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Youth Engagement in Internet Governance – from tokenist to youth-led

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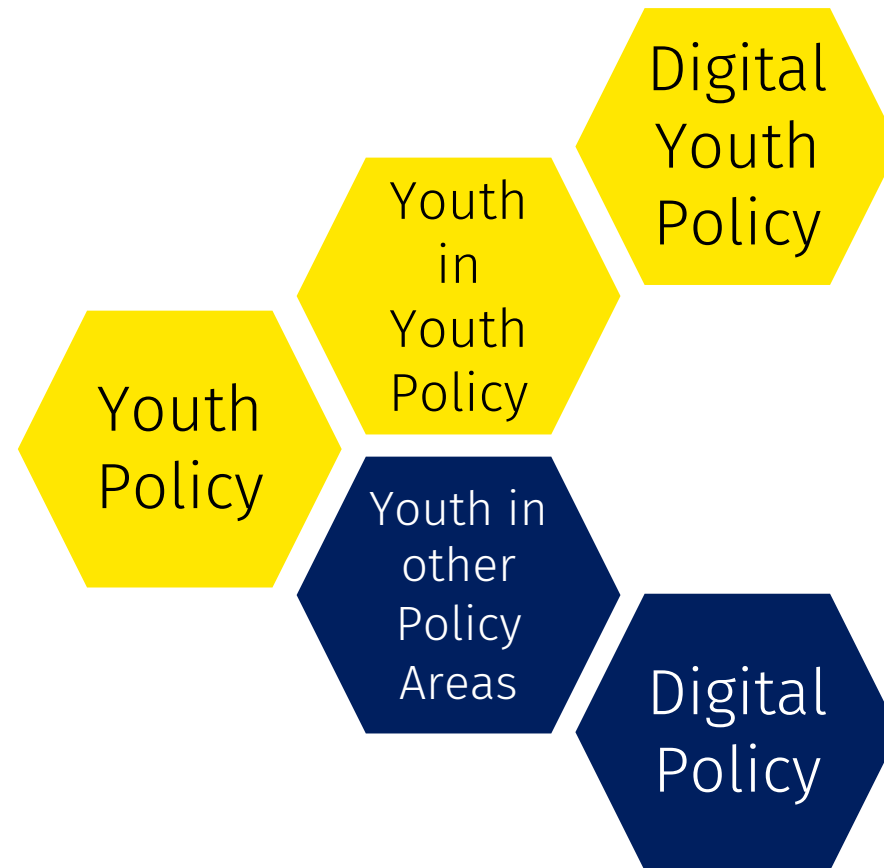
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Who is youth?



