



auIGF 2024 - Program

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Day 1: Monday 28 October

Time	Day 1 program description
09:00 -10:00	Registration
10:00	P1: Opening plenary (75 mins)
	<p>Description: This opening plenary explores the theme of auIGF 2024 - “Connecting local and global”. The speakers bring their perspectives on a set of different issues to this theme - from the domain name space, the impact of social media, a tech policy perspective and voices from the regional and global IGF. After the first round of contributions, the speakers will form a panel to reflect on the theme and react to each others’ contributions.</p> <p>10am Official open and Welcome to Country</p> <p>10:10am auIGF Chair’s address</p> <p>10:15am Recorded address by the Australian Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP</p> <p>10:20am Update from Ian Sheldon, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p>10:25am Opening Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johanna Weaver, ANU Tech Policy Design Centre • Jen Chung, Dot Asia • Ram Mohan, Identity Digital • Ian Sheldon, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts • Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA (session moderator)

Time	Day 1 program description	
11:15	Morning Tea	
11:45	T1: Townhall (45 mins)	
	<p>Description: The Town Hall sessions provide an opportunity for participants to engage with and provide feedback on the Draft Position Paper: Shaping the WSIS+20 Review, prepared by the MSSC. There will be two Town Hall sessions to introduce the paper and rationale for drafting and provide an open forum for discussion. Participants are encouraged to read the paper in advance. More information on the Position Paper and the process is available on the auIGF website.</p> <p>Moderator: Keith Besgrove / Annaliese Williams</p>	
12:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	WS 1.1: What is happening in Internet Governance in 2025 - and what happened in 2024?	WS 2.1: Social media and children: Is a total ban the answer?
	<p>Description: 2024 was a big year for Internet governance and 2025 is shaping up to be even bigger. Join us as we discuss key 2024 developments including Netmundial+10, the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future and look at what's on the agenda for 2025. What do these events mean for multistakeholder internet governance, and how will they combine to influence what the digital space looks like post-2025?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jodi Anderson, InternetNZ • Briony Daley-Whitworth, DFAT • Mercedes Page • Pablo Hinojosa, APNIC <p>Moderator: Annaliese Williams, auIGF Chair</p>	<p>Description: Australia is looking to impose penalties for social media platforms that allow children to access their services. Doing so often already breaches companies' terms of service. What are the implications of this change? Will it work? What risks does it create?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoe Hawkins, ANU TPDC • Pyrate Passell, UN IGF DTC • Jenny Duxbury, DIGI • Lizzie O'Shea, Digital Rights Watch <p>Moderator: Sandra Davey, auIGF MSSC</p>
14:35-15:35	<p>WS 1.2: TheWorld Summit on the Information Society 20 year review</p> <p><i>[Sponsored by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts]</i></p>	<p>WS 2.2: Challenges of cybersecurity</p> <p><i>[Sponsored by Identity Digital]</i></p>
	<p>Description: Description:The World Summit on the Information Society was a United Nations process that took place in two</p>	<p>Description: Exploring the dimensions of cybersecurity in the Internet age. How do we prepare ourselves now for the future? Do we</p>

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	<p>phases in 2003 and 2005, with the aim of building an inclusive and development-oriented digital society. Outcomes included formal recognition of the multi-stakeholder approach to internet governance and the creation of the Internet Governance Forum as a platform for non-binding discussion on Internet related public policy.</p> <p>But the multi-stakeholder approach isn't guaranteed and many governments would prefer a model where governments are the primary decision-makers. In 2025, governments will meet for the 20-year review of WSIS. Join us to explore what the outcomes of this Summit might mean for the future of internet governance.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Lee, DITRDCA • Christ Buckridge • Chat Ramilo Garcia, APC <p>Moderator: Keith Besgrove, auIGF MSSC</p>	<p>need systemic change? Individual action? Both?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa Teague, ANU • Ram Mohan, Identity Digital • Xavier O'Malley, NOCS <p>Moderator: Anne-Louise Brown, Cyber Security CRC</p>
15:35-16:00	Afternoon tea	
16:00-17:00	<p>WS 1.3: Lifting the Australian voice in Internet Governance</p> <p><i>[Sponsored by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts]</i></p>	<p>WS 2.3: Protecting the data in our online lives</p>
	<p>Description: How can we strengthen internet governance in Australia? How can we lift our contribution across the region and around the world? How can the auIGF work best as the Hub of this effort? This will include reflections: what has worked & what hasn't in the past, & ideas for the future.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Sheldon, DITRDCA • Susan Beetson, UQ • Annaliese Williams, auIGF Chair • Joyce Chen, APNIC <p>Moderator: Jordan Carter, auIGF MSSC</p>	<p>Description: Security of data is critical for everyone in this time of ubiquitous online living. With privacy law reform in Australia and the recent track record of cyber incidents, what do we need to do in law, governance and practice to keep our data safe(r)?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael Falk, Cyber Security CRC • Holly Raiche, Privacy Foundation <p>Moderator: Mercedes Page</p>

