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IGF 2015: Diversity, gender, and rights


The Internet Governance Forum in Joao Pessoa was a very interesting opportunity to see how gender, technology and online VAW have been increasingly recognised as a human rights issue that has to be discussed with a multistakeholder approach.

[Best Practice Forum](#)

The Best Practice Forums (BPFs) are a newly established IGF mechanism and included discussions and collaborations in the time since the Istanbul IGF in 2014 to draft best practices in six topics including the BPF on Online Abuse and Gender-Based Violence Against Women. The BPF on VAW took place on November 11, where a 162-page report was presented.



IGF 2015 WK6 BPF Practices to countering abuse against women online 0

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[BPF Countering Online VAW meeting VI summary](#)

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[Critical Internet Resources](#)

There were only 4 workshops under critical internet resources, useful to raise issues of particular

concerns to women, particularly Feminist Principles related to access, movement-building, and economy.


IGF 2015 Day 2 - WK 1 - WS 52 The Global 'Public Interest' in Critical Internet Resources

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[Cybersecurity and Trust](#)

There were 12 workshops under cybersecurity and trust.

IGF 2015 - day2- WK3- WS 141 Law enforcement in a world where

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IGF 2015 Day 2 - WK 10 - WS 6 Child protection through multistakeholder engagement

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[Dynamic Coalition](#)

The Gender Dynamic Coalition meeting took place on November 12 and it was an opportunity to regroup and strategize with gender and sexuality advocates at the IGF. There were also other DCs

that were of interest, namely the DC on Platform Responsibility (November 11), the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance (November 12), and the DC on Freedom of Expression (November 11).

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IGF 2015 Day 3 - WK 5 - Youth Coalition on Internet Governance

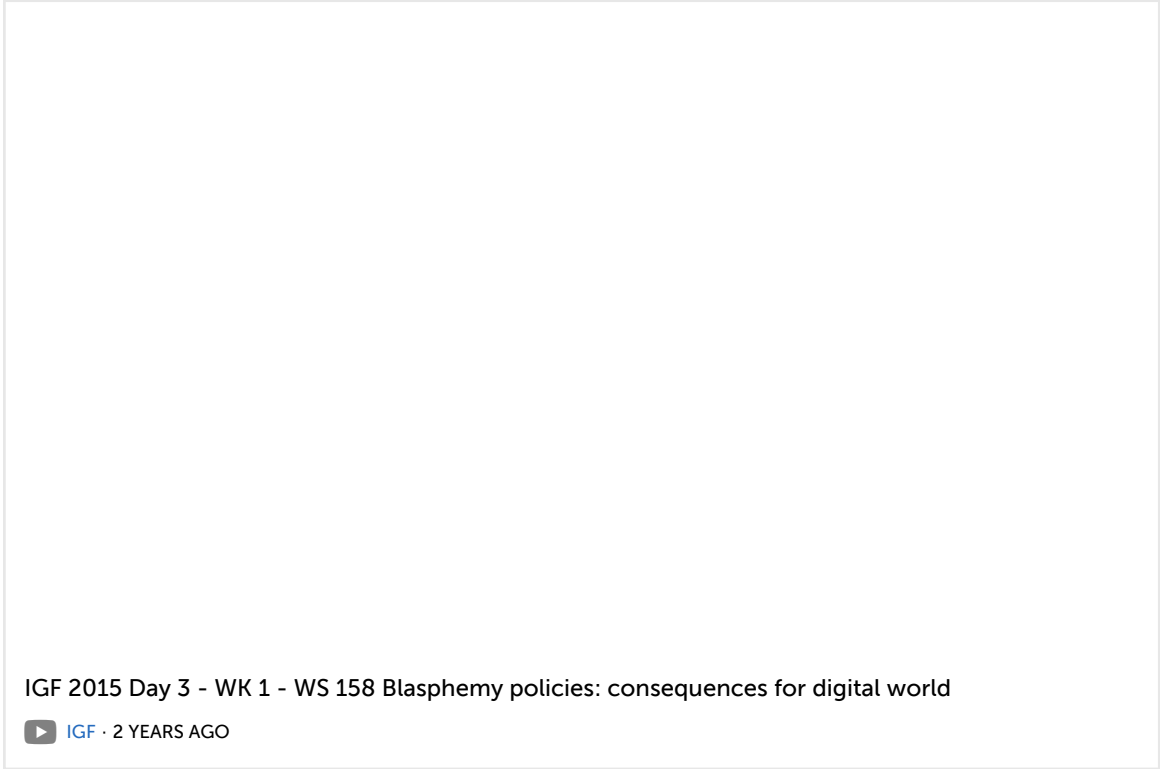
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Emerging Issues


There were 10 workshops under “emerging issues” and were more of learning opportunities than places for intervention. They covered topics from Bitcoin to Internet of Things to “Death and the Internet” with some interesting FoE workshops: [WS 128 Mitigate Online Hate Speech and Youth Radicalisation](#) and [WS 158 Blasphemy policies: Consequences for digital world](#).

IGF 2015 Day 3 - WK 9 - WS 128 Mitigate Online Hate Speech and Youth Radicalisation

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IGF 2015 Day 3 - WK 1 - WS 158 Blasphemy policies: consequences for digital world

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[Inclusiveness and Diversity](#)

There were 14 workshops under inclusiveness and diversity, including APC organised workshop [WS 47 How Can Internet Policy-Making Support LGBT Rights?](#) on November 12. The diversity topics were on accessibility, disability, equity, and access. There was one on gender: [WS 271 Enhancing Gender Participation within IGFs](#) on November 12, in addition to one on the Internet Social Forum, [WS 134](#) on November 13.