differing thresholds,
culturally influenced – up to
30/35 years

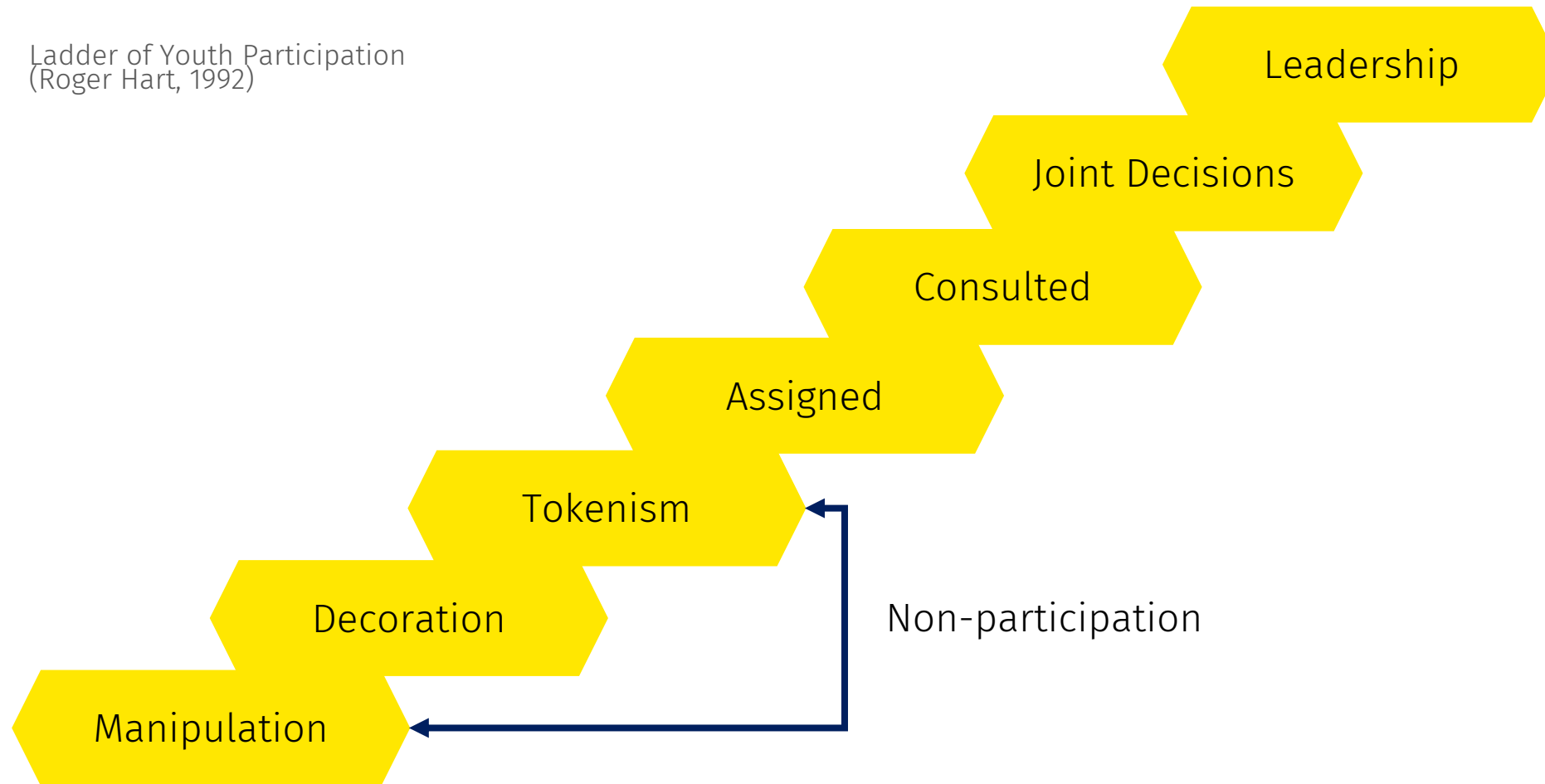
Internet Governance Youth
Spaces mostly address
people up to 30 or 35



