


IGF 2024 Youth Mentorship Program Report



INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE IGF YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

- A mentorship initiative that was co-designed by the IGF community through the mailing list of WG-Youth and approved by the MAG in 2024.
 - Designed to empower youth leaders in Internet Governance
 - Connects mentees with experienced MAG members within the IGF community
-  **Goal:** Foster long-term engagement in Internet Governance through mentorship

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Who Participated?

- Mentors: 27 current & former MAG members
- Mentees: 31 selected youth leaders (18–35 years) out of 61+ applications
- Ensured gender, regional, and linguistic diversity on the matching process.

Structure:

- ✓ Orientation session (October 2024)
- ✓ Monthly mentor-mentee meetings (Oct–Dec)
- ✓ IGF2024 participation, wrap-up & final reports
- ✓ Program survey

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

What We Accomplished (From the overall report submitted by mentees)

- ✓ 85% of mentees reported increased confidence in IG engagement
- ✓ Strengthened connections between youth & senior IG experts
- ✓ 90% of pairs met at least 3 times during the program
- ✓ Several mentees took on rapporteur and speaker roles in IGF 2024 sessions, including main sessions.



“My experience in the United Nations (UN) Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Youth mentorship has been nothing short of phenomenal! The UN IGF Youth mentorship was established to empower and support the next generation of leaders in the Internet Governance space and it did just that.” - Henrietta Ampofo (Mentee), mentored by MAG member, Audace Niyonkuru

SUCCESS METRICS

Ongoing Survey & Feedback

Currently gathering feedback from both mentors and mentees to assess:

- ◆ Overall program satisfaction
- ◆ Effectiveness of mentor-mentee engagement
- ◆ More suggestions for program improvement

Impact from the overall program report

 Engagement rate: 90% of mentees attended all 3+ mentorship meetings

 IGF participation: 100% of mentees attended IGF2024 sessions online and onsite

 Final report with full insights to be shared in early February.

Additionally, the report will be uploaded on the MAG WG-Youth webpage.

RECOMMENDATIONS & NEXT STEPS

How Can We Improve?

- ◆ Allocate more time for the program
- ◆ Continue to make sure that mentees to come to IGF meeting
- ◆ Encourage mentees to use the experience in other areas of engagements.
- ◆ Implement a follow-up system to track mentees' progress after the program
- ◆ Expand the mentor pool to ensure wider expertise

 **Next Steps: WG-Youth to integrate these recommendations for 2025 edition.**

CONCLUSION & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A Successful First Edition!

- The mentorship program met expectations, as reflected in the discussions and feedback during the program wrap-up in Riyadh at the IGF2024.
- It contributed to youth empowerment & stronger IGF engagement
- We appreciate all mentors, mentees & supporters! 🙌

Special Thanks to:

 IGF Secretariat and MAG chair

 MAG Members & Mentors

 Mentees and the wider IGF community.

THANK YOU!

