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Executive Summary

The Pacific Internet Partners (PIP) along with the Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC), the Pacific Island Chapter of the Internet Society (PicISOC) and the Pacific Island Telecommunication Association (PITA) with the assistance of a dozen support partners organized the first ever Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (PRIGF) in Noumea on the weekend of April 9 & 10, 2011. The PRIGF was convened to provide a platform for multi-stakeholder discussion on Internet Governance and related issues.

More than 90 people from throughout the Pacific representing a wide range of organisations and stakeholder interests attended the two day gathering and ancillary events. A diverse set of presentations and associated discussions provided thoughtful consideration of the issues and opportunities of Internet Governance in the Pacific.

The meeting was well received by participants who urged the organizers to run a second event within the next two years. Active discussions among participants continue through the PaIGF mailing lists.

A copy of the Communiqué is included later in this report

1.1 Purpose

Building on the United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goals, and the mandate given at the Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis in 2005, the IGF (Internet Governance Forum) is a United Nations activity initiated in 2006 as a global platform for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on prevailing and emerging issues on Internet Governance so as to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability, and development of the Internet. The annual Forum was previously held in Greece (2006), Brazil (2007), India (2008), Egypt (2009) and Lithuania (2010).

The Internet has become an integral part of people's lives. Despite the advantages, misuses and abuses can lead to social problems such as digital divide, Internet addiction, information safety, security, privacy, and other evolving issues. These issues have no respect to national borders, and therefore require collaboration between countries and territories to address. The IGF approach is an open forum for knowledge sharing between stakeholders across borders, which in turn inform local policy development.

More comprehensive Internet access is occurring in the Pacific, although many last mile solutions are still required for un-served or under-served communities. With the increases in bandwidth and connectivity come many associated public policy issues, on a broad scope of issues such as human rights, anti-spam regulations, copyright infringements and much more. In the technical arena, as deregulation of the telecommunications sector occurs, consideration to local and pan-Pacific peering arrangements and deployment of root servers become real issues in reducing "tromboning" traffic and speeding up the users' experiences. Resiliency and robustness of the Internet and its security and stability become increasingly crucial.

At its meeting in Tonga last June, the Pacific Forum Ministers recognized the need for forward planning on Internet Governance issues and supported the concept of convening a Pacific IGF in 2011. Due to the unique occurrence of the Pacific Forum Ministers meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia from 4 to 8 April 2011, and the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) meeting in Noumea also, in the week of 11 to 18 April, a very good representation of the multistakeholder community will be gathered already. With the extremely generous support from a large number of sponsors, a useful travel fellowship program will also enable representation from civil society groups and individuals and business interests to also be represented at this meeting.

Looking to the Pacific's future, the Pacific IGF will support multistakeholder dialogue, to build knowledge and frameworks for legislation and self-regulation as appropriate, within countries and territories where applicable, and more broadly across the Pacific where more international collaboration is desirable. The key theme will be the sustainable and collaborative development of the Internet and use of ICT's for development in the Pacific. The first Pacific IGF seeks to be a foundation for the creation of a roadmap for this future.

The event was organised by Pacific Internet Partnership Incorporated (PIP), who have the view that while there are many pan-Pacific ICT related events, there has been no significant multi-stakeholder dialogue, and therefore a forum on Internet Governance might be useful in bringing together governments, businesses and individuals from throughout the Pacific to discuss and highlight issues specific to the region in an IGF environment.

1.2 Agenda and Speakers

Keynote speakers attending the Pacific Regional IGF included:

- Dr Jimmie Rogers, Director General of SPC
- Peter Dengate Thrush, Chair of ICANN
- Dr Hamadoun Toure, Director General of ITU
- Paul Wilson, Director General of APNIC
- Chris Disspain, ICANN ccNSO Chairman
- Keith Davidson, Chairman of the event
- Don Hollander, PIP Coordinator

The event achieved useful gender balance for the panelists and session chairs, and also drew on a diverse group of Pacific Island spokespeople with relevant expertise or experiences to share. Full details of the programme and speakers are included later in this report.

1.3 Participation and Travel Fellowships

More than 90 participants from the 22 Pacific Island Forum countries attended the Pacific IGF, The meeting was deliberately scheduled to fit between the SPC¹ Ministers Forum on 3 - 8 April and the PITA² AGM 12 – 17 April, both in Noumea,

The Pacific IGF organizers also held a one day ccTLD workshop in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD³) on Friday 8 April, with representatives from 16 Pacific Islands ccTLDs participating, There were many attendees at both the SPC Ministers Forum and PITA AGM who did not participate, primarily as they were not fully aware of this event. However, the general feedback is greater interest from Government and business would be likely at any future IGF event.

