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Conference Report

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Overview

Date : 20 - 23 August 2024

Venue : NTUH International Convention Center, Taipei City

Overarching Theme : Evolving Ecosystems, Enduring Principles: Shaping Responsible Internet Governance

Participants : 1,060

Number of Sessions : 57

(APrIGF Sessions: 32, TWIGF Sessions: 14, Joint Sessions: 3, Side Events: 9)

Host : MODA, TWIGF, TWNIC

Secretariat : DotAsia Organisation

Sponsors

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About Host

- Ministry of Digital Affairs

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  Website: https://moda.gov.tw/

- Taiwan Internet Governance Forum

  TWIGF 臺灣網路治理論壇

  Website: https://www.igf.org.tw/

- Taiwan Network Information Center

  Website: https://www.twnic.tw/

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) serves as a platform for discussion, exchange and collaboration at a regional level, and also where possible to aggregate national IGF discussions, ultimately advance the Internet governance development in the Asia Pacific region.

In 2010, while the global IGF is already in its fifth and final year of its initial charter, and Regional IGFs have been established in many other regions, including Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, to date, Asia has seen no parallel forum for discussing Internet governance issues at a regional level. For the first time, the APrIGF is therefore being convened with objectives to raise awareness and encourage participation from relevant stakeholders around the region on Internet governance issues, as well as to foster multi-lateral, multi-stakeholder discussion about issues pertinent to the Internet in Asia.

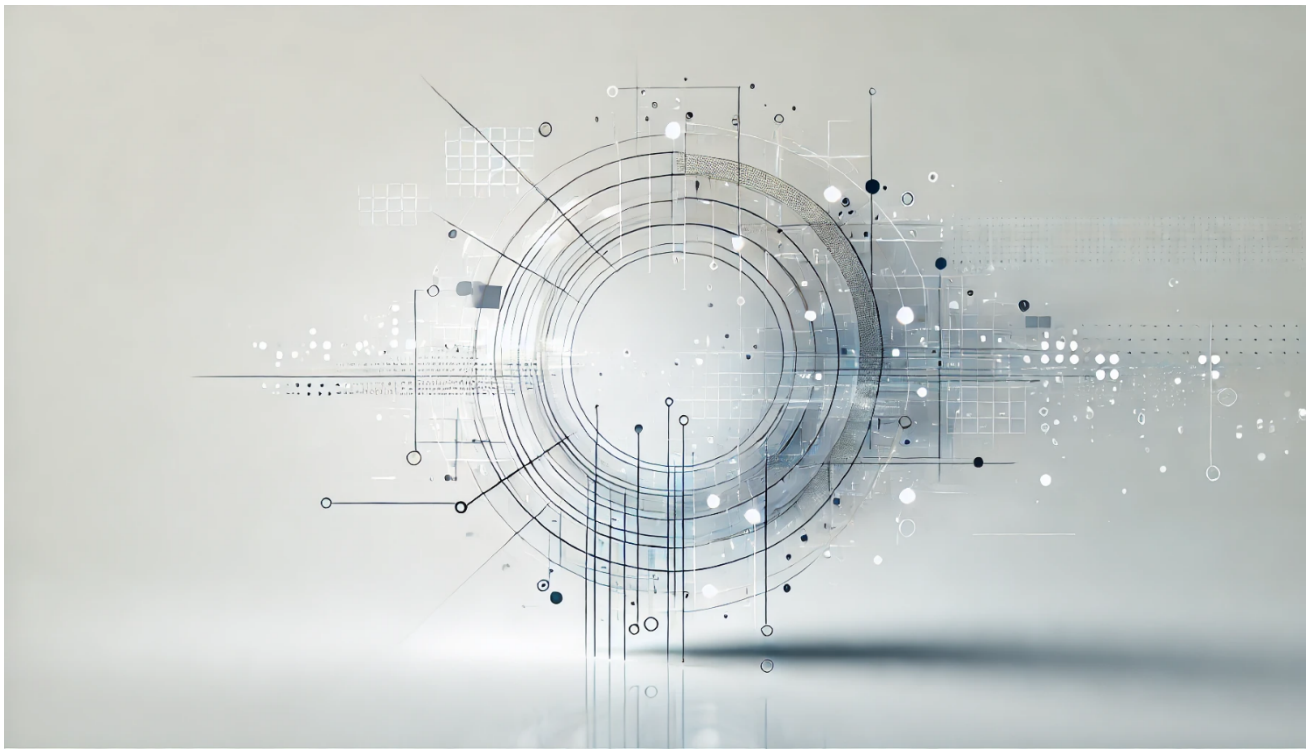
The multi-stakeholder approach is a core principle of the APrIGF with the emphasis on the diversity of participants and openness of the discussion. Valuing the youth as an important stakeholder and the future generations of the Internet, a Youth IGF also become an integral part of the APrIGF whereby they are held in parallel annually featuring a simulation of the multi-stakeholder discussion model among the young people on various Internet governance issues.

