on fundraising with IGFSAs member. He further noted that crowdfunding was an item that was not developed further in 2021 due to the pandemic, but hoped that the new EC will take up the topic with a new perspective in 2022.

10. *Release of obligations of the Executive Committee members*

- I. At the request of the Chair, the General Assembly granted the discharge to the IGFSAs Executive Committee.

11. *Any Other Business*

- I. Special thanks to outgoing Chair, Markus Kummer. It was recognized that Markus Kummer has played many important roles in the Internet Governance ecosystem, but specific to the IGFSAs he has been with the Association since its founding as Secretary

and then was elected to two full terms as Chair. IGfSA Executive Committee and members expressed gratitude to Markus for his service and invited him to remain in an advisory role to IGfSA matters.

II. Election of the new Chair of the IGfSA

- i. Former Chair Markus Kummer closed the General Assembly and opened a special Executive Committee meeting with the single agenda item to elect the new chair of the IGfSA.
- ii. Amrita Choudhury was presented as the candidate and elected to serve as the new Chair of the IGfSA by acclamation.