

Mapping national Internet governance initiatives in the LAC region

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Objectives

- This report presents an effort to map different Internet governance initiatives in the LAC region in order to better understand the ways these organizations have evolved over time and to be able to compare their governance structures, formal and informal procedures, funding mechanisms, the stakeholders included in decision-making, as well as other characteristics relevant to deliberative and policy outcomes.
- The research addresses the cases of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru, Venezuela, Uruguay, Mexico and Nicaragua.

Key dimensions

- *Thematic*: Evolution of the Internet governance topical agenda in each country and in a comparative perspective in the region;
- *Structural*: Formats of the initiatives, including governance structure, work modality and processes;
- *Institutional*: Identifying the resources that sustain these initiatives (human, financial);
- *Policy impact*. Impact analysis of the initiatives on Internet policy in the country/region.

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Welcome to the Mapping IG LAC project (MIGLAC)

The MIGLAC project is both a research process and an online tool that seeks to organize and make publicly available information about Internet governance initiatives in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

This effort started with the collection, systematization and publication of information about national IGFs in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru, Venezuela, Uruguay, Mexico and Nicaragua*. The MIGLAC platform provides accessible, up to date information about the different NRI structures in the LAC region. The interactive map will allow users to engage with information about their governance structure, objectives, outputs, funding, communications channels and working mechanisms, as some of the main dimensions. Academia, civil society groups, students and policy-makers with varying levels of familiarity with Internet governance-related themes, should be able to easily navigate the content, as well as use it for evidence-based educational and policy development purposes.

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Insights on:

- We have identified two waves of NRIs institutional development in the LAC region and distinct characteristics associated with initiatives organized during these phases;
- The influence from the global Internet governance regime as well as local and international organizations with a strong presence in the global Internet ecosystem in the creation and maintenance of NRIs;
- The structural characteristics and organizational development of individual NRIs, as well as their different approaches to multistakeholderism;
- The importance of uncovering the particularities and nature of participation in individual cases;
- How different initiatives strive to impact the wider policy-making environment, both nationally and internationally;
- The current common thematic agenda that is being practiced within the context of NRIs in the region.