Ministry of Digital Affairs

The Ministry of Digital Affairs (MODA), responsible for driving Taiwan's digital development, will connect citizens and technology, improve industry and security, fulfill the goal of a smart country, and continue to lead the world via the Taiwan model.

Only a solid digital infrastructure can ensure that digital applications in everyday life function as intended. The moda will continue improving the broadband application environment, shaping a diverse innovation ecosystem, and promoting and establish standards and self-regulation mechanisms allowing anyone to access public services. This will facilitate smooth interdepartmental communication and promote further realization of equality and democracy.

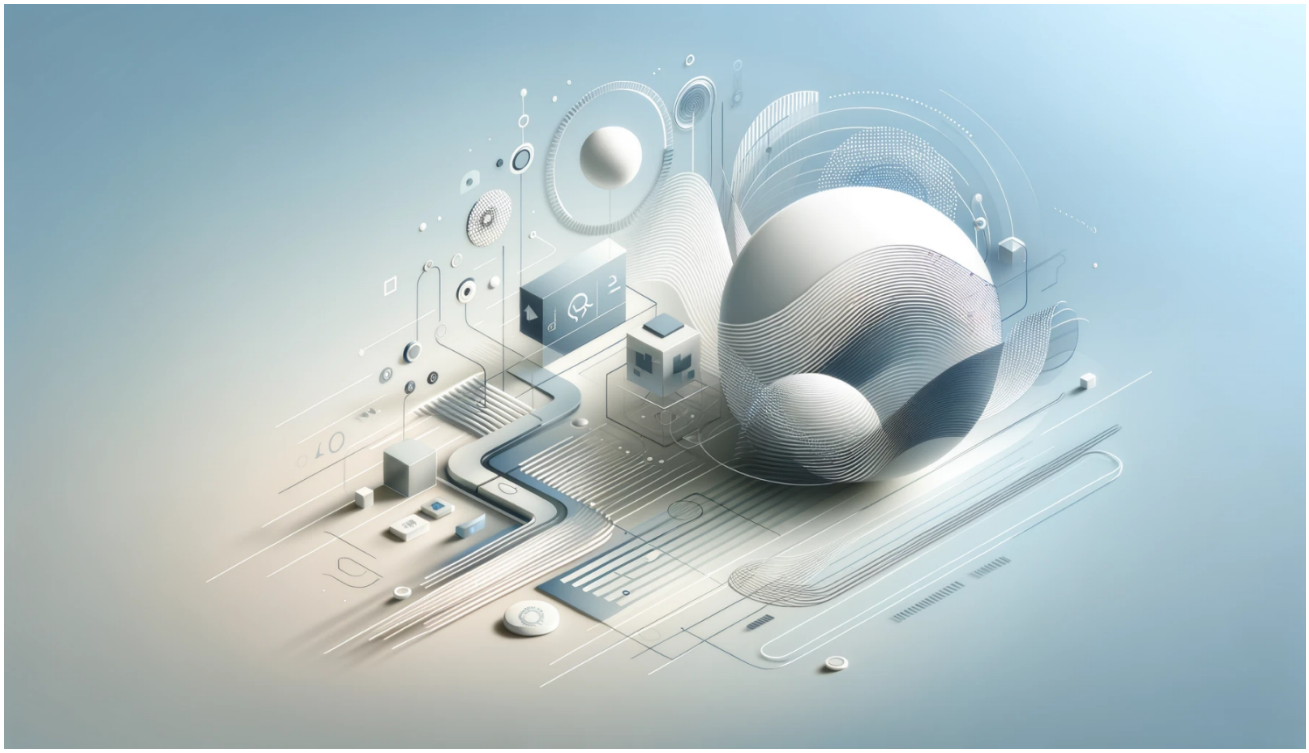
Given the Internet's decentralization and fast iteration, the government is taking a different approach to algorithm and data regulation. The moda will support civil servants in developing the necessary digital competencies, while using the current ethos of open government and citizen participation to provide flexibility. At the vanguard of these efforts are the people-public-private partnership ecosystem, championed by the Presidential Hackathon. Maintaining ongoing real-time cooperation with residents serves as a motivator for policy innovation and a glue for social mutual trust.