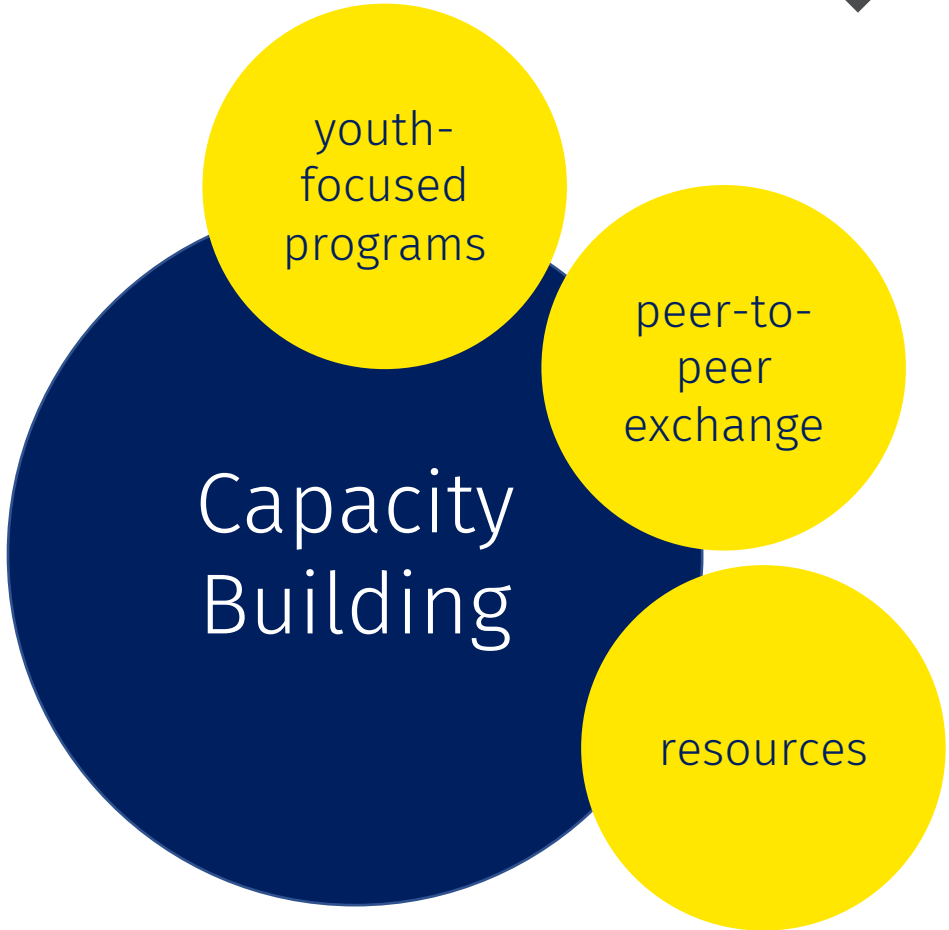
Levels of Youth Participation



Ladder of Youth Participation
(Roger Hart, 1992)



Moving up the ladder



A recent history

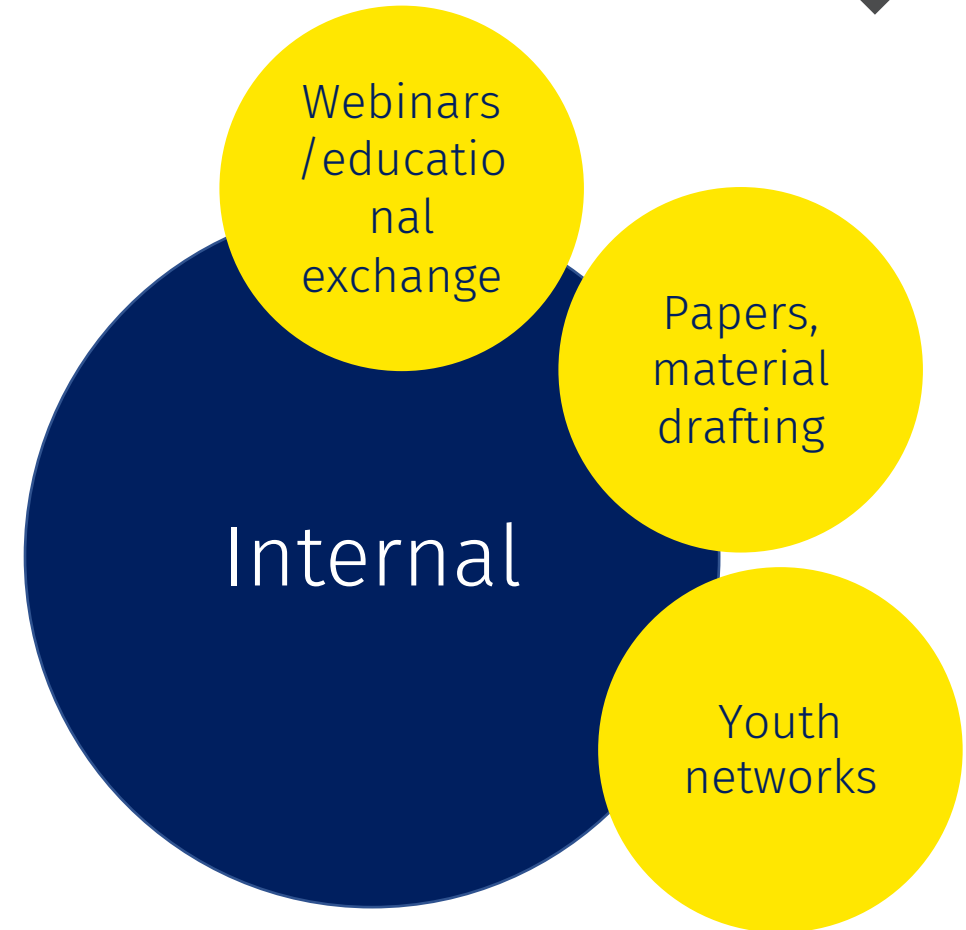
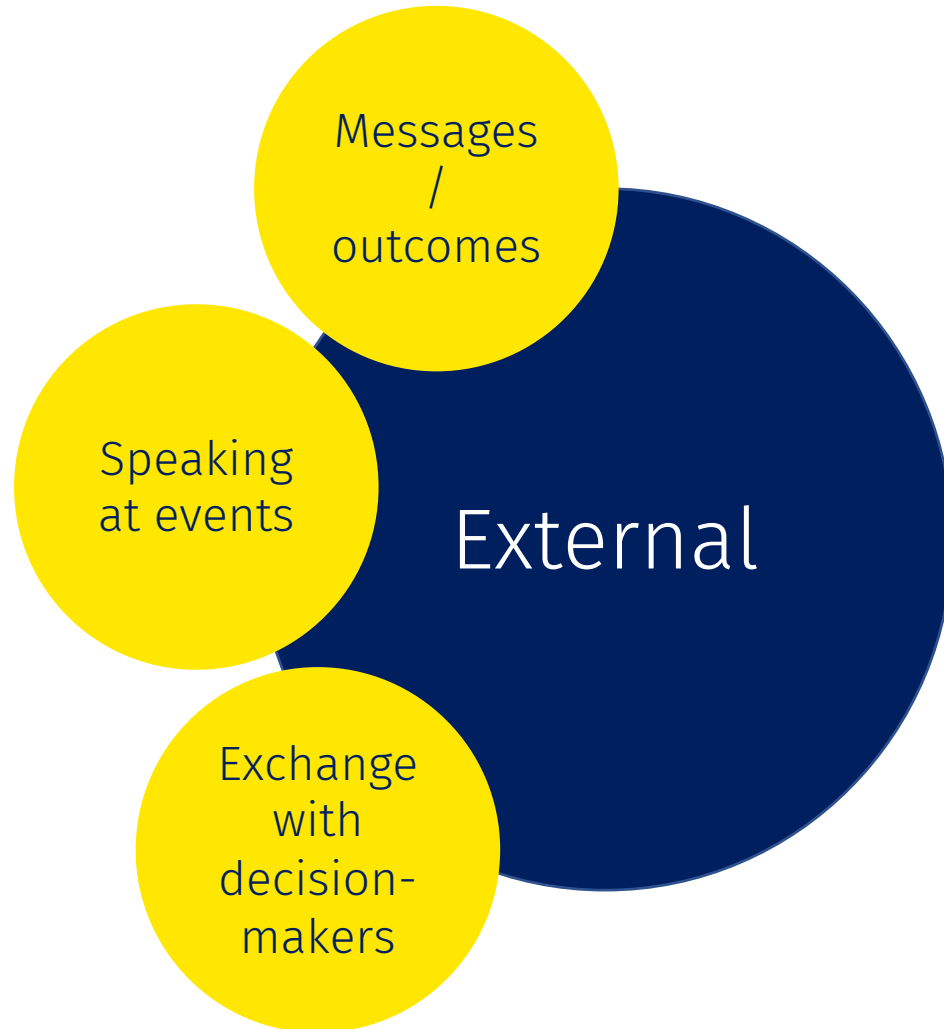
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- 2009 – recommendation to establish Youth Coalition
- establishment of regional and national youth initiatives
- 2015 – IGF in João Pessoa with youth program
- 2019 - global Youth IGF Summit
- 2021 – Youth IGF Summit in main program, youth in high-level sessions
- 2022 – youth representative at the UN Expert Group Meeting
- 2022 – IGF youth capacity-building started in June



