
Internet Rights and Principles Coalition

1. SDG to which your DC work is most strongly related to

- GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- GOAL 13: Climate Action
- GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions

2. Outline achievements of your DC in regard to that SDG

Over the past few years the Internet Rights and Principles Coalition (IRPC), through its Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet, has been working on issues closely related to the above SDGs.

The Coalition has been particularly focused on articles 1 RIGHT TO ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, 2 RIGHT TO NON-DISCRIMINATION IN INTERNET ACCESS, USE & GOVERNANCE, 8 RIGHT TO PRIVACY ON THE INTERNET and 9 RIGHT TO DIGITAL DATA PROTECTION to discuss access and protection of rights of minority groups, such as migrants and refugees and the new challenges of the emerging technologies (IGF2018 WS346 Refugee Rights and Emerging Technologies: Building Digital Futures for all, IGF2016 - [LIGHTNING SESSION] Human Rights Online: What has Internet Governance got to do with Refugees?, EuroDIG2016: CONFRONTING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: WS2 Internet Access and/as Human Rights for Minorities and WS10 Refugees, human rights and Internet access) in a bid to tackle the digital divide and to reduce inequalities.

As part of IRPC's commitment to ensuring that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international laws and norms are fully protected throughout the process of technological development, the Coalition has also been highlighting the online (and offline) abuse of human rights activists, media workers and women and the need to put in place more efficient and transparent regulations to tackle online abuse (IGF2016 - IRPC Meeting (with Amnesty International) "When death threats go viral: defending human rights in the face of orchestrated harassment campaign on social media")

In light of article 4 of the Charter, RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE INTERNET the IRPC has also been focusing on emerging technologies and Environmental sustainability. The Coalition has been working with the Cities for Digital Rights Coalition (<https://citiesfordigitalrights.org/#declaration>), in IGF18 in Paris the IRPC held a meeting on "Sustainable Futures: The Internet, Human Rights, and Environmental Issues" and at the EuroDIG19 the IRPC organised a flash panel on Climate change and emerging technologies ("Fighting climate change with emerging technologies – for good or ill?") in bid to put climate emergency on the top of Internet Governance agendas.

3. Outline plans towards 2025 and that specific SDG

Over the next five years the IRPC will continue to focus on the SDGs outlined through a consolidated outreach work based on the Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet published by this Coalition.

To achieve our goals, this DC will work on:

Research and Reporting: The Coalition will pay attention to challenges to the full enjoyment of human rights and freedoms in the online environment and will address the Internet governance community to create awareness on the issues.

Outreach: Through outreach work the DC will try to engage not only the internet governance groups but also the wider community.

Advocacy: The Coalition will continue to ensure human rights related issues relevant to the achieving these particular goals are included in IG policy discussions and processes.

4. List Policy Question related to the work of your DC and in regard to the specific SDG

Some of the policy questions the IRPC has been addressing include:

Goal 12 Responsible Consumption and Production,

Goal 13 Climate Action,

- Can internet-dependent technologies provide an answer to rising alarm of a climate emergency, or are they part of the problem?

- How can global, and national internet policy-making agendas better respond to existing and future environmental issues arising from connecting the Sustainable Development Goals with those aiming to “Connect the next billion”?

- In which specific areas - of public concern, geography, or internet design – can different stakeholders generate working relationships for sustainable, rights-based internet futures?

Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities,

Goal 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions.

- What has been done to provide equal access and full participation in the online environment for minority groups such as refugees and migrants?

- As intelligent technologies develop at exponential pace, has enough been done to ensure that legislation, regulatory frameworks and implementation processes are transparent, accountable inclusive and proportionate in order to avoid infringements on the enjoyment of human rights, such as the right to privacy and those others affected by ongoing and future technological development?

- What measures have been implemented by companies and governments to ensure that through the process of using emerging technologies to collect, store and manage data the rights of the most vulnerable populations such as refugees, migrants or homeless people are fully protected?