Taiwan Internet Governance Forum

The Taiwan Internet Governance Forum (TWIGF) is a communication and interaction platform, where various stakeholders in the internet ecosystem come together to discuss public policies related to the internet. These stakeholders include government, academia, technical communities, civil society, and private sector entities. Internet governance involves the development and implementation of common principles, guidelines, rules, decision-making processes, and strategies by global stakeholders based on their respective roles. The goal is to regulate global internet development and usage.

International discussions on internet governance cover a wide range of public policy issues, including technical, economic, legal, social, cultural, and developmental aspects. These discussions involve stakeholders collectively addressing topics such as internet openness, security, universal access, multiculturalism, and the protection of critical internet resources.



Taiwan Network Information Center

The Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) serves a dual role as the ccTLD Manager for .tw/.台灣 and the National Internet Registry responsible for distributing Internet resources in Taiwan. TWNIC is committed to delivering world-class services to its members, engaging with stakeholders, and collaborating with international Internet organizations to uphold the principles of good governance and support Internet development in Taiwan, in the APAC region, and globally.

TWNIC is dedicated to building the brands of Taiwan in the digital world. TWNIC strives to increase brand awareness, build domain value, and enable organizations and businesses in Taiwan to establish a distinct online presence that reflects their digital identities with the .tw and .台灣 domain names.

Community engagement is another significant aspect of TWNIC's operations. TWNIC supports the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, and also collaborates with stakeholders, the Internet community, and international organizations such as ICANN and APNIC to promote Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI), DNSSEC, routing security, and cybersecurity best practices, advocating for a global, open, stable, and secure Internet.

As a member of the Internet community, TWNIC aims to play an active role in hosting Internet governance events and fostering discussions on important Internet governance topics. TWNIC constantly engages with Internet communities by hosting the ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum, the IP Open Policy Meeting, and relevant joint trainings, while supporting initiatives like the Taiwan Internet Governance Forum (TWIGF). These events serve as platforms for community members to exchange ideas, share best practices, and collectively build norms on crucial Internet issues. TWNIC also constantly conducts research like the Taiwan Internet Report to illustrate Taiwan's Internet development, for users and researchers to understand the important issues and the development in Taiwan.

TWNIC thrives as Taiwan's Internet landscape evolves and remains dedicated to adapting and innovating the services to meet the dynamic needs of the members and contribute actively to the global Internet community, to build a better Internet together.

As the local host of APrIGF 2024, TWNIC welcomes the participants to the events to share and discuss the overarching Internet governance topics.

About APrIGF and TWIGF 2024

The Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) and the Taiwan Internet Governance Forum (TWIGF) 2024 were jointly held from August 21 to 23 at the NTUH International Convention Center in Taipei. Hosted collaboratively by TWNIC, the event featured a hybrid format, enabling both in-person and virtual participation. The overarching theme of this year's APrIGF was "Evolving Ecosystems, Enduring Principles: Shaping Responsible Internet Governance," which reflected the forum's emphasis on sustainable and principled practices in Internet governance. Meanwhile, TWIGF's theme was "Rethinking Internet Governance: Artificial Intelligence, Resilience, Sustainability, and Security," addressing a broad range of public policy issues related to Internet governance. This combined event fostered collaboration and dialogue among stakeholders from government, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

APrIGF2024 Theme & Sub theme

Evolving Ecosystems, Enduring Principles: Shaping Responsible Internet Governance

As connectivity increases across the Asia-Pacific region, the Internet governance landscape continues to undergo rapid transformation. However, challenges such as inclusion, safety, affordability, and digital rights remain. This event explored how to effectively address these ongoing issues while maintaining a focus on the core principles of openness, decentralization, and accessibility, particularly in the context of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence (AI).

Thematic Tracks

- **Security & Trust**: This track addressed the ongoing challenges of cybersecurity, data privacy, and online safety. The discussions emphasized the importance of trust, accountability, and cooperation among stakeholders in governance processes. It explored how collaborative efforts can address complex security concerns, protect personal data, and enhance online safety for all users.
- **Resilience**: This track focused on ensuring the reliability of Internet infrastructure through multi-stakeholder collaboration. The goal was to empower communities to shape their digital futures in ways that meet their socio-economic priorities. The discussions also emphasized how resilient digital infrastructures can help mitigate disruptions and ensure continued access and communication in the face of growing cyberthreats.
- **Ethical Governance of Emerging Technologies**: This track examined how to balance innovation with ethical governance for emerging technologies like AI. The discussions highlighted the need for governance frameworks that prioritize privacy, fairness, and transparency. As AI and other technologies evolve, the goal is to foster innovation while ensuring these technologies serve society responsibly.