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IGF 2015 Day 3 - WK 2 - WS 271 Enhancing gender participation within IGFs


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[Internet and Human Rights](#)


26 sessions were under Internet and Human Rights (the largest among the themes). Main topics were access, freedom of expression / hate speech, privacy, net neutrality, anonymity and


encryption, freedom of assembly, right to be forgotten. An important session was [WS 145 Cuts Right Across: Consent in the Digital Age](#) organized by Bishakha Datta where we could further explore the Feminist Principle on consent and its relation to the work on violence against women.

IGF 2015 Day 2 - WK 4 - WS 145 Cuts Right Across: Consent in the Digital Age


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IGF 2015 - Day 2 - WK5 - WS 196 Tech-related gender violence x Freedom of Expression

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IGF 2015 Day 1 - WK 9 - WS 153 Freedom of Expression online: Gaps in policy and practice

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[Internet Economy](#)

16 workshops took place under internet economy. The workshop 29 [Digital economy, jobs and multistakeholder practices](#), discussed jobs and references women's jobs as a point for discussion. Most of the workshops discussed internet economy as it relates to access (W97, W207, W214), and most focussed on the private sector.

IGF 2015 Day 1 - WK 9 - WS 29 Digital economy, jobs and multistakeholder practices

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IGF 2015 Day 3 - WK 7 - WS 35 Across the Globe: local infrastructure is local development


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Main Session

The main sessions were a good opportunity to raise general cross-cutting issues of gender and sexuality, particularly on November 11: [Internet Economy and Sustainable Development](#) and also


November 12: Enhancing Cybersecurity and Building Digital Trust as well as the [Human Rights on the Internet](#) on November 13. The Main Session on Human Rights, Day 4, was organised as an interactive roundtable, and was a critical opportunity to bring in issues related to women's human rights, in particular around access to the internet, decision-making, and privacy, freedom of expression and public participation.

IGF 2015 Day 2 - Plenary - Internet economy and sustainable development - Spanish

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IGF 2015 Day 3 - Plenary - Enhancing cyber security by building digital trust - English

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Openness

Openness theme only had 5 workshops that discussed open government, open data, in addition to two simultaneous workshops on November 13: [WS 10 FOSS & a Free, Open Internet: Synergies for Development](#) and [WS 223 Community Networks: a Revolutionary Paradigm](#).

IGF 2015 Day 4 - WK 8 - WS 233 Community Networks: a revolutionary paradigm

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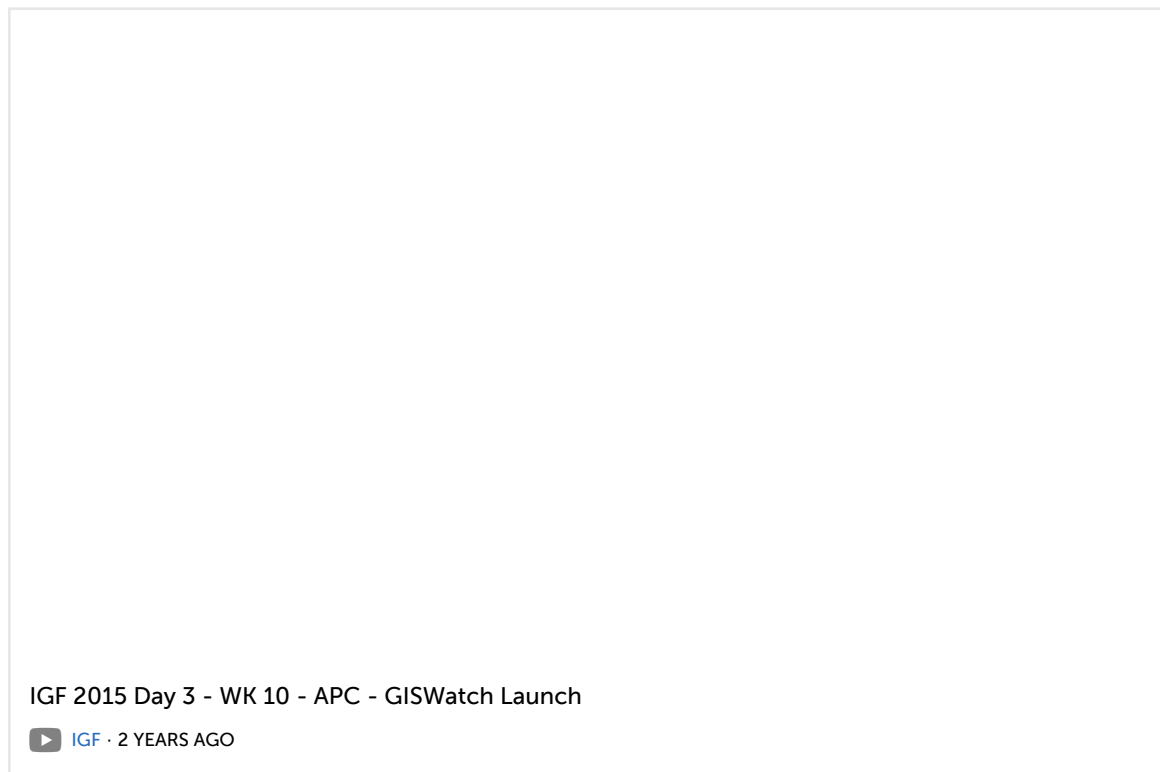
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[Global Information Society Watch Launch](#)

On November 12 it was launched this year's GISWatch, under the theme of sexual rights. The launch featured authors who contributed with case studies about sexual rights and the internet in


their countries.



Gender and the Internet Pre-Event

In this pre-event a discussion took place with different stakeholders around APC's work on VAW and sexual rights.

IGF 2015 Day 0 - WK 8 - APC - "Gender and the Internet"

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