Development



The Ford Foundation (2024 - 2026)

continued to provide core support to GNI to strengthen the Network, including through a number of our governance and membership activities.

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2024 - 2025)

provided funding to GNI through the project "Global Multistakeholder Collaboration for Strengthening the Information Environment by Protecting Freedom of Expression and Privacy Online". The project aims to support the private and public sector in protecting the right to freedom of expression and privacy, particularly in the context of enabling and supporting a rights-respecting information environment.

National Endowment for Democracy (2024 - 2025)

provided funding to GNI through the project "Protecting Freedom of Expression and Privacy Online." The project aims to promote the protection of freedom of expression and privacy in the technology sector and foster government accountability to protect human rights in digital policy in the Global Majority. This grant enabled GNI to host our first ever Members Meeting, provide support to Global Majority members to participate in GNI, and provide travel support to Global Majority members to key international digital rights conferences.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) (2025-2026)

supported GNI's Shaping the WSIS+20 review for a Unified Internet through Multistakeholderism Project (SWUIM), which seeks to shape the WSIS+20 review to preserve the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, crucial in preserving the open and globally interoperable nature of the Internet. The project is implemented through a consortium model comprising Global Network Initiative and Global Partners Digital working with established civil society partners from 8 target Global South[1] countries.

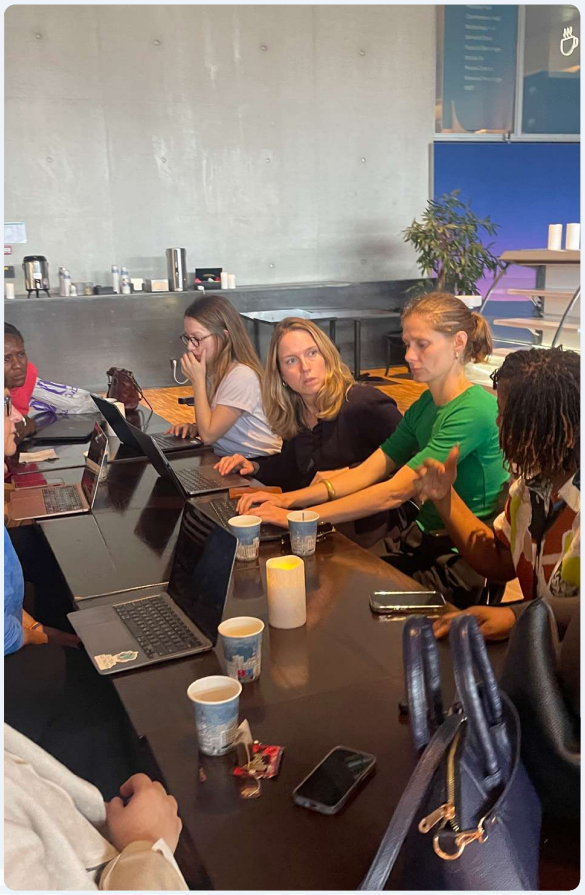
Sympatico Ventures (2025)

provided funds to support GNI's general programming.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (2025) and **The MacArthur Foundation** (2025)

provided funding to support the Multistakeholder Approach to Participation in AI Governance (MAP-AI). The project aims to facilitate multistakeholder participation in AI governance conversations, with particular support focused on fostering meaningful participation from civil society, academics, and researchers from the Global Majority, in order to further globally inclusive and equitable AI governance systems that reflect the needs and rights of all communities, as well as strengthen global AI governance processes by integrating evidence-based multistakeholder perspectives around key salient themes.





1 The term "Global South" is used here in reflection of the language of this specific grant. In its own materials, GNI uses the term "Global Majority" to refer to populations that, in isolation or collectively, tend to have less access to technology, as well as to conversations and decisions about its governance, regardless of their geographic location.