The Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum was formed as an independent forum in 2006 and emerged as the first national IGF initiative working with the United Nations Internet Governance Forum.

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum was established to advance the activities of United Nations Internet Governance. The Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum is a multi-stakeholder platform that conducts various activities in addition to consultation with the government for the development of the Internet. Annual meetings discuss how to exchange information and share good practices.

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF) organized a 5-day-long 18th Bangladesh Governance Forum Remote Hub at YWCA Conference Hall Dhaka from 8 to 12 October. A total of 12 sessions with around 60 participants from different stakeholders including government departments and institutions, the private sector, youth and women organizations, and the forum and students forum took part in the program with the support of UN-IGF.
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The participants from Bangladesh were present online in Dhaka while a group of 3 participants AHM Bazlur Rahman, CEO, BNNRC, Md. Abdul Haque Anu, Secretary General, BIGF and Ashraf Rahman, Secretary bdSIG participated directly on-site in Kyoto, Japan. Bangladesh Remote Hub has been held in Dhaka in collaboration with the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF). A large number of remote hubs from all over the world including Bangladesh have participated in this year's meeting of the Internet Governance Forum.

However, in this four-day-long annual meeting of IGF Remote Hub 2023, 35 participants were present every day and observed a total of 19 Sessions. Among these interesting discussions, some noteworthy sessions are:

- Measuring Gender Digital Inequality in the Global South
- Ethics Unbound: Empowering Digital Minds
- Promote next-gen Internet governance via youth-led research
- Cybersecurity, cybercrime, and online safety
- Discussing Internet Governance research in time of crisis
- Human Rights Law and the Global Digital Compact
- Protecting children online with emerging technologies
- Harnessing AI for Child Protection
- Worldwide Web of Youth: Cooperation for Enlightenment
- What is the nature of the internet? Different Approaches
- Youth-Driven Tech: Empowering Next-Gen Innovators
- Leveraging AI to Support Gender Inclusivity and Exploring the Risks and Rewards of Generative AI

Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum (BIGF) is working to implement the goals and objectives of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (UNIGF). BIGF is a multistakeholder platform working on Internet governance. Besides, every year Bangladesh is working to increase the capacity of young students and other professionals by organizing Remote Hub.

On 10 October 2023, a discussion about Bangladesh Women's Internet Governance Forum was held after the first session on the 2nd day of Bangladesh Remote Hub. The Advisor of Bangladesh Women's Internet Governance Forum Ms. Afroza Haque, MP was present as the chief guest and Ms. NyoNyo Rakhine, social and women's rights activist was present as a special guest. The Chairperson of Bangladesh Women's Internet Governance Forum Ms. Shamima Akhter chaired the session while the session was being moderated by Ms. Saima Israel, the Vice-Chair of Bangladesh's Women's Internet Governance Forum.

Forum advisor Ms. Afroza Haque, MP said in her speech that - women are half of the development partners. So, they need to ensure their right to internet access. Besides, its use and its good and bad aspects awareness should be formed. However, the harmful side of the Internet should be controlled by women themselves and they should use its benefits to move forward. In today's era of the fourth revolution, the use of artificial intelligence should be regulated to keep women safe in the cyber world. For this policy and legislation formulation and implementation as well as social contract is very important for the present time.
In the discussion, the Chairperson of the Women Internet Governance Forum, Ms. Shamima Akhter presented the aims, objectives, activities, results, and future strategies of Bangladesh Women Internet Governance Forum.

In the presentation, she said - the Bangladesh Women Internet Governance Forum is working with 8 main themes. The themes are - Women in Human Rights, Women in Socio-Cultural Work, Women in Economics, Women in Development, Women in Law, Women in Cyber Security, Women in SDG-5, and Women in Smart Bangladesh. She expressed her hope that the activities of Bangladesh Women's Internet Governance Forum will expand to 87,223 villages 4,573 unions of 64 districts, and 495 upazilas of the country in the future.

It should be noted that under BIGF, 4 separate forums namely Bangladesh Youth Internet Governance Forum, Bangladesh Women Internet Governance Forum, Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (bdSIG), Bangladesh Kids and Bangladesh Parliamentarians Caucus on Internet Governance, Digital Economy and Media Development are being conducted successfully.
**Day 0: Sunday 8 October 2023**

Session 1: IGF 2023 Global Youth Summit (Youth)
Japan Time: (13:30 - 15:00)
BD Time: 10.30-12.00

Session 3: IGF 2023 NRIs Coordination Session
#59 NRI
Japan Time: (15:15 - 16:45)
BD Time: 12.15-01.45

Session 4: LEADERSHIP PANEL
The Internet We Want
LP
Japan Time: (17:15 - 18:15)
BD Time: 02.15-03.15

**Day 1: Monday 9 October 2023**

Session 1: Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Tech
NRIs
Japan Time: (15:15 - 16:45)
BD Time: 12.15- 01.45

Link: [https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-uurT4pHdOZQlsMfXIGyRXeyUFb-8SV](https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-uurT4pHdOZQlsMfXIGyRXeyUFb-8SV)
Session 2: Measuring Gender Digital Inequality in the Global South

#118 // LT // Dig. Div.
Japan Time: (15:20 - 15:50)
Bangladesh Time: 12.20-12.50

Session 3: Ethics Unbound: Empowering Digital Minds

#129 // LT // HR
Japan Time: (16:40 - 17:00)
BD Time: 01.40-02.00
Session 4: Building Bridges: ISOC Youth and Alumni Networking