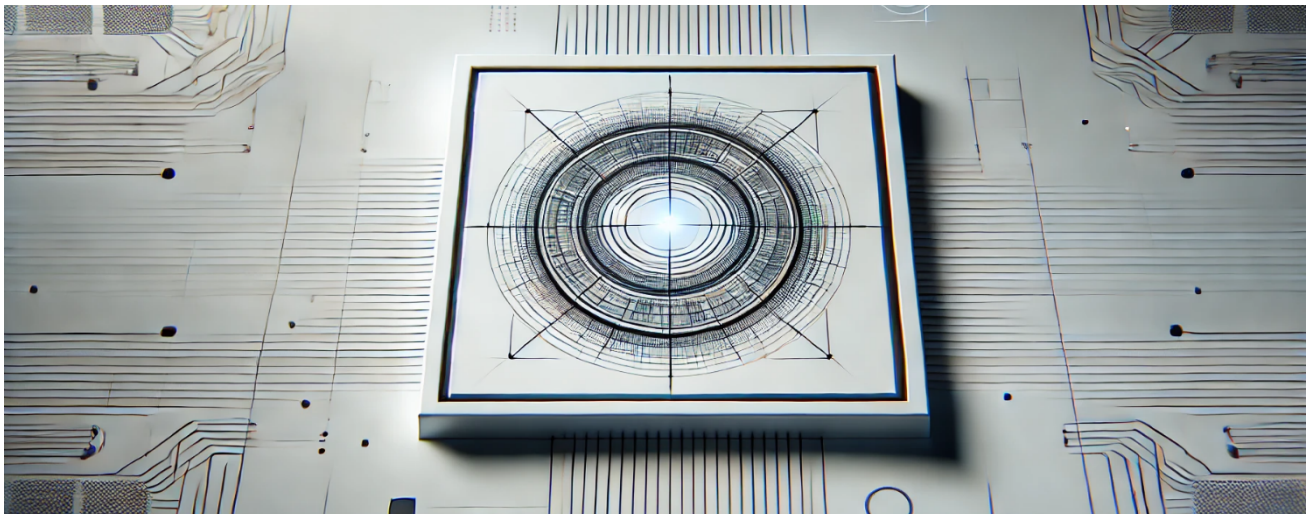
TWIGF2024 Theme & Sub theme

Rethinking Internet Governance: AI, Resilience, Sustainability, and Security

The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) presents both challenges and opportunities for internet governance. To maintain an open, stable, and secure internet, it is essential to foster multistakeholder collaboration in this shifting technological landscape.

Sub-Themes

- **AI Development and Application:** The widespread integration of AI in various sectors introduces critical issues concerning legal compliance, ethics, and privacy. Stakeholders must collaborate to ensure responsible AI development, safeguarding human rights and promoting social justice.
- **Resilience and Sustainability:** As climate change and geopolitical tensions escalate, strengthening the resilience of internet infrastructure is paramount. Discussions focus on achieving sustainable digital growth, while addressing the societal and environmental impacts of technological advancements.
- **Security:** The rise of cybersecurity threats demands robust defense strategies that do not compromise internet openness. Effective cooperation is key to enhancing security and building trust, with AI playing a pivotal role in preventing cyberattacks and protecting privacy.



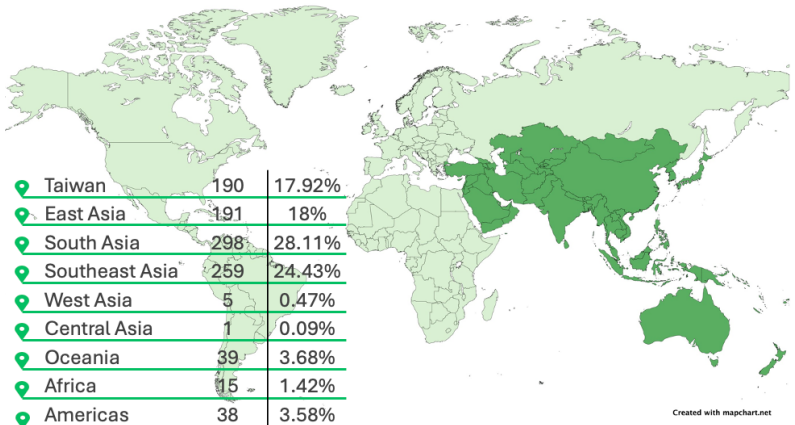
Participation Statistics

APrIGF & TWIGF 2024 at a Glance

3 Days	1060 Total Registrations	5 Local Hubs	671 By Physical Participation
190 Speakers	63 Countries/ Territories	5% Non-binary or Not to Say	1674 By Online Participation
57 Sessions	89% Participants from Asia	46% Female	4.32 Satisfaction Score
9 Side Events	18% Participants from Taiwan	49% Male	94% Will attend APrIGF again

Registration & Attendance

APrIGF and TWIGF 2024 in Taipei drew 1,060 participants, with Taiwan, India, Indonesia, and Bangladesh leading registrations from the Asia-Pacific.