A list of those participants who did register is included later in this report. Thirteen full travel fellowships were awarded to participants to attend the event through the SPC managed process and a further twelve partial travel fellowships were awarded to attendees who were funded directly by PIP,

Details of registered participants are included later in this report.

¹ Secretariat for the Pacific Community – an inter-governmental organisation working throughout the Pacific.

² Pacific Island Telecommunications Association – a forum of principally traditional telecommunications carriers operating in the Pacific.

³ The Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association, a trade association of ccTLD operators in the Asia and Pacific region.

1.4 Survey of Participants

In common with such events, PIP conducted a survey of participants after the event. The 25 responses received acknowledged the usefulness of the meeting. Detailed results of the survey are included later in the report. It would be fair to say that virtually all participants got value from attending, and similarly saw this event as a foundation stone to greater Internet Governance discussions and forums in the Pacific.

A further useful guide to the relevance of the event is the event mailing list, which continues to be used by the participants to discuss and debate Internet Governance issues, and interestingly, no single person has asked to be removed from this mailing list, indicating some useful value in ongoing participation.

1.5 Photographs

A large number of photos taken at the event are available on the "Pacific Regional IGF" page on Facebook, see www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=143440765679757 for these. Some of the photos are included in this report, including the main group photograph.

1.6 Financial Information

The ambition was for 10 cash sponsors at US\$10,000 each, a total budget of \$100,000. The final result was 8 sponsors at \$10,000 each, and 4 other sponsors who generated the balance. Considerable additional "in-kind" sponsorship was also provided by many organisations and individuals.

Item	US Dollars
Total sponsorship received	\$105,000
Other grants received	\$ 1,000
Interest received	\$ 44

Total Income	\$106,044
Expenses:	
To SPC for facilitation and travel fellowships	\$ 50,000
PIP Fellowships	\$ 17,114
Contractors fees	\$ 3,500
Miscellaneous Speakers gifts, etc	\$ 1,510
Bank Fees	\$ 468

Total Expenditure	\$ 72,592
Net Surplus at 31 July 2011	\$ 33,452

The balance of the funds will be used for enrichment of the Pacific Islands through providing further travel fellowships during the ensuing 12 months. One participant from the Pacific IGF, Ms Salanieta T. Tamanikawaimaro (Sala) from Fiji, who was an outstanding participant at the event, has been selected for a fellowship to attend the forthcoming Asia Pacific IGF in Singapore, and to present her report on the Pacific event to the broader Asia Pacific audience. If this progresses usefully and funding permits, PIP is also enabling Sala to attend and report in to the global IGF scheduled for September in Nairobi, and Sala has been instrumental in establishing 4 or more remote participation hubs in the Pacific for the Nairobi IGF. Some surplus funds have been attributed to assist with travel for Pacific Islanders to the PACNOG meeting, and could also be attributed for PICISOC later in the year.

1.7 Meeting Outcomes

In common with global and other regional IGF's, the event itself is a discussion forum and does not in itself seek to have outcomes. As is also common, a number of initiatives gather momentum at such events, and PIP is facilitating ongoing work as a result of these discussions. Most pertinent is a project in conjunction with Packet Clearing House, ICANN and APNIC to deploy Root Server Mirrors in Pacific Islands, concomitant with an encouragement for service providers who use the Root Server Mirrors to also peer with other local providers. This project is progressing currently, with agreement within Samoa to be the initial test-bed, and potentially then adding American Samoa as the second point of deployment.

Several other potential projects have been identified and will be progressed by PIP in conjunction with others as priorities allow. Further discussion will help clarify the value of such projects to the Pacific community through existing forums and events such as SPC, PITA, PICISOC and PacNOG.

The PacificIGF mailing list continues to be used by participants from the event as a tool for sharing information and developing ideas, and this in itself is a most useful outcome from the event.

1.8 Thanks to Sponsors

PIP is extremely grateful to the sponsors who donated time, money and energy and made this event possible. Thank you all very, very much!

1.9 The Future

Based on the feedback provided by participants, PIP believes the Noumea event was a useful starting platform for Internet governance issues in a multistakeholder environment within the Pacific community, and would like to continue with a programme that would enable further such events.

