



KATOWICE, 6-10 DECEMBER 2021

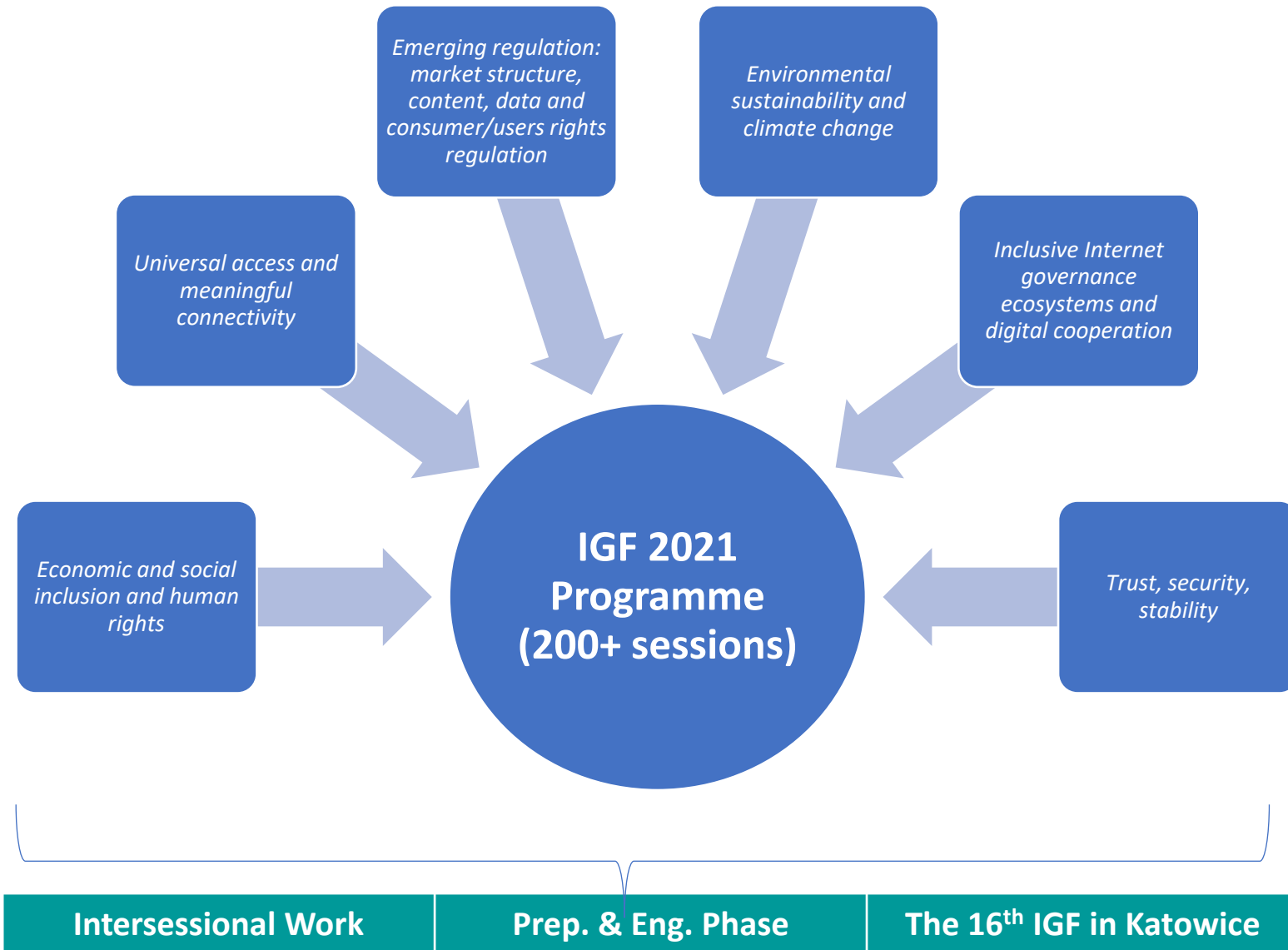


Virtual Briefing on the IGF
19 November 2021

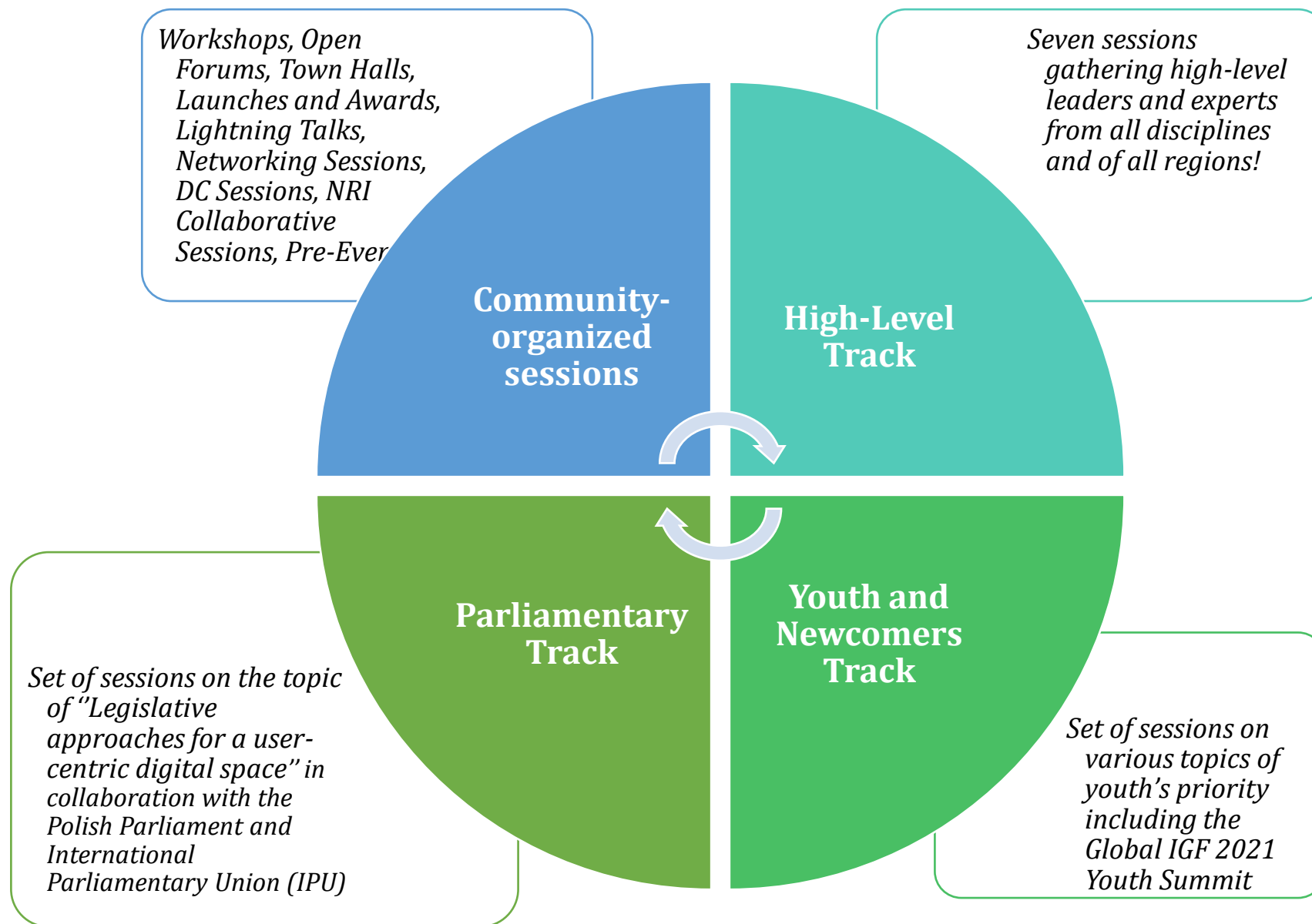
IGF 2021 STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME

- The **IGF 2021 process** features the **intersessional work; preparatory and engagement phase**; and the **16th annual IGF** hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 6 to 10 December 2021.
- The IGF 2021 programme is about **issue-drive approach** and **full inclusion** regardless of a participant's location.
- Over **200 different sessions** focus on the Forum's two main and four emerging and cross-cutting issue areas.