Taiwan	190	17.92%
East Asia	191	18%
South Asia	298	28.11%
Southeast Asia	259	24.43%
West Asia	5	0.47%
Central Asia	1	0.09%
Oceania	39	3.68%
Africa	15	1.42%
Americas	38	3.58%
Europe	24	2.26%

1,060

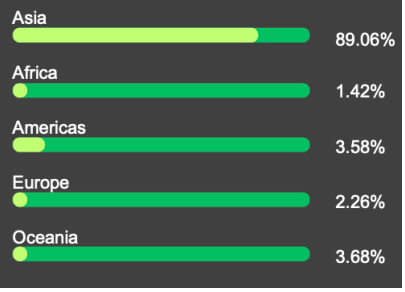
total registrations

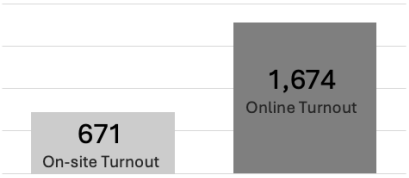
767

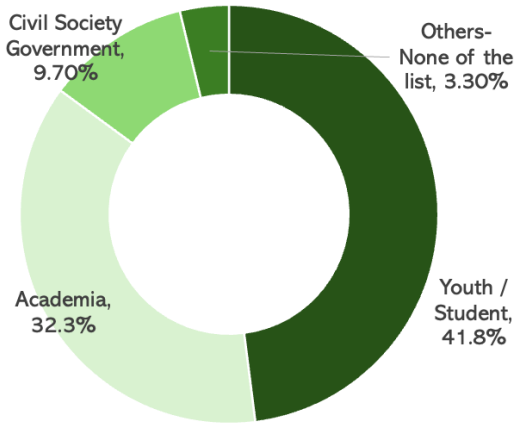
in-person registrations

293

online registrations







Overall Forum Rating

4.32

Satisfaction Score

94%

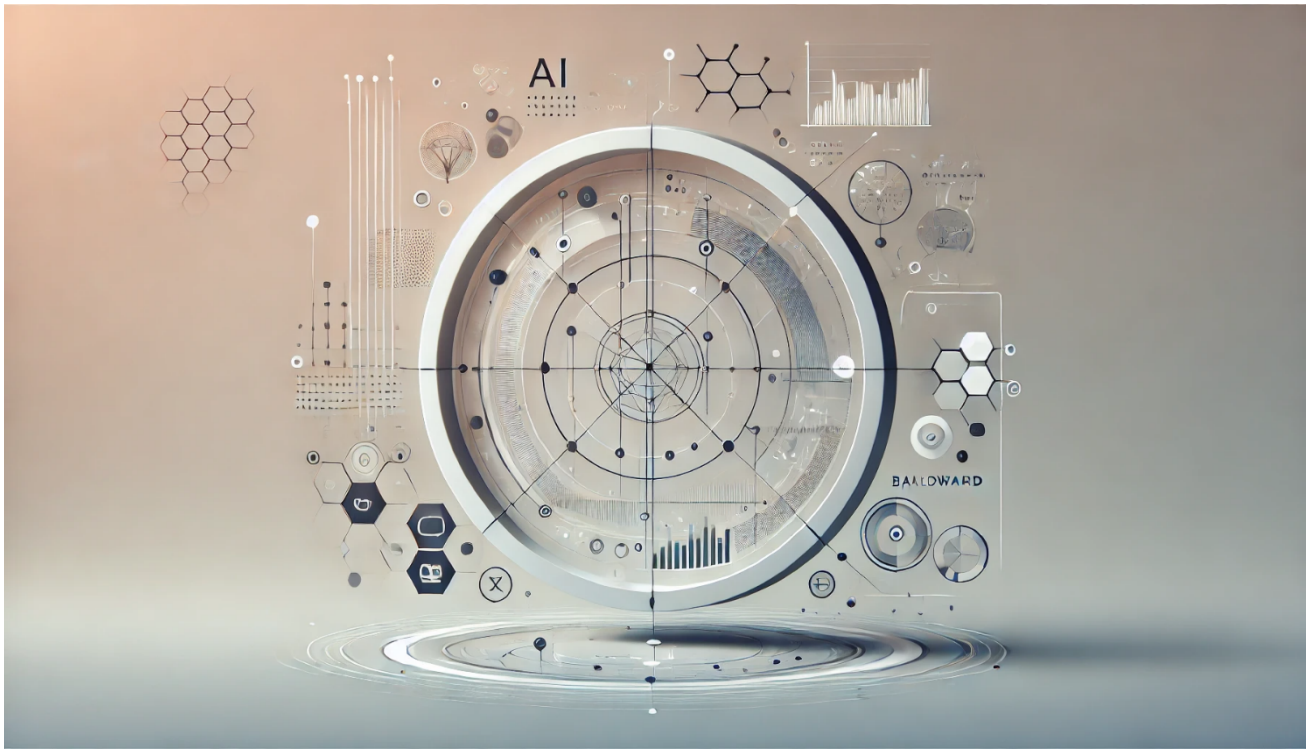
of the participants stated they would definitely or very likely attend APrIGF again in the future.