PIP invites its founding sponsors to consider making a commitment to a similar level of funding, resourcing and participation over the next 3 years, which should enable two further Pacific IGF meetings, plus supporting preparatory workshops and events, over the next three years.

2. Pacific IGF Communiqué

Scene Setting

The importance of the Internet Governance Forum as a multi-stakeholder institution, allowing the sharing of perspectives from all those interested in Internet policy issues – governments, civil society, regulators, business interests and more, all participating equally was a recurring theme throughout the weekend. The challenges faced in the Pacific in gaining access to the Internet, and the potential the Internet gives for development (allowing people across the region to improve their lives and build their economies in ways that are consistent with local values and cultures) were also constant themes.

Internet Access for All and the Digital Divide

The Pacific is a huge region with a small, very spread out population. This creates enormous challenges for universal access to high speed Internet services in all the countries of the region. The challenge is not just geographic but also demographic, economic and social as it extends to a range of population groups (for example, those with disabilities) who simultaneously lack access to the Internet and would be able to benefit hugely from such access. There was a call for fewer pilots and more focus on rolling access out based on successful pilots, with a counter-argument that local pilots are vital to making sure that rollout happens in ways appropriate to the local communities. There was discussion about the balance between public and private sector action in dealing with digital divide issues, and a reminder that some stakeholders which traditionally are not a significant part of the debate are able to help (the specific example highlighted was the role of the Church in the region, given its important position in Pacific communities and cultures, and its significant level of resources). The private sector investments can be supported by Government departments acting as ‘anchor tenants’ to deployment.

Public Policy

Key themes included the need for links between global, regional and national strategies; the concerns that some national policies are not being formed by local perspectives, knowledge and values; the importance of true capacity building which allows Pacific states to devise and implement their own policy frameworks; and the linguistic challenge faced in asking Pacific people to write policy frameworks in English – the suggestion was made that indigenous language should be more widely used as it will allow the people to better understand already complex issues. There was a feeling that the policy ambitions set out are not being met, and a clear sense of impatience to achieve the goals that the various regional and national policy frameworks set out. Speakers also reiterated the importance of a grass-roots based, multi-stakeholder method of policy development as a good way to capture local knowledge, and ensure policy is relevant.

Critical Internet Infrastructure

Pacific feedback was received on three key topic areas that will be discussed at the global IGF: the transition to IPv6, DNSSEC, and the roles of various stakeholders in managing Critical Internet Resources. Speakers presented information on each, and there was a wide-ranging round of feedback and debate. Recurring themes in the discussion included the importance of consumer input and voice; that Governments are not the only stakeholders; that security of and confidence in Critical Internet Resources is a vital consideration; and that the multi-stakeholder approach established in the IGF framework is itself a vital resource in dealing with the very complicated interactions and set of interests required in managing

the Internet's unique identifiers. It was particularly heartening to see the positive engagement between the head of ICANN and the head of the ITU and their joint and respective commitment to supporting the Pacific. Recurring themes in the discussion included the importance of consumer input and voice; that Governments are not the only stakeholders; that security of and confidence in Critical Internet Resources is a vital consideration; and that the multi-stakeholder approach established in the IGF framework is itself a vital resource in dealing with the very complicated interactions and set of interests required in managing the Internet's unique identifiers. Also important in the short run is to accelerate uptake of IPv6, as IPv4 address space will not be longer available as needed. There was also an animated debate about the division between infrastructure and users, and the degree to which user needs do or should guide technology decisions. Some argued that the technology is largely independent of use, others made the opposite case.

Emerging Issues

There was extensive discussion on four emerging issues: on citizen journalism, Digital Observatories, dealing with e-waste in the region, and the concerns with keeping users and infrastructure safe.

The widespread availability of Internet access gives people the chance to record and share what is happening in their societies, independent of traditional media outlets. This poses challenges both to traditional media and to traditional Pacific community structures.

The digital observatory concept outlined was the New Caledonia case, where a small institution collates a wide range of statistics about the use and impact of the Internet. The case outlined the contribution such an Observatory can make to economic and social development.

The e-waste discussion showed the importance of sharing ideas between Pacific states in making e-waste policy work, and the need for those involved with Government to persuade their countries to work on this issue. It also highlighted the extensive expense in disposing of potentially toxic waste and the need to stem the flow of obsolete technology into the Pacific.

Throughout the weekend we heard repeated references to the need to keep users safe and infrastructure robust. At the conclusion of the weekend MoU's were signed between SPC and NetSafe and between SPC and APNIC.

