

# Are you a business newcomer to the Internet Governance Forum?

### Every business has a stake on the Internet:

- Regardless of sector, size or location, all businesses are affected by Internet policy developments. As users, innovators and investors of technology, the private sector contributes insight and experience to ensure the stable functioning and sustainable growth of our digital world.
- The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) facilitates business engagement with all Internet stakeholders—government, civil society and the technical community. Here, we can collaborate and exchange perspectives on how best to advance the development of an open, whole, secure and trusted Internet.

### Your participation in the IGF is essential to:

- Shape the key policy developments that affect your business
- Inform policymakers about business processes and systems
- Build common understanding around
  innovative technologies and business models
- Impact how digital technologies are used and considered for sustainable development
- Exchange best practices with all stakeholders from across the globe
- Support efforts to empower women and disadvantaged groups online
- Engage with experts and secure support for capacity building initiatives

# IGF 2024 key issues for business

**Global business firmly believes in the multistakeholder approach as an enabler of effective Internet governance and digital policy discussions.** A well-governed and inclusive Internet is crucial for the sustainability and growth of the digital economy. Supporting the multistakeholder approach helps create a resilient digital environment that benefits all users and fosters development. Therefore, it is imperative to ensure that the multistakeholder approach is preserved and reflected across discussions that aim to:

- expand connectivity and ensure meaningful access for everyone;
- promote a globally connected, stable, unfragmented Internet;
- enable data free flows with trust to support a truly global digital economy;
- increase efforts to strengthen cybersecurity and fight cybercrime; and
- foster the development of trustworthy artificial intelligence for good.

Business participation in IGF discussions is essential when it comes to informed policymaking. To find out more about how ICC BASIS mobilises the private sector for the IGF, please go to <u>iccwbo.org</u> or follow us <u>@iccwbo.</u>

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