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**IGF** Internet  
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# IGF 2021 CONTEXT

## Contextual factors

Pandemic

Digital Cooperation process: UN SG's Roadmap and linked "Options Paper" from Germany and UAE

A continuously expanding internet and internet governance ecosystem

Pressure on the IGF to be outcome oriented AND to remain a platform for dialogue

## Goals

Inclusion

Relevance and focus

Impact orientation

Integration

High-level tracks

Community-driven

Financial sustainability

## Next on the horizon

New IGF Leadership Panel

UN SG's "Our Common Agenda" and the idea of a Global Digital Compact at the Summit of the Future in 2023

IGF renewal as part of WSIS +20 in 2025

Consolidation of an expanding IGF ecosystem AND stronger relationships with other institutions – institutional capacity needed to do this well

# IGF 2021 INTERSESSIONAL WORK

## Best Practice Forums (BPFs)

*multistakeholder networks focusing on existing and emerging good practices*

## Policy Networks (PNs)

*multistakeholder efforts that provide in-depth expert view on broad Internet governance topics of global population's interest*

## Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)

*open, multistakeholder and community-driven initiatives dedicated to exploring a certain Internet governance issue or group of issues*

**BPF Cyber-security on use of norms to foster trust and security**

**BPF Gender and Digital Rights**

**PN Environment**

**PN Universal and Meaningful Access**

**22 DCs focused on particular IG issues**

Cybersecurity agreements; norms; cooperation.

Gendered misinformation

Digital technologies for environment; environmental data; food & water security; energy security; supply chains; overarching issues etc.

How to achieve meaningful and universal access?

DCs on: accessibility; blockchain; child rights online; connectivity; Internet values; data; health; DNS; gender; jobs; IoT; rights; IG schools; media; Internet universality indicators; security; and more.



IGF 2021 Town Hall

# IGF 2021 STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME

## The 16<sup>th</sup> IGF

- 200+ sessions nested under the issue areas
- High-level track
- Parliamentary track
- Youth track
- Newcomers track
- IGF Village
- Remote Hubs
- Social events

*.... and more*

## Preparatory and Engagement Phase

- Community-driven substantive sessions
- Collaborative work on the issue areas
- Trainings for session organizers
- Orientation for participants