Other matters raised in the general discussion included the need to ensure the Internet is accessible in Pacific languages, the discussion of an Internet Rights and Principles Charter, and the importance of ensuring the Pacific perspectives from this Pacific IGF are shared at the global IGF happening later this year.

Conclusion

The ITU Secretary General, the Chair of ICANN, the Director General of APNIC, the Director General of the SPC and closing remarks from the Pacific IGF Chair all focused on the need for cooperation – globally, regionally and locally. The speakers drew out the common themes touched on in the summaries presented above, and all reiterated the importance of the multi-stakeholder framework in providing an open forum for all those involved with the Internet to have an equal voice in shaping its development.

3. Programme and Speakers

Saturday, 9 April 2011

Session 1 - Opening Ceremony - Keith Davidson, Chair - Introduction

- Dr Jimmie Rogers - Opening Remarks
- Peter Dengate-Thrush - Critical & Current Issues in the Internet Infrastructure and their importance to the Pacific
- Don Hollander - A Day in the Life of an ICT Enabled Village

Session 2 - Internet Access for All - Maureen Hilyard, Session Chair

- Gunela Astbrink - Leveraging technology to give voice and reach for people with disabilities
- Ian Thomson - On Seeding Remote Access and the Challenges to Sustainable Engagement: What happens when the donations stop; Lessons learned from RICS & People's First Network

Session 3 - Public Policy: Developments and Processes in the Pacific - Save Vocea – Session Chair

- Fred Christopher - PITA
- Siaso Sovaleni - SPC
- William Tibben - PICISOC
- Gisa Fuatai Purcell - ITU
- Frank March - NZ Government

Session 4 - The Digital Divide in the Asia Pacific - Ellen Strickland – Session Chair

- Laeimau Oketevi Tanuvasa - The Private Sector's role in expanding reach and providing people who can build and support "The Stuff"
- Rita Eteuati - The opportunities for the church
- David Satola - Activities of the World Bank in the Pacific

Sunday 10 April

Informal Workshops

- Telecommunications Regulatory and Competitive Environment
- DNSSEC & IPv6 for Beginners - Miwa Fujii, Dr Richard Lamb (ICANN)

Session 5 - Critical Internet Infrastructure - Chris Disspain – Session Chair

- Detailed roundtable discussion on the issues and solution for Critical Internet Infrastructure and its management in the Pacific

Session 6 - Emerging Issues - Ellen Strickland – Session Chair

- David Farrar - The rise of the citizen journalist - David Farrar on blogging for fun and profit, and its ability to influence
- Charlotte Ullmann - Digital Observatories
- Maureen Hilyard & Laurence Zwimpfer E-Waste: Issues, opportunities, and experiences -

Closing Session - Keith Davidson, Chair

- Dr Hamadoun Touré - ITU
- Peter Dengate-Thrush - ICANN
- Paul Wilson - APNIC
- Dr Jimmie Rogers – SPC

Note - Speaker profiles available at <http://pacificigf.org/speakers>

4. List of Registered Participants *

Name	Affiliation, Territory
Mr Bwanouia Aberaam	CEO, Telecoms Authority of Kiribati
Mr Berry Amol	PNG University of Technology
Criden Appi	SPC/PIP, Nauru
Miss Astrid Arbey	Observatoire numérique
Gunela Astbrink	ISOC-AU, Australia
Ms Dalsie Baniala	Communications Manager, TRR
Ilatia Banuve	SPC/PIP, Fiji
Savu Biudole	SPC/PIP, Fiji
Mrs Easter Bruce	Government CIO
Jordan Carter	PIP, NZ
Mr Eric Cateine	Observatoire numérique
Mr Bertrand Cherrier	Micro Logic Systems, New Caledonia
Etuate Cocker	SPC/PIP, Tonga
Mr Martin Cocker	Netsafe, NZ
Mr Manish Dalal	Vice President, Verisign, USA
Mr Per Darnell	President, IUSN Foundation, Sweden
Keith Davidson	InternetNZ, NZ
Peter Dengate-Thrush	ICANN, NZ
Chris Disspain	auDA / ICANN, Australia
Rita Etuati	CSL, Samoa
David Farrar	InternetNZ, NZ
Ms Miwa Fujii	IPv6 Specialist, APNIC
Mr Jeffery Garae	Ahitec Services
Ms Maureen Hilyard	Vice Chair, PICISOC, Cook Islands
Don Hollander	PIP, NZ
Mr Alan Horne	Telecommunications Regulator, Vanuatu
Mr Pablo Hinojosa	APNIC, Australia
Mrs Léna Hoffman	Observatoire numérique
Smith Iniakwala	SPC/PIP, Solomon Islands
Mr Cyrille Jerabek	Director, OPT-NC, New Caledonie
Jolden Jonnyboy	Federated States of Micronesia
Romatoa Kaboterenga	SPC/PIP, Kiribati
Mr Bruce Laimer	DIST
Dr Richard Lamb	ICANN, USA
Jon Lawrence	AusRegistry, Australia
Nele Lelua	SPC/PIP, Samoa
Joy Liddicoat	InternetNZ, NZ
Mr Frank Lui	Chairman, IUSN Foundation, Niue
Mr Robert Martin-Legène	Packet Clearing House, USA
Anju Mangal	SPC/PIP, Fiji
Mr Dan McGarry	University of the South Pacific
Dr Frank March	InternetNZ, NZ
Andrew Molivuraa	SPC/PIP, Vanuatu
Debbie Monahan	InternetNZ, NZ
Natasha Ngatamine	SPC/PIP, Cook Islands

