

Reports on the implementation of the Declaration on the Future of the Internet in different regions

Terms of Reference

The Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet (GIFI) is an EU-funded project implemented by the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies at the European University Studies (EUI) in Florence. It aims to provide evidence-based analysis and policy support to strengthen the implementation of the Declaration on the Future of the Internet. More information about the project and its goals can be found in the Factsheets below.

The GIFI team is currently looking for 5 external authors to produce reports focused on the analysis of the implementation of the Declaration on the Future of the Internet in different regions:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Indo Pacific
- Middle East and North Africa
- EU Neighbourhood and Eastern Europe

An individual work plan will be developed with the selected authors with deadlines for submitting the draft reports as follows:

- 30 October: Indo Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa
- 30 November: Middle East and North Africa, EU Neighbourhood and Eastern Europe

SPECIFICATIONS:

- A report should be 8,000-10,000 words in length. An example of a report structure is provided in Annex I.
- Reports should be comprehensive in scope and include all the signatory countries in each given region and a selection of key-non-signatory countries. The scope of the report will be one of the factors in the assessment of the proposal.
- We expect authors to have an extensive knowledge of the region that they wish to write on.
- Authors will be offered a fee of EUR 2500.
- Reports will be published on the website from the Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet's project.
- Authors should propose two visuals to be included in the publication. They are responsible for providing the data. Data visualization will be prepared by the GIFI team.

- Selected authors will be required to participate in an online methodology workshop to align methodological approaches between different authors, identify relevant indicators and verification sources.
- Authors may be asked to present their reports during an online or in-person event organized by GIFI.

Interested authors should create a profile in the GIFI roster by 7 July 2024 at 23:59.

<https://www.eui.eu/news-hub?id=open-call-for-applications-global-initiative-on-the-future-of-the-internet-1>

Shortlisted authors will be contacted to submit a more detailed research proposal and a work plan.

ANNEX I. EXAMPLE OF A REPORT STRUCTURE

- 1. Explaining the DFI principle and commitments in the regional context**
- 2. Link to other regional, subregional, and global processes:** G7, Global Digital Compact, WSIS+20, Summit for the Future, IGF, other African processes on Internet governance.
- 3. DFI in practice/implementation:** List of good practices, examples of implementation and lessons from the region and specific countries, *per each of the five principles*.
 - 3.1. Protection of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms (indicator: e.g. Freedom on the Net)
 - 3.2. A global Internet (avoiding fragmentation): indicator (e.g. internet shutdowns)
 - 3.3. Inclusive and affordable access to the Internet: indicator (e.g. ITU Data Hub)
 - 3.4. Trust in the digital ecosystem (cybersecurity and privacy): indicator (e.g. Mapping of privacy regulation in each country / cybersecurity)
 - 3.5. Multistakeholder Internet Governance: indicator (e.g. participation in international fora)
- 4. Identified implementation gaps/challenges and capacity needs**
- 5. Benefits of implementing DFI for the region / Incentives for different stakeholder groups: establishing clear link to SDGs** (recommendations for each group could be included at the end of each section)
 - 5.1. Governments
 - 5.2. Private sector
 - 5.3. CSOs
 - 5.4. Academia
 - 5.5. Technical community
- 6. Conclusions**