*... and more*

## Intersessional Work

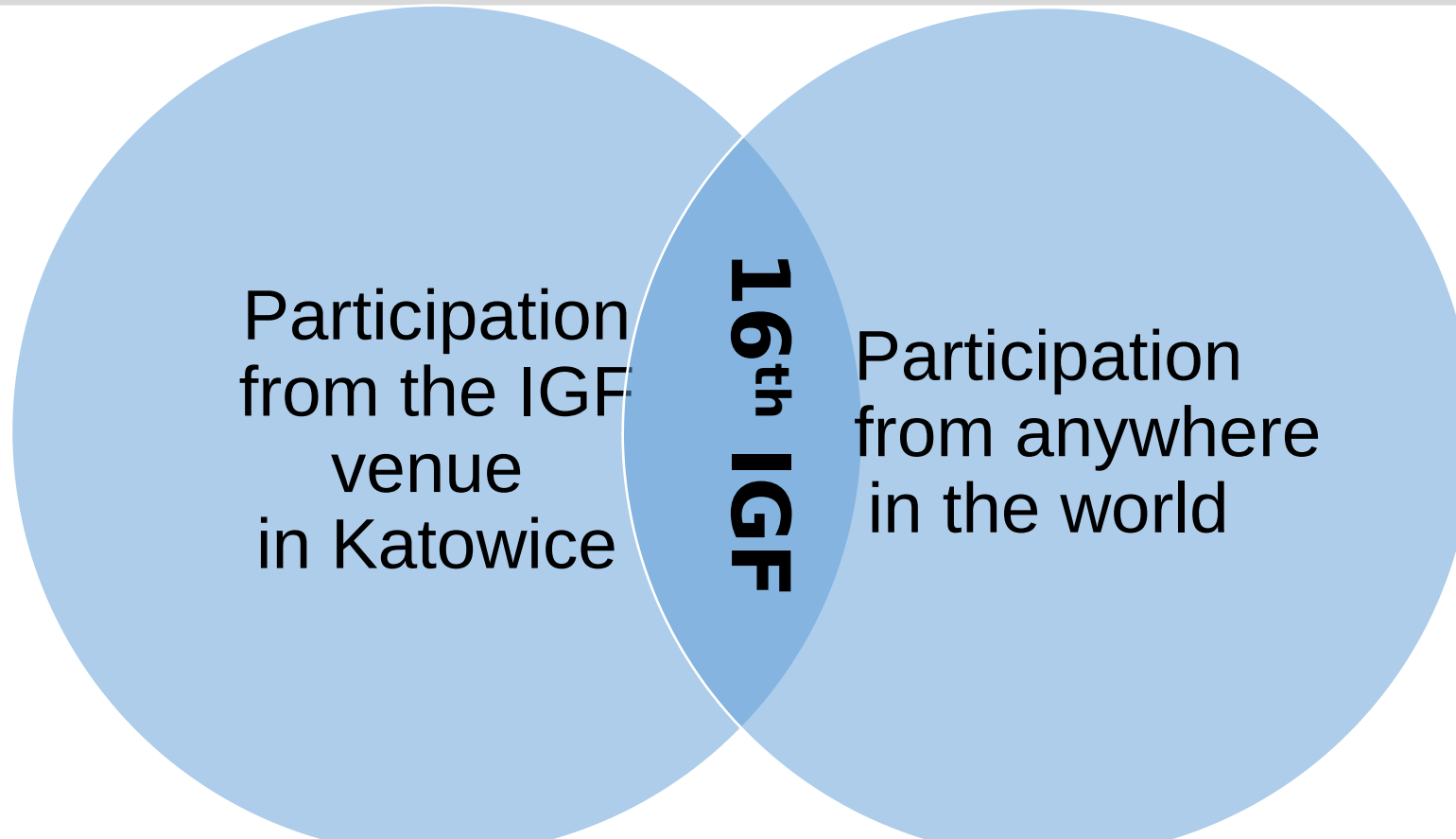
- Best Practice Forums
  - Cybersecurity; Gender and Digital Rights
- Policy Networks
  - Environment; and Meaningful Access
- 22 Dynamic Coalitions
- Capacity Development

+ cooperation with 137 NRIs

# IGF 2021 HYBRID FORMAT

**"Hybrid"**- Blended participation in the IGF so participants in all sessions will be able to contribute equally as peers regardless if participating from the IGF venue or any other place in the world.