Fellowships Results

Fellowship Application Statistics Overview
Total Application received: 586 (Female: 215 / Male: 371)
Initial Round Selected Fellows: 32 (Female: 16 / Male: 16)
Sub-Region Distributions
Eastern Asia: 4
Southeastern Asia: 11
Southern Asia: 12
Central Asia: 2
Australia and New Zealand: 1
Pacific Ocean: 2
Stakeholder Balance
Academia: 6
Civil Society: 9
Government/ Inter-governmental : 4
Private Sector: 3
Youth / Students: 8
Technical Community: 2

Agenda-Day 0 Aug. 20 (Tue.)

APrIGF	yIGF	TWIGF Tutorial
	yIGF 08:00-12:00 📍 402D	Security & Resilience 09:30-10:50 📍 402AB
		Geopolitics & Internet 11:10-12:30 📍 402AB
LUNCH		
	yIGF 13:30-17:00 📍 402D	GDPR and Data Protection Regulations in Europe 13:30-14:50 📍 402AB
Capacity building 16:30-18:00 📍 402C		Digital Civilization in Asia-Pacific 15:10-16:30 📍 402AB



Agenda-Day 1 Aug. 21 (Wed.)

APrIGF		Themed Track
APrIGF & TWIGF Opening Remarks 09:30-10:05 📍 201		
APrIGF & TWIGF Keynote 10:05-10:20 📍 201		
APrIGF & TWIGF Opening Plenary 10:20-11:20 📍 201		
Regulatory Resilience in the Age of Internet Fragmentation 11:30-12:30 📍 301 Panel Discussion	Charting the Path for a Regional Fact-Checking Coalition in the Asia-Pacific 11:30-12:30 📍 402 Roundtable	
Talk of Idea | Unmasking Threat: Lunchtime with Google's Cybersecurity Front Line 12:30-14:00 📍 101 Heather Adkins		
Platform Accountability in South and Southeast Asia 14:00-15:00 📍 301 Panel Discussion	Digital Leap- Enhancing Connectivity in South Asia 14:00-15:00 📍 402 Panel Discussion	From Innovation to Impact: Responsible AI – challenges and opportunities to tackle online fraud and scams 14:00-15:30 📍 401
Defending against Digital Deception: Strategies for Preventing Online Scams and Identity Theft ? 15:10-16:10 📍 301 Workshop	Securing Trust: Ethical Governance in Championing Children's Digital Rights 15:10-16:10 📍 402 Panel Discussion	Shaping the Future: AI Policy and Governance in 2030 16:00-17:30 📍 401 Panel Discussion
Town Hall 16:30-18:00 📍 301		

Agenda-Day 2 Aug. 22 (Thu.)

APrIGF		Themed Track
BreaktheSilo: Streamlining Gender Safety in the Digital Space 09:00-10:00 📍 101 Panel Discussion	Bottom-up Advocacy for a Resilient Internet 09:00-10:00 📍 402 Workshop	Introduction to a Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism 09:00-10:30 📍 401 Panel Discussion
Digital Frontlines: Safeguarding Human Rights Defenders in the Cyber Age 10:10-11:10 📍 101 Panel Discussion	A Multistakeholder Approach to Safeguarding Information Integrity through Advancing Internet Governance in Asia and the Pacific 10:10-11:10 📍 402 Panel Discussion	
Multistakeholderism in the post-GDC era 11:30-12:30 📍 101 Panel Discussion	Is Asia-Pacific Ready for AI? Balancing Innovation, Ethical Governance, and Marginalized Needs 11:30-12:30 📍 402 Panel Discussion	Towards a Resilient Internet in Taiwan: Defining, Measuring, and Enhancing Network Robustness 11:00-12:30 📍 401 Panel Discussion
Lunch 12:30-14:00 + Talk of Idea: RightsCon: A Global Convening of Human Rights in the Digital Age 12:40-13:50 📍 101		
Digital Bill of Rights: Distilling Enduring Principles Towards Free and Safe Internet 14:00-15:00 📍 101 Workshop	Striving for EcoInternet, towards a resilient Internet 14:00-14:30 📍 402 Roundtable	Navigating the Complex Terrain of Internet Intermediaries Liability and Online Frauds 14:00-15:30 📍 401 Panel Discussion
	Health Data Governance through AI Booming Age: A Journey in Taiwan 14:30-15:00 📍 402 Fireside Chat	
Messaging scam and combatting to protect human rights and democracy 15:10-16:10 📍 101 Panel Discussion	Gendered Disinformation – Deepening understanding and exploring countermeasures 15:10-16:10 📍 402 Panel Discussion	Artificial Intelligence and the Environment — The Path to a Sustainable Earth 16:15-17:45 📍 401
Town hall 16:30-18:00 📍 101		