#68 // NS // Global Dig. Gov.
Japan Time: (17:45 - 18:30)
BD Time: 02.45-03.30
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAude-hrTsuHNzMz6_LDSbcQw-rt9iNlgful

Session 5: Promote next-gen internet governance via youth-led research

#117 // LT // Cybersec.
Japan Time: (17:50 - 18:20)
BD Time: 02.50-03.20

Day 2: Tuesday 10 October 2023

Session 1: Cybersecurity, cybercrime, and online safety
NRIs
Japan Time: (11:00 - 12:30)
BD Time: 08.00- 09.30
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-uurT4pHdOZQIsMfXIGyRXeyUFb-8SV

Session 2: Place and role of women in cyberspace
Japan Time: (13:50 - 14:20)
BD Time: 10.30-11.20
Session 3: Bridging the Gap Between International Negotiations and On-Ground Experiences in Cybercrime Response

Japan Time: (13:30 - 15:00)
BD Time: 10.30-12.00

Session 4: Discussing Internet Governance research in time of crisis

#145 // NS // Global Dig. Gov.

Japan Time: (15:15 - 16:15)
BD Time: 12.15-01.15

Session 5: Human Rights Law and the Global Digital Compact

#24 DC-IRP

Japan Time: (15:15 - 16:45)
BD Time: 12.15-1.45

Session 6: Protecting children online with emerging technologies

#15 // OF // Cybersecurity

Japan Time (16:45 - 17:45)
BD Time: 01.45-02.45
Day 3: Wednesday 11 October 2023

Session 1: Digital divides & Inclusion

NRIS
Japan Time: (11:00 - 12:30)
BD Time: 08.00-09.30
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-uurT4pHdOZQIsMfXlIGyRXeyUFB-8SV

Session 2: Worldwide Web of Youth: Cooperation for Enlightenment

#64 // NS // Dig. Div.
Japan Time: (11:30 - 12:30)
BD Time: 08.30-09.30
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtduyhQzgsGtBJWMxvl3qfZ6-Q0MziLZ_H
Session 3: Harnessing AI for Child Protection
#559 // Cybersecurity
Japan Time: (13:00 - 14:30)
BD Time: 10.00-11.30
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdOugqDsqHN2V7PvtWb4oK RcCfzw0GUFS

Session 4: What is the nature of the internet? Different Approaches
#445 // Global Dig. Gov. & Coop.
Japan Time: (14:45 - 16:15)
BD Time: 11.45-12.15
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrdeiqrD8rH9QbygyOZlNZW6HfiALz06

IGF 2023 WS #33 Ethical principles for the use of AI in cybersecurity
BD Time: 12.15-01.45
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-uurT4pHdOZQlsMfXIGyRXeyUF B-8SV

Session 5: Advancing Youth Participation in IG: results from case study
#13 YCIG
Japan Time: (16:30 - 18:00)
BD Time: 01.30-03.00

Session 6: Youth-Driven Tech: Empowering Next-Gen Innovators
#417 // Sustainability
Japan Time: (17:30 - 19:00)
BD Time: 02.30-04.00
Day 4: Thursday 12 October 2023
Session 1: NRIs MAIN SESSION: DATA GOVERNANCE
Japan Time: (11:30 - 13:00)
BD Time: 08.30-10.00

Session 2: Leveraging AI to Support Gender Inclusivity
#235 // AI
Japan Time: (13:30 - 15:00)
BD Time: 10.30-12.00

Session 3: Exploring the Risks and Rewards of Generative AI
#165 // TH // AI
Japan Time: (14:45 -15:45)
BD Time: 11.45-12.45
Around 60 people from different groups including women, youth, students, academia, technical community, etc. especially the youths and joining the program.

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There was a question-and-answer session as well. The participants from all over the world asked questions and received useful answers and explanations.
Talked about AI literacy, regulation of AI, AI issues, and so on. Joen Erdguth

Moderator: Jennifer Chung, Director of Corporate Knowledge at Dot. Asia Organisation

Questions from the Bangladesh Remote Hub

Question 1: Most of the people in developing countries are far behind in internet connectivity and electronic devices. How could we benefit or enjoy AI services or facilities?

Question 2: How we can use AI in education for reskilling and upskilling for youths in developing countries? Especially the data security perspective.

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Questions:

1. How can individuals raise awareness about online scams and educate others about how to protect themselves?

2. How can cybercrime be controlled as so many innocent people are victims?

3. Around 67% of Women are victims of violence, harassment, and fraudulent online in Bangladesh, how we can ensure cyber security for them, and how IGF can play a significant role in elimination of the problems across the world?

4. How we can ensure a secure cyberspace for youth, women, and kids?

After the first session, a short discussion was held on Bangladesh Women’s Internet Governance Forum. Afroza Haq, MP Adviser to Bangladesh Women’s Internet Governance Forum was present as the Chief Guest. NyoNyoKhaine, a Social and Women Activist was present as Special Guest. Shamima Akhter, Chairperson of Bangladesh Women’s Internet Governance Forum chaired the session while Saima Israil, Vice-Chair of Bangladesh’s Women Internet Governance Forum moderated the session.