**Objective** - Make participation in the IGF 2021 meaningful and inclusive for all participants.



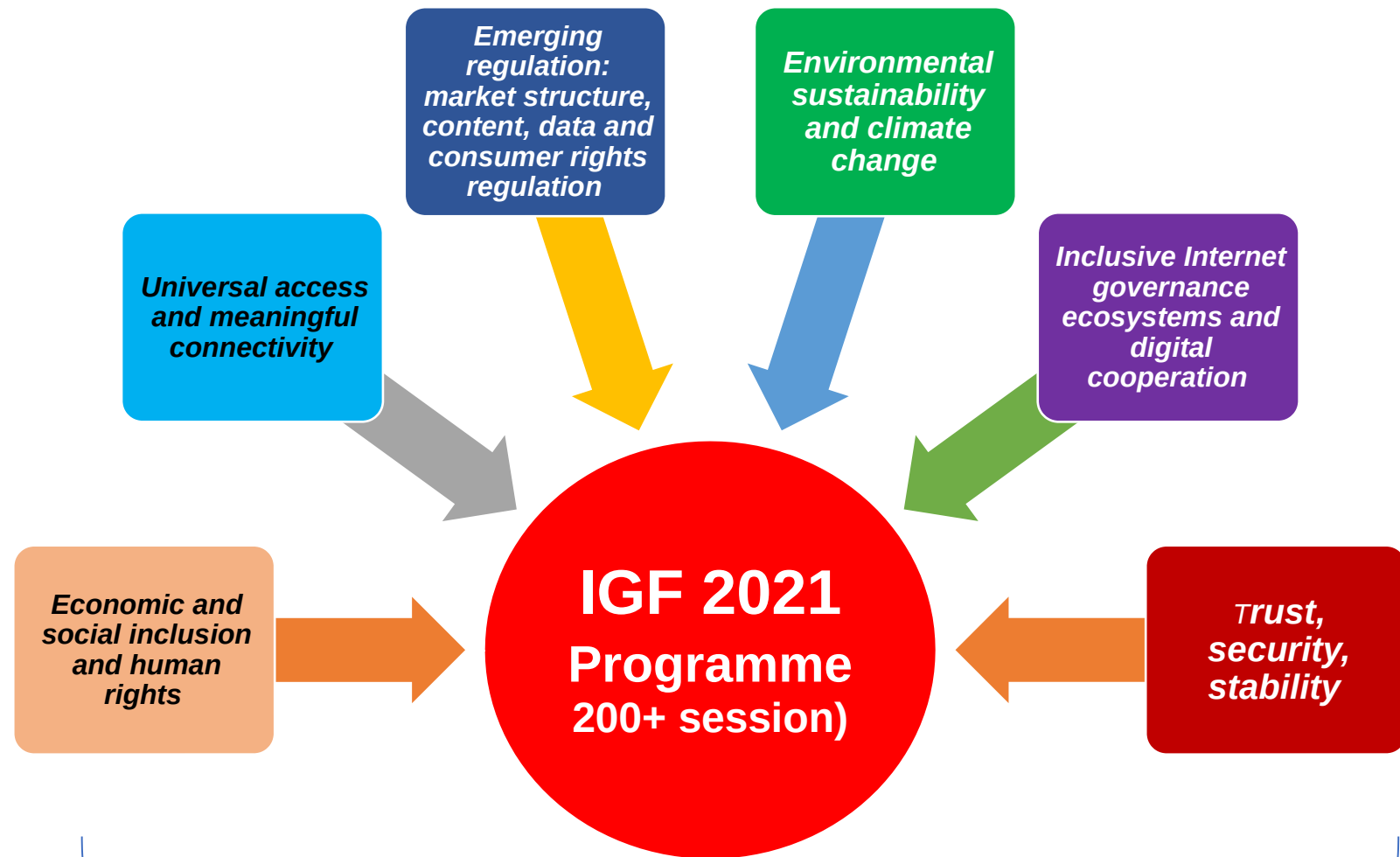
# 16<sup>th</sup> IGF PROGRAMME

The **16<sup>th</sup> annual IGF** will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 6 to 10 December 2021.

The IGF 2021 programme built on an **issue-drive approach** and **full inclusion** regardless of participant's location.

[IGF 2021 Guide to Issues and Policy Questions](#)

Over **200 sessions** on the Forum's two main and four emerging and cross-cutting issue areas.



Intersessional Work

Preparatory Phase

The 16<sup>th</sup> IGF in Katowice

# High-level and parliamentary tracks (6 and 7 December)

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION of many high-level experts and leaders

Parliamentary track: Legislative approaches for a user-centric digital space

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# Internet Governance Forum 2021 (IGF 2021) in Poland

## DURING THE EVENT:

- Bilateral meetings
- IGF Village
- Remote Hubs
- Exhibition of awarded works of the competition for young people
- Performance by the pianist Ingolf Wunder with TEDx Talk
- Music Night
- Dedicated scientific publication of the Virtual Chair of Ethics and Law: *The Future of the Law of Internet and New Technologies*
- Concert at the NOSPR with a banquet for all participants
- Regional cuisine specialties
- Free tours (Katowice + surroundings)
- Silesia Museum: tickets for a single Polish Zloty (PLN)
- Free transport in Katowice City

# DISCUSSION

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[www.intgovforum.org](http://www.intgovforum.org) [www.igf2021.pl](http://www.igf2021.pl)