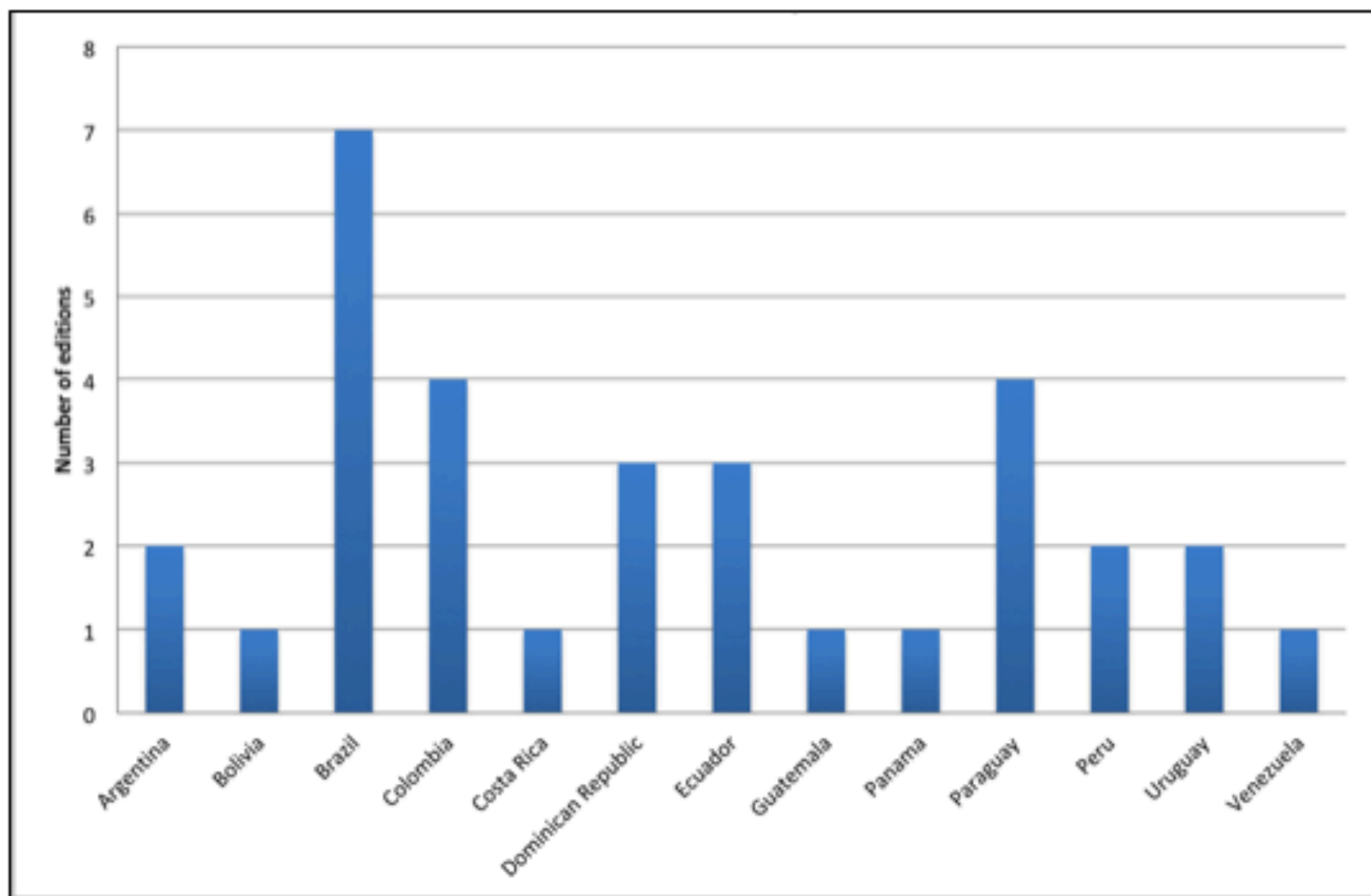


Chart 1: Number of editions by initiative

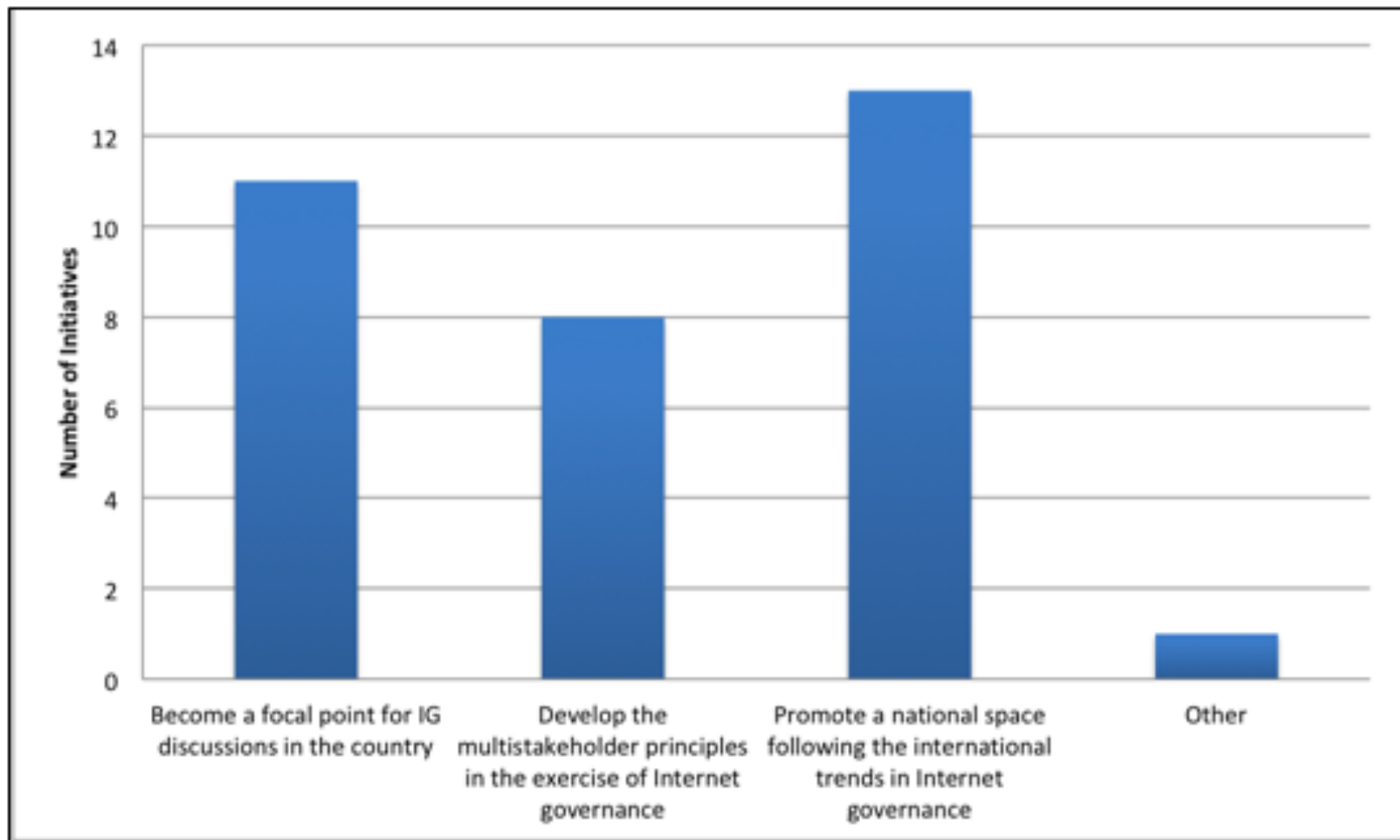


Chart 2: General motivation/mission of the initiative

Thank you!

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