Agenda-Day 3 Aug. 23 (Fri.)

APrIGF		TWIGF	
Building Holistic Resilience to Address Emerging Ethical and Social Challenges in the Digital and AI Age 09:00-10:00 📍 101 Panel Discussion	Making AI responsible for financial inclusion 09:00-10:00 📍 402 Panel Discussion	From Long-term Cultivation to Active Participation: Taiwan's Practical Strategies in Global Internet Governance 09:30-10:40 📍 301	Digital Basic Law: Building Digital Rights and Sustainable Resilience from the Bottom Up 09:30-10:40 📍 401
Infrastructures of repression: Cybersecurity and Human Rights in the Asia Pacific 10:10-11:10 📍 101 Panel Discussion	Internet infrastructure resilience during disaster event – Case Study for the 0403 Taiwan Earthquake, and others 10:10-11:10 📍 402 Panel Discussion	The Exercise of Data Protection Rights: Emperor's New Clothes or the Armor of AI Development 10:50-12:00 📍 301	How Open Source Communities Promote the Development of Resilient Networks: Open Government, Environmental Monitoring, and Media Literacy 10:50-12:00 📍 401
Freedom Online Coalition Regional Dialogue – Asia-Pacific 11:30-12:30 📍 101 Roundtable	Enhancing Internet and Web Standards to address DNS Tampering 11:30-12:30 📍 402 Workshop		
LUNCH			
ShhorAI: Combating Hate Speech and Fostering an Inclusive Digital Space 13:30-14:00 📍 101 The Pitch	Fellows Presentation 13:30-14:30 📍 402	Intermediary Liability: Would Holding Internet Platforms Accountable for Content Lead to Better Internet Governance? 13:30-14:40 📍 301	Digital Censoring Tools and Democracy 13:30-14:40 📍 401
Contextualising Fairness: AI Governance in Asia 14:00-14:30 📍 101 Tutorial			
NetMundial+10, GDC, WSIS+20 – what else is happening in the world of Internet governance 14:40-15:40 📍 101 Open Mic Townhall	Strengthening the Digital Resilience of Taiwan: with Special Reference to Undersea Cables 14:40-15:40 📍 402 Panel Discussion	Resilience of the Internet's network infrastructure 14:50-16:00 📍 301	Current Situation and Future Prospects of Internet Safety for Children in Taiwan: The Joint Efforts of Multi-Stakeholders 14:50-16:00 📍 401
Closing Plenary 16:20-17:40 📍 101		Multiple legal thinking on algorithmic governance under fair trust – philosophy of justice, fair competition, governance transformation and accountability mechanism 16:10-17:20 📍 301	The role of individual end users and civil society in Internet governance: the challenges of At-Large Community and ALAC 16:10-17:20 📍 401

Hybrid Meeting

- On-Site Meeting

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- Online Meeting

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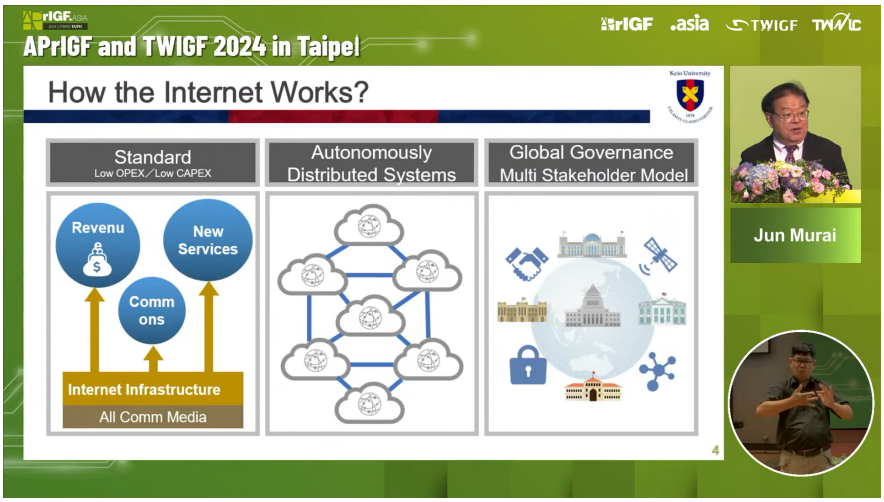