[Narratives available in the IGF 2021 Guide to Issues and Policy Questions](#)



THE 16th IGF PROGRAMME STRUCTURE



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6 December	
Evening	Ceremonial music concert & Cocktail reception
7 December	
14:00 – 15:30	Parliamentary session 1 Privacy and data protection legislation in the digital age: challenges and approaches
16:15 – 17:15	IGF 2021 Parliamentary roundtable Legislative approaches for a user-centric digital space
TBC	Parliamentary reception
8 December	
09:30 – 11:00	Parliamentary session 2 Balancing freedom of speech and the fight against harmful content
11:30 – 13:00	Parliamentary session 3 AI governance: What do we regulate and how?

IGF 2021 STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME

The 16th IGF

- 200+ sessions nested under the issue areas
- High-level track
- Parliamentary track
- Youth track
- Newcomers track
- IGF Village
- Remote Hubs
- Social events

.... and more

Preparatory & Engagement Phase

- Community-driven substantive sessions
- Collaborative work on the issue areas
- Trainings for session organizers
- Orientation for participants

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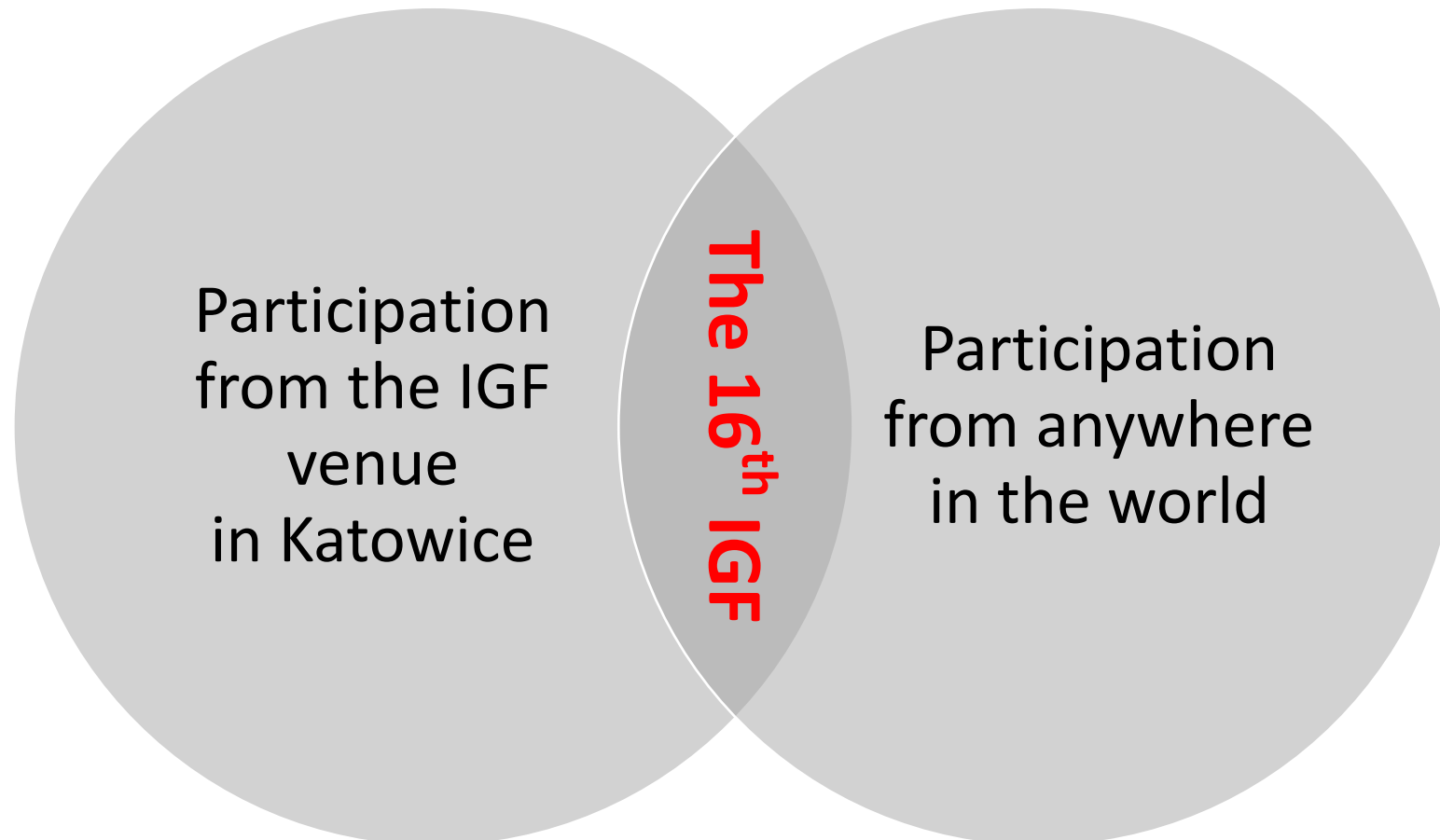
Intersessional Work