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17:05-17:45	WS 1.4: Session break	WS 2.4 (40 mins): Connecting across the region
		<p>Description: Many of the challenges on the table at the auIGF are also being faced by Pacific countries. Roundtable of what's happening in IG in the Pacific, and how can Australia support the ambitions of Pacific Island countries?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen Hilyard, ISOC • Andrew Molivurae, Pacific IGF • Sarai Tevita, PICISOC <p>Moderator: Jordan Carter, auIGF MSSC</p>
17:45	Networking event	

Day 2: Tuesday 29 October 2024

Time	Day 2 program description	
08:00	Registration	
09:00-10:00	WS 1.5: The Internet as an essential service	WS 2.5: The climate challenge and the Internet
	<p>Description: What if the Internet and Internet connectivity were an essential service? What would this mean for its governance, its funding, its rollout?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Featherstone, RMIT • Gareth Downing, ACCAN • Theresa Corbin, Telstra <p>Moderator: Holly Raiche, auIGF MSSC</p>	<p>Description: Internet technologies hold great promise in giving people options to do things in more environmentally friendly ways - think teleworking, virtual tourism and more. Yet the Internet's technologies and infrastructure also have an environmental impact. What would a whole-of-digital approach to improving environmental outcomes look like?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmon Chung, DotAsia • Shawna Finnegan, APC • Sebastian Brash, Tech Council of AU <p>Moderator: Cheryl Langdon-Orr, auIGF MSSC</p>

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10:10-11:10	WS 1.6: Indigenous Australia - Building Digital Availability, Access and Affordability	WS 2.6: Disinformation and Misinformation
	<p>Description: Panelists have lived experience, professional practice, and completed research in and with remote, urban, and rural communities, in fields impacted by digital availability, accessibility, and affordability, as Aboriginal peoples. This session will discuss how internet governance of these factors relates to Aboriginal peoples and Knowledges.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Beetson, UQ • Jenny Fraser • Gabi Briggs <p>Moderator: n/a</p>	<p>Description: Exploring the impact of misinformation and disinformation challenges on digital wellbeing.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Jacques Sahel, Google • Noelle DeGuzman, ISOC • Fitriani, ASPI <p>Moderator: Alban Kwan, CSC</p>
11:10	Morning tea	
11:30-12:30	WS 1.7: Digital rights and digital responsibilities: the challenge of Online Safety	WS 2.7: What the DNS? How can the Domain Name System sector help with security online? <i>[Sponsored by ICANN]</i>
	<p>Description: Online safety requires balancing rights that can be in conflict: the safety of children and young people, privacy, security and more. How to strike this balance in 2025 and beyond?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Welsh, eSafety • Jenny Duxbury, DIGI • Kiki Fong-Lim, EFA <p>Moderator: Sandra Davey, auIGF MSSC</p>	<p>Description: How this 40 year old protocol is evolving to provide additional layers of security to your Internet experience. Can infrastructure providers do more to improve online security, should they? Be careful what you wish for! The DNS was never designed for security, yet it now supports our digital lives. Let's explore what's possible with one of the oldest protocols.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Kane, Verisign • Reg Levy, Tussocks • Save Vocea, ICANN <p>Moderator: Adam King, auDA</p>
12:30	Lunch	

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13:30-14:30	WS 1.8: Supporting security by design through the Internet environment	WS 2.8: Accessibility at the core
	<p>Description: What does 'security by design' mean and is it achievable in the digital environment? What policy and practice changes are needed to make 'security by design' a reality across the Internet environment? In particular, how can diverse regulatory and policy frameworks - even within Australia – work together to drive this goal? This session examines the changes to policy and business practice that are required to make it a reality.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne-Louise Brown, Cyber Security CRC • Jordan Newnham, CyberCX • Michael Wallmannsberger, Trust Hound Limited • Ryan Payne, Uni Canberra <p>Moderator: Zoe Hawkins, ANU TPDC</p>	<p>Description: Foundational requirements to deliver accessibility of even basic internet service are not being met. How to secure accessibility for all people to the Internet and the content it provides.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunela Astbrink, ISOC • Bri Norton, OzeWai <p>Moderator: Holly Raiche, auIGF MSSC</p>
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15:00-16:00	T2: Townhall (60 mins)	
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16:00-17:00	P2: Closing Plenary (60 mins)	
	<p>Purpose: To conclude the event, speakers will be asked to reflect on their key takeaways from auIGF and vision for what's next.</p>	