Joenson Nithan	SPC/PIP, Fed States of Micronesia
Mrs Ulemu Nyasulu	Diplo
Mr Andreas Pareanga	Oyster / Telecom CI
Mr Ricardo Pedraza-Barrios	Verisign
Wayne Reiher	SPC/PIP, Kiribati
Miss Emma Scadeng	Government of Vanuatu
Mr Opetia Simati	ICT Director, Tuvalu
Ellen Strickland	NZ
Laeimau Oketevi Tanuvasa	CSL, Samoa
Ms Elly Tawhai	APNIC, Australia
Ms Salanieta T. Tamanikaiwaimaro	Fiji
William Tibben	SPC/PIP, Australia
Dr Hamadoun Toure	ITU Director General
Miss Charlotte Ullmann	NC Digital Observatory, New Caledonia
Mr German Valdez	APNIC, Australia
Mr Save Vocea	ICANN, Australia
Mr Jean-Luc Vudinat	Micrologic Systems, New Caledonie
Mr Sean Weekes	ICT Director, Nauru
Mr Paul Wilson	Director General, APNIC, Australia
Mr Bill Woodcock	Packet Clearing House, USA
Mr Max Yallon	Prime Ministers Department, New Caledonie
Ms Jian Zhang	APTLTD, China
Mr Laurence Zwimpfer	Chairman, eDay Trust, NZ

* note some participants did not wish to have their details published.

5. Report of comments from the Participants Survey:

25 responses to the survey from the 85+ participants were received, and their responses/comments follow.

Representation:

Government	2	9.1%
Business	0	0
Academic	2	9.1%
International Government	1	4.5%
Technical/Carrier	1	4.5%
Internet Management	10	45.5%
Civil Society	6	27.3%

Personal Participation

I was a speaker	12	52.2%
I made an intervention from the floor	10	43.5%
I actively listened	20	87.0%
I made extensive notes that I'm sharing with others	12	52.2%

Comments regarding the program:

Overall the presentations were constructive and had an aim to either inform or help. Some comments showed the importance of taking into account the local populations and their needs to get "adequate" support and/or "appropriate" knowledge. And this before, during and after. Of course this requires people involvement both ways :) Thank you, Bruce
It's a good start...from discussions with those based in the pacific countries - they would prefer to discuss the real pressing issues impacting the region more and not to much technical topics. And then there were some of the tech folks from the region who thought not enough tech stuff was covered so left the forum.
Excellent discussion and debate. Well-organised. A good cross-section of topics and speakers.
The inaugural Pacific IGF was a resounding success. I would have liked to know where to from here. Just as this year's IGF has been associated with another important meeting, I would like to see that the next one is also attached to another meeting that invites government personnel to be part of the discussions so that they can see the importance of IG to decisions about the development of the internet within their own countries. The ITU Sec Gen was an exciting draw card for IT personnel, and IT related government officials, but may have been lost on its impact on Energy and Transport Ministers and officials.
This was a really good start. It would be really good to know what's next after this forum. I look forward to be part of the interactions.