- Best Practice Forums
 - *Cybersecurity; Gender and Digital Rights*
- Policy Networks
 - *Environment; and Meaningful Access*
- 22 Dynamic Coalitions
- Capacity Development activities
 - *Travel support, grants to NRIs, workshops etc.*

+ cooperation with 137 NRIs

IGF 2021 HYBRID FORMAT

- **"Hybrid"** = blended participation in the IGF so participants in all sessions will be able to contribute equally as peers regardless if participating from the IGF venue or any other place in the world.
- **Objective:** make participation in the IGF 2021 meaningful and inclusive for all participants.



IMPLEMENTING IGF 2021 HYBRID FORMAT

One participating platform for all

The 16th IGF will be hosted on a unique digital platform through which the meeting discussions will be implemented in an equal manner for all participants, regardless if they will connect to it from the venue in Katowice or any other part of the world. The floor interventions can only be requested through a unique floor request tool integrated in the IGF website.

(3D) Venue

In addition to the 16th IGF physical venue for those participating in the Forum from Katowice, those participating online will also have an opportunity to enter its digital 3D equivalent. As onsite participants, the online participants will also have an opportunity to enter the meeting room and connect to the participating platform.

Also, the IGF Village, composed of over fifty booths organized by different organizations at the venue, will have their 3D booths equivalents.

The bilateral meetings will also make possible for participating stakeholders to connect online to the meeting room.

Time Zone

For those challenged by the time zone difference or simply other commitments, there will be an opportunity to communicate interventions beforehand or after the session.

Networking

The social opportunities at the 16th IGF will also have a possibility for online participants to tune in. For example, the networking sessions will be also hosted in a hybrid format. The music night and receptions will have the opportunity for all participants to connect, chat and view the networking space. Throughout the meeting, there will be a networking space available.

More information available at the IGF website <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/about-hybrid-format>

COVID-19 and the 16th IGF

The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue posing challenges for travel to Poland and epidemiological measures at the IGF venue in Katowice. There are several aspects toward which the organizers design the implementation:

Regulation to enter Poland

IGF 2021 Host Country website has a dedicated webpage with all information on rules and regulations to enter Poland, including on vaccination aspects. Participants strongly encouraged to visit the website and keep themselves updated.

<https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus>

Visas

IGF 2021 Host Country website contains detailed information about visa processes. All Polish consular offices made aware of the 16th IGF participants and the fact that the registration approval serves as an official invitation letter. Issues addressed on a case-by-case basis by the Government of Poland focal point.

<https://www.gov.pl/web/igf2021-en/visas>

Venue safety

The venue will comply with Polish national and UN COVID-19 requirements to ensure safety and security of all participants.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS: Youth Track

Before the IGF 2021

- **Road to IGF:** cycle of three webinars in April, May and June (May meeting - over 8,500 !!! registered young people from all over the world);
- **International competition "My Internet of the Future";**

At the IGF 2021

- **YIGF Summit + many extra activities**

POLAND

IGF Leadership Panel

**Deadline for submissions
29 November 2021**



We look forward to working with you for a successful IGF 2021!

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Thank You

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Спасибо

Gracias