



IGF PRE-EVENT

Internet Rights are Human Rights Development, Empowerment and Access to the Internet

**United Nations Office, Nairobi, Kenya
Monday September 26 2011**

APC, the Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles and IT for Change invite you to a pre-event at the Internet Governance Forum in Nairobi, Kenya. This event will bring together multi-stakeholder perspectives to consider how equitable access to the internet relates to development and human rights. The event will consider questions such as:

- How do human rights, internet access and development connect?
- What are the main technical, commercial and policy obstacles on the ground to achieving universal affordable access to internet infrastructure (particularly to broadband internet access) in developing countries?
- What are the current obstacles to access to knowledge and content online in developing countries?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for policy makers and the broader internet community?
- What are the regulatory and policy options to address obstacles to access to infrastructure and knowledge/content and what are the roles of the policy makers and the broader Internet community?
- What constitutes "equitable access"?

The event will bring together multi-stakeholder voices to discuss these questions and participants will be encouraged to take these themes into other IGF sessions. The event will include a closing joint plenary with participants attending the parallel Giganet pre-event.

Date and time Monday September 26 10am-6pm

Venue address United Nations Office, Room 12

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