Youth Programs



How to get involved

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International: 2022 Internet Governance Forum in Addis Abbeba

- Join Youth Engagement Webinars
- Join Youth Coalition on Internet Governance

Europe

- European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) Youth Programme 2023
- check out related activities by Council of Europe, EURid, RIPE NCC...

Country-level

- check out if there's an active (Youth) IGF
- if you want to start one, get info from IGF Secretariat



Useful links



Model of Youth Participation by Hart: <https://organizingengagement.org/models/ladder-of-childrens-participation/>

Youth Coalition on Internet Governance: <https://ycigweb.wordpress.com/>

Youth Summits 2019-2021:

https://yigf.de/media/yigf_publication_a4_rz_wmd_small-komprimiert.pdf

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-youth-summit-messages>

https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/247/20484

Youth Engagement Resource by the IGF Secretariat:

https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4874/2454

IGF 2022: <https://www.intgovforum.org/en>

Youth Engagement Activities @ IGF 2022: <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-youth-track>

EuroDIG & YOUthDIG: <https://www.eurodig.org/>

National and Regional Internet Governance Initiatives: <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/youth-initiatives>

ICANN NextGen: <https://www.icann.org/public-responsibility-support/nextgen>

ISOC Ambassadorship: <https://www.internetsociety.org/policy-programs/igf-youth-ambassadors/>

RIPE Community: <https://www.ripe.net/collections-area/ripe-community>

EURid Youth Committee: https://eurid.eu/media/filer_public/f7/57/f757c771-4568-46a1-abcd-0759ee7f4cb7/youth_committee_charter.pdf

THANK YOU!

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