

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template – OF44 Access Now

Session Title	Open Forum 44 - Access Now
Date	Wednesday, December 7
Time	12:30 - 13:30
Session Organizer	Nick Dagostino (Strategic Engagement Manager, Access Now)
Chair/Moderator	Brett Solomon (Executive Director, Access Now)
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Nick Dagostino (Strategic Engagement Manager)
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	<p>Access Now staff:</p> <p>Brett Solomon (Executive Director)</p> <p>Peter Micek (Global Policy and Legal Counsel)</p> <p>Javier Pallero (Policy Analyst, Latin America)</p> <p>Ephraim Kenyanito (Policy Analyst, Sub-Saharan Africa, and IGF MAG Member)</p> <p>Daniel Bedoya Arroyo (Incident Response Manager)</p> <p>Kim Burton (Security Education Coordinator)</p>
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	Access Now's programmatic priorities in 2017 were the subject of audience questions. The Access Now Grants program also drew interest, and several grantees attended the forum.
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	Brett Solomon presented the history and origins of the organization, which he co-founded. The organization's current Digital Security Helpline, our 24-hour-a-day service that offers real-time, direct technical assistance and advice to civil society, has its roots in the work that Solomon and partners first undertook following Iran's Green Revolution in 2009. Current Helpline staff members explained the scope of their work, and invited IGF attendees to avail themselves of services provided at our Clinic, set up at our booth in the Village. Policy team members added
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	<p>Access Now Policy team members discussed their priorities for 2017, including in the United States, where the political landscape recently shifted. Issues like surveillance reform, net neutrality, and intermediary liability were mentioned as priority programmatic areas. Policy team members take the lessons learned from Helpline cases and the Tech team's work to political and business forums to press for more rights-respecting policy and practice.</p> <p>Regional team members in Latin America and Africa</p>

	<p>detailed their ways of working with the globally distributed team. Programmatic focuses change based on regional outlooks, and the entire team always looks to remain 'nimble' to remain best positioned for rapid response to emerging threats to digital rights.</p>
<p>Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<p>Participants in the Open Forum were informed about the Access Now conference RightsCon, a summit series on human rights and technology. The next event, RightsCon Brussels, takes place March 29-31, 2017, and attendees were urged to submit proposals to the open agenda setting process.</p> <p>Similarly, the Access Now Grants program avails civil society with opportunities to receive funding and support through the organization's growing subgranting mechanism. Questions were answered as to the types of support provided and issue areas covered.</p> <p>Finally, all attendees were invited to the Access Now booth in the IGF Village to receive direct technical support through the Digital Security Helpline. The Helpline dispensed advice and assistance throughout the IGF week and is following up on individual cases through online support.</p>