

Call for Proposals - Internet Governance and Human Rights - Strengthening the visibility and awareness of Global Majority priorities in global discussions

About Global Partners Digital

Global Partners Digital (GPD) is a social purpose company working at the intersection of human rights and digital technologies. We work to ensure that human rights underpin how we develop, use and govern digital technologies. Through advocacy, partnerships, capacity building, networks, and research, we shape rights-respecting laws and policies and help build a more diverse digital policy ecosystem.

Background and Context

GPD is implementing the "Internet Freedom for All" project, funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC). The project aims to promote inclusion in the Freedom Online Coalition (FOC) to strengthen underrepresented voices in global discussions in efforts to advance democracy in the digital age.

As part of this project, GPD is seeking to contract an external consultant to develop and implement a briefing series aimed at strengthening the visibility and awareness of Global Majority priorities and concerns amongst FOC actors in processes identified in the FOCs 2024 Program of Action.

In its 2024 [Program of Action](#), the FOC has identified the World Summit on Information Society Review Process (WSIS+20), the Summit of the Future (SOTF) and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) as key priorities of its efforts to ensure the Internet remains open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, secure and human rights-respecting.

Objective

To strengthen the FOC's awareness and understanding of global Majority and civil society priorities and concerns in Internet governance discussions, with a special focus on processes outlined in the FOCs 2024 Program of Action (GDC, SOTF, WSIS+20).

Audience

- FOC stakeholders, including government representatives and members of the Advisory Network.
- Civil society stakeholders in the Global Majority are involved in relevant multilateral processes related to the governance of the Internet and digital technologies, especially the GDC, SOTF and WSIS+20.

Services

The consultant should develop and implement a suite of activities, aimed at:

- Building the understanding of FOC governments, Global Majority stakeholders and civil society actors on the processes shaping the governance of the Internet and digital technologies in 2024/25.

- Facilitate consultations with relevant Global Majority stakeholders to identify regional priorities and concerns, format to be determined by the consultant.
- Facilitate a dialogue amongst relevant stakeholders, including FOC stakeholders, on the concerns and opportunities in the 2024/25 landscape of multilateral processes related to the governance of the Internet and digital technologies, format to be decided in collaboration with the consultant based on FOC priorities and schedule.

Deliverables

- Inception report including a detailed outline of proposed milestones, activities and timelines;
- End-to-end implementation of agreed activities and outputs;
- Final report or documentation of learning materials and consultation findings.

Timeframe and Budget

The series must be developed and delivered between **18 March and 30 May 2024**.

A budget of up to **GBP 20,000** is available for this work, depending on the scope of the workplan and activities proposed.

Requirements and Proposal Process

GPD is seeking solicited proposals for a briefing series aimed at strengthening the visibility and awareness of Global Majority priorities and concerns amongst FOC from experienced experts in Internet governance processes with experience in facilitating dialogue across stakeholder groups.

Knowledge of geopolitical trends affecting the global IG landscape and experience in facilitating consultations with different stakeholder groups are strongly desirable.

We encourage applications from individuals living in Global Majority countries and/or with professional experience working in Global Majority countries or with global Majority stakeholders.

Please indicate your interest by emailing Donja Ghobadi <donja@gp-digital.org> and Daniela Schnidrig <daniela@gp-digital.org> with "Proposal for IG Series" as the subject line.

Proposals should include:

- CV including relevant evaluation and field experience
- A short proposal (1-2 pages), including:
 - Proposed methodology and work plan
 - Available dates
 - Rates and detailed breakdown of costs for each proposed component
 - Outline of relevant knowledge and experience, including experience working in the Global Majority or with Global Majority stakeholders
- Names and contact details for 2 references from evaluated organisations.

The deadline for applications is **6pm GMT, 18 March 2024**.