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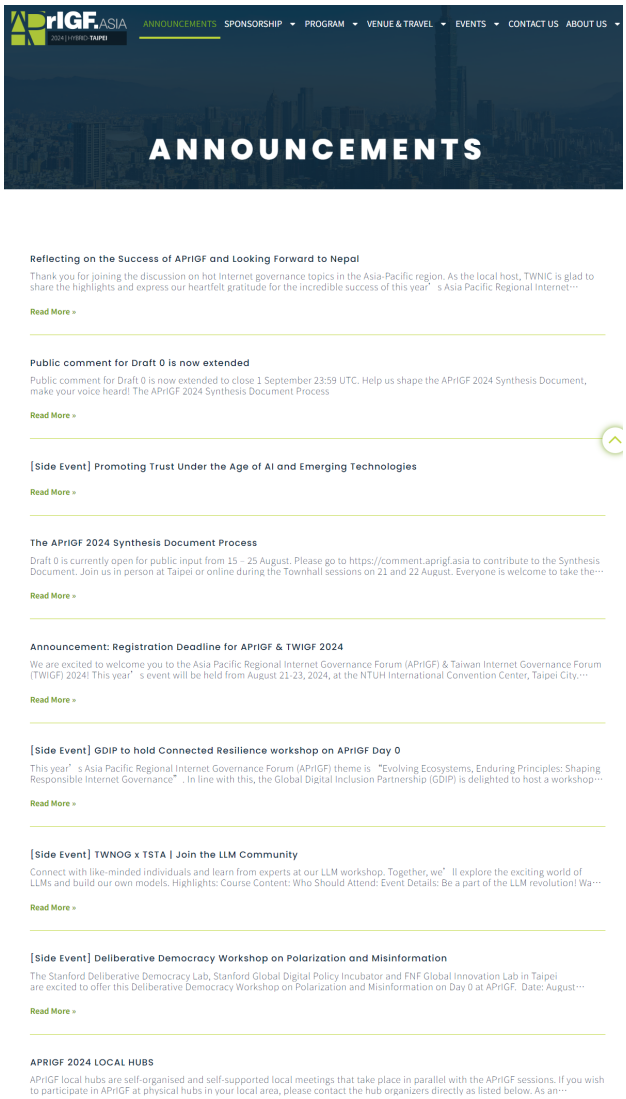

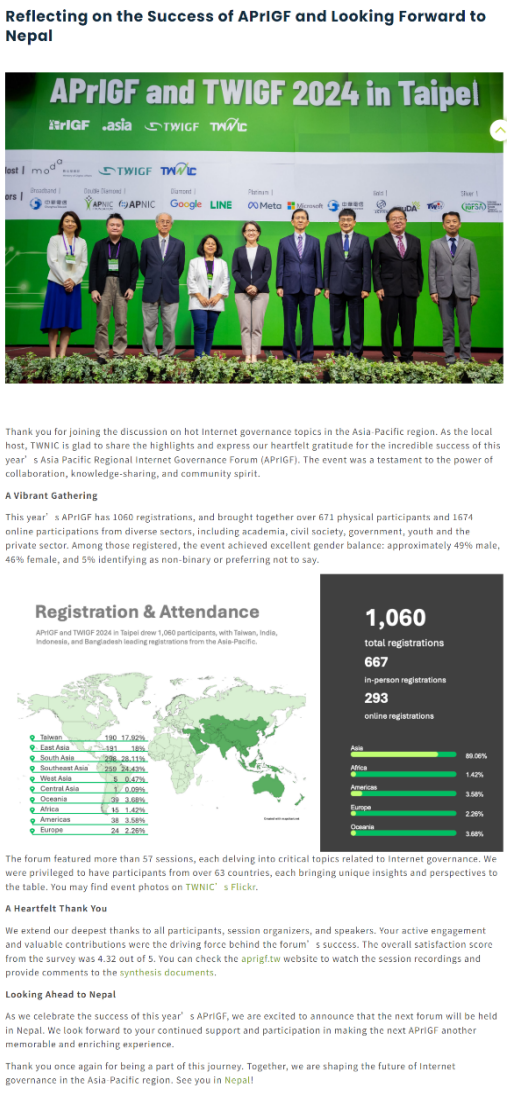

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