



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Safer Internet Day 2021, celebrated on February 9, the Youth IGF Movement, created by Yuliya Morenets, initiated three new SID Steering Committees outside of the EU.**

**In 2021, the Youth IGF was able to bring its message on online safety and lead the SID initiative in Algeria, Barbados, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Tunisia, Vietnam and Zambia.**

For Safer Internet Day 2021, developed by the European Commission, the Youth IGF Movement, administered by TaC International, has reinforced collaborative efforts to raise the profile of this day outside the EU. Safer Internet Day is marked globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. It also inspires a national conversation in the countries where it is celebrated.

On February 9, the Youth IGF offered a platform for teachers from countries with SID committees administrated by the Youth IGF to demonstrate how they teach online safety in their schools and what they think about online safety training for educators.

The Youth IGF has prepared an amazing set of interviews that will be showcased throughout February 2021, to bring the voice of teachers closer to decision-makers and to draw attention to a major problem that the educators face in terms of the lack of structured training for them on online safety.

As one of the founding members of the International Telecommunication Union Child Online Protection Initiative (COP), The Youth IGF takes the problem of the lack of specialised material and training for educators very seriously. The ITU has recently launched a series of guidelines for parents and educators (<https://www.itu-cop-guidelines.com>). The ITU COP recommends that educators *understand the risks and benefits that pupils can be exposed to when they go online.*

***“Critical thinking and the detection of threats by the young themselves will help to reduce the risks of children and young people falling victim to online threats. My personal challenge is to foster educators’ capacities in COP with the help of our virtual interactive learning game.”*** says Yuliya Morenets, founder of the Youth IGF Movement.

#### **ABOUT the Youth IGF**

Created in 2011, the Youth IGF ([www.youthigf.com](http://www.youthigf.com)) is a UN-recognised initiative with a presence in more than 35 countries across the globe. It allows the young to discuss and take a lead in issues related to internet governance in the form of local, national or regional debates. @globalyouthigf **MEDIA CONTACT:** [media@againstcybercrime.org](mailto:media@againstcybercrime.org)