

# Internet Governance School — "Understanding the Digital Future of Central Asia"

**Dates:** May 21-22, 2025

**Audience:** Mid-level professionals, young leaders, government officials, civil society reps, journalists, business and tech sector actors from Central Asia

**Goal:** Build capacity for meaningful participation in the CA IGF 2025 and global IGF by deep-diving into the core thematic tracks and regional priorities.

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## DAY 1 — Foundations & Global Context

*Theme: "Connecting the Global and Regional Dots"*

Time	Session Title	Description	Format
09:00–09:30	Welcome & Icebreaker	Introduction to the school, expectations, networking activities	In-person
09:30–10:30	Keynote: "Why Internet Governance Matters for Central Asia"	Expert keynote on multistakeholderism and regional relevance of global IG debates	Lecture
10:30–11:00	Coffee break		
11:00–12:30	Internet Governance 101	Deep-dive into actors (ICANN, ISOC, ITU, IGF), key issues (access, security, rights) and processes (GDC, WSIS+20)	Lecture
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30–15:00	Artificial Intelligence Governance	Introduction to AI ethics, risks, governance models, and regional adaptation challenges	Expert Panel + Q&A
15:00–16:30	Connectivity Infrastructure & Access Policy	Building Access for All: Networks, Satellites, and Regulatory Choices	Lecture
16:30–17:00	Reflections & Wrap-up	Sharing key learnings, mapping questions to pursue next day	Discussion

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## **DAY 2 — Regional Priorities & Strategic Readiness**

*Theme: “Building Resilient and Inclusive Digital Ecosystems”*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Format</b>
09:00–10:30	Data Governance & Cross-Border Ecosystems	Data localization, interoperability, and trust-building across Turkic-speaking states	Case-Based Panel
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00–12:30	Digital Resilience & Emergency Preparedness	Staying Online Under Pressure: Policy for Stability and Security	Expert Panel + Q&A
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30–14:30	Conflicts of Interest & Ethics in Multistakeholder Governance	How to navigate tension between public, private, and civil actors; distinguishing advocacy from lobbying	Case Discussion
14:30–16:00	Strategic Roundtable: Central Asian Priorities in IG Regulation	Strategic Roundtable: Central Asian Priorities in IG Regulation	Group work on Central Asian Priorities in IG Regulation
16:00–17:00	Group Presentations: “My IGF Message”	Each participant/team presents a short policy intervention or discussion point for CA IGF	Presentations + Feedback
17:00–17:30	Graduation & Certificates	Wrap-up, networking, next steps	Ceremony