Other Comments on how the Administration can be improved:

SPC is an excellent spot :)
Local communication must be improved...only a few representatives from New Caledonia attended the conference... Don't hesitate to ask the NC Digital Observatory in the next promotion of the event
Invite and involve others in the region (1 per sector) to discuss the program and content to be covered that suited the region. A regional MAG type involvement
I ended up having to make my own hotel reservation when the request I placed during the registration processed was somehow misplaced. Not a huge hurdle; I confirm these things as a matter of course, but

for less experienced travelers, this could have made for a minor crisis on arrival. (It's worth noting that the problem could as easily resolved with the hotel as the organisers, but closer follow-up would help to mitigate this.)
I understand the challenges that the organisers had with regard to funding and logistics especially since this was the first Pacific IGF. With earlier funding made available and staffing resources, another Pacific IGF will be even better!
Nametags would have been helpful in networking with other delegates
I guess I was disappointed with the delay in the website and the information about the event coming out as late as it did. I was hoping to be able to promote it more within our country, but didn't have anything to tell them. The meeting venue was great. I organised and paid for my own accommodation for this event because the earlier meetings were related to my work, and I was able to stay on. But I understand that some participants had problems with their accommodation arrangements.
The Vocal point should be available at all times. Should be considerate knowing all participants come from different backgrounds. Also to be positively answerable to all participants' needs if see fits.

How would you rate your personal participation (multiple responses are OK)

This is my first participation, and as I always do...I listen first :) I did my possible to attend as much as I could, but I'm sure I missed informative and interesting parts. The knowledge is there around the table, but the trickiest part is not the Pacific Islands and their populations, but the Political and Influential parties in each respective Communities. Their goals don't seem always as "clean/clear" as they should be :) Do not take me wrong on this, but most of the discussions seemed to be well thought and well taken, but maybe not targeted enough. I don't know where you all are in the process of getting "minimal" internet access, but the discussions where more on: We have the knowledge to get you there, We know how to get there. But nothing on the progress of each case and their difficulties / achievements. Thank you, I look forward to get more information on these. Bruce
I found the really excellent presentations distracting because it stopped me from getting to my emails. No seriously, I didn't even get connected to the internet because I was too busy listening to the presenters. It was only for two days, if you blinked, you missed something important. I enjoyed the whole event.
I am pretty interested in almost all issues hence, I need copies/records of all information for knowledge transfer as I cannot record all main points.

Should such a gathering happen again?

Progress reports, Case studies, Common problems encountered and the ways to get them either resolved or minimized. All the Countries in the Pacific want their population getting access to Internet, but not everyone has it even in the most developed ones. There is a contradiction between getting all the "services" available to the communities (cities) and getting the communities (where ever they are) to get access to all the "services". Most of the developments are focused on "where" and not "how". This is very understanding as the "where" is easier to "copy & paste" on commonly existing scenarios (cost effective as well). So the "how" seems to me, to be the best (community oriented) approach but to a certain cost. All this just to say that my feeling is that most of the issues of the small islands are focused on getting their communities (where ever they are) connected to Internet. And the dilemma is that the technologies exist but the cost comes with it. New Caledonia has the same problems (getting Internet access to all) and for the same reasons :) Thank you, Bruce
Also encourage national IGF's and then national reps could report on their discussions at the regional IGF. Encourage participation in the Diplo online courses. Encourage ongoing discussion in an online forum as well.

The IGF is a forum to share best practice. Therefore we need to find best practice examples and give them a chance to present. Like the e-waste preso. Practical, best practice advice from experience. Plus a few academics to throw in some new ideas and some inspirational people - and presto.

Depending on how the IGF at the global level evolves; the next regional opportunity and the location; and who can support the event as local organizers.

Would like to see more policy-makers present, specifically government administrators (i.e. not elected officials) and regulatory authorities. Without such representation at the IGF, its impact is limited. Would also like to see a more practical approach during discussions. While generalised concerns are well-understood among advocates - and, heaven knows, quite valid - they are difficult to translate into concrete action unless the principles are simply accepted and we move on to finite suggestions. This is particularly true when discussing the regulatory environment in the Pacific. Lastly, IMO the number of show-and-tell style presentations should be kept to a minimum. I say this not because they're not interesting (they are) but because time is short and there are any number of policy-related issues to discuss. I feel PacINET is a more suitable venue than an IGF for such material. My suggestion would be to set the bar quite high (e.g. ground-breaking work in ICTs for the Asia-Pacific region).

Pacific countries rely on events such as this to help them share ideas and learn from each other. Also to help increase the volume of the Pacific voice.

Yes, but we have to a good structure of where to go next. The aim of such events, the expected outcome. Because at the moment most of the stakeholders are not too sure as to who is part of the forum? How to become a member of the IGF and etc.....



The Pacific IGF group photo