

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

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Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	Internet policy and governance is attracting increasing interest, but it is an extremely complex area. Thanks to the use of advanced IT technologies, the Global Internet Policy Observatory (GIPO) provides a practical and automated tool to navigate through the maze of issues and documents related to Internet policy and governance. GIPO is a tool to help stakeholders, in particular those with limited resources, to understand and engage in these issues, and is an effective and efficient tool to build capacity and increase inclusiveness in discussions.
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	- In the current landscape of Internet governance, it is more important than ever to improve the multistakeholder approach by making it more inclusive and balanced. GIPO is a practical tool to contribute to that objective. With features like real-time monitoring, analysis and information sharing functions, GIPO was created to be a tool for everyone, using open source technologies as much as possible alongside with automation. - GIPO is bringing together many platforms in a collaborative, federated approach, to provide information about developments in the Internet governance sphere. Over 30 relevant initiatives were identified and contacted. The GIPO Tool can be embedded in a very simple way in other platforms; at the same time it feeds information from other platforms. GIPO users also can visualise and customise the information according to their interests and needs. Users can choose maps from the dashboards and see which topics are unfolding in which regions and countries. Users can customise GIPO depending on their skills, for example with basic HTML skills one can have a RSS feed option, with basic developer skills one can have AP and so on. Another feature of the tool is to connect GIPO to individual websites in order to create one’s own observatory. This helps users to focus on curation of information and have a live feed of information flow. Examples of different customised options of GIPO were displayed.

	<p>- The role of the advisory group in creating and improving GIPO was presented. Its members are geographically diverse with individuals who are experts in their fields and passionate about Internet governance. GIPO's objective to facilitate access to vast amounts of fragmented information in an easy way was highlighted, as well as the need to ensure the sustainability of the tool in the longer term.</p>
<p>Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<p>The discussion focussed on possible cooperation forms with GIPO and other online platforms, in particular for NRIs. In particular, NRIs were invited to embed GIPO in their websites and tailor it to their needs. On the future sustainability of the tool, it was mentioned that IGF and its global community would be the appropriate place to ensure this.</p> <p>Participants also discussed GIPO's approach to multilingualism. Questions included if any statistics of the use of the tool was available especially concerning different language aspects. The audience was informed that the platform is designed to recognise the metadata across different languages.</p>
<p>Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<p>Some participants approached the GIPO team immediately after the session to discuss in further detail possible collaboration avenues. Contacts are currently continuing with an initiative covering legislative & regulatory developments related to ICT in Eurasia with a focus on post-Soviet Union countries. The target audience consists of policy makers, corporate regulatory/public affairs departments, community-based groups and professionals who work on ICT-related issues.</p>