



ABOUT GNI

The Global Network Initiative (GNI) is a multistakeholder platform that brings together academic experts, academic institutions, civil society organizations, companies, and investors from around the world to protect and advance freedom of expression and privacy rights in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector. GNI facilitates this collaborative work by setting a global standard for responsible company decision making, conducting independent assessments of company commitments, fostering confidential dialogue among members, and serving as a multistakeholder voice in the face of government restrictions and demands. See a full list of members and observers.



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GNI COMPANY MEMBERS

- > **COLLABORATE** with a diverse group of actors to help set global standards to promote and protect freedom of expression and privacy rights.
- > **EXPAND** and improve relationships with key civil society, academic, and investor stakeholders.
- > **ACCESS** learning opportunities with other GNI members in public and private settings, including on sensitive topics, on a confidential basis through our shared learning program.
- > **MANAGE** risk exposure and improve company decision making through the implementation of the GNI Principles and Implementation Guidelines.
- > **GAIN** real-time insights into the risks and opportunities of a rapidly changing legal and regulatory environment.
- > **DEMONSTRATE** leadership in a critical area of social policy.



GNI'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- > **Offering the only independent assessment cycle in the ICT sector** - having completed its third cycle in April 2020 - through which a growing number of companies in the ICT sector have identified best practices, discussed challenges, and exchanged constructive feedback with human rights experts and fellow companies.
- > **Providing sustained opportunities for shared learning in a confidential setting**, allowing companies to inform their internal policies on how new technologies may impact freedom of expression and privacy. GNI's learning calls have discussed new and ongoing dilemmas ICT companies face in different jurisdictions due to government demands for content removal, service disruptions, and requests for user data.
- > **Utilizing its authoritative platform to engage with policymakers, stakeholders and in international initiatives** to shape the regulatory conversations on ICT policies and practices that protect and enhance human rights. These include the Christchurch Call Advisory Network, the Freedom Online Coalition Advisory Network, and the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network. GNI has also partnered with multilateral institutions, including the Council of Europe and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.
- > **Representing a growing and increasingly diverse membership**, including company members in Asia and Europe and academics, civil society organizations, and investors from Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America, the Middle East, and South Asia, which have informed companies' operations on the ground.