

The Asia-Pacific is home to over half of the world's internet users, placing us at the very forefront of digital innovation, adoption, and transformation. Despite this rapid expansion, we still face persistent **digital divides**, both between and within countries. Our region is incredibly diverse, stretching from dynamic East Asian economies to rapidly developing nations in Southeast and South Asia.

We also grapple with **emerging ethical considerations** and the imperative to build **secure and trustworthy digital environments** for everyone.

As we deliberate on the next two decades of the Information Society, we, as youth, want to emphasize the critical importance of **inclusivity, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and genuine participation**. From this perspective, we firmly support the **Internet Governance Forum (IGF) model** as a cornerstone for future digital policy discussions. The IGF is an **invaluable platform** for fostering dialogue among governments, civil society, the private sector, the technical community, and academia.

Crucially, it has provided an **essential space for youth voices** to be heard, to learn, and to contribute meaningfully to internet governance discussions. We've seen firsthand how the IGF empowers young people to engage, build capacity, and advocate for their digital rights and aspirations.

**Meaningful engagement requires more than just listening;** it demands active inclusion throughout the WSIS+20 process and beyond. As the digital landscape evolves, the IGF's role and positioning **should not be limited to a single space or narrowly defined discussions**. It must adapt and broaden its reach to remain relevant and impactful.

The digital future belongs to all of us. We are not just users of technology; we are its **co-creators, innovators, and stewards**. We believe that a robust and inclusive internet governance framework, demonstrated by the IGF model, is essential for building a truly **equitable, sustainable, and human-centric information society** that brings more voices from **vulnerable communities** to the forefront.

The digital future belongs to all of us. **Everyone is responsible for our digital future**. Every generation needs to take **accountability and responsibility with action**, while ensuring all stakeholders' and generations' voices are heard and listened to and while leaving no one behind.

Thank you.