

GNI: Connecting Through Learning



The [Global Network Initiative](#) (GNI) facilitates learning across its global, multistakeholder membership to turn insights into collective advocacy and rights-respecting practices.

Uncommon Collaboration. Unrivaled Insight.

The frontlines of digital rights move fast. When geopolitical crises erupt, regulatory landscapes shift, or new technologies are rapidly adopted, no single sector has a full view. That's where GNI comes in. We weave together the distinct expertise of tech companies, civil society organizations, academics, and investors to learn about emerging threats to freedom of expression and privacy around the globe. Our members turn those insights into [collective advocacy](#) and rights-respecting practices.

Connecting World-Class Experts in Trusted Conversations Across Jurisdictions

GNI curates learning for our [membership](#), grounded in on our unique multistakeholder and rights-centered [approach](#). We create opportunities for our members and partners to learn by sharing their perspectives, synthesizing research and evidence, highlighting policy developments, and discussing company and policy implementation challenges. With members across four key sectors and every populated continent, GNI offers unparalleled insights and expertise on emerging rights concerns.

GNI serves as a unique, trusted platform for genuine learning and exchange across different points of view and contexts, whether to learn about sensitive topics confidentially within the membership or to present insights publicly.

Shared learning is the connective tissue between GNI's pillars of work. Our team and membership build reciprocal feedback loops between our pioneering [accountability](#) function, policy engagement, and learning activities. For example, learning agenda draws on questions and issues from company assessments and policy engagements. Then, what we discover in dialogue informs company implementation practices and GNI's [collective advocacy](#).

Where Tech Impacts Human Rights

We've recently curated programs on:


- **AI frontiers:** [Mapping](#) the cutting-edge risks and opportunities of generative AI on privacy and free expression, including from government or multilateral (in)actions.
- **Assessing human rights risks:** Conducting human rights due diligence across diverse contexts—from deploying [hash databases](#), to managing [community moderation](#), to operating in high-risk [conflict settings](#).


- **Regulatory shifts:** Navigating [regulatory and geopolitical contexts](#) for technology and human rights
- **Network resilience:** Tracking and countering the global rise of government network interference, blocking, and internet shutdowns.


Ecosystem approaches: [Scoping responsibilities](#) across the tech ecosystem and bridging the fields of [digital rights, trust and safety](#), and AI governance.


Delivering Insights Across Five Formats


Our learning agenda is tailored across varying formats:

 **Learning Calls:** Regular virtual briefings offer members deep-dives into key regulatory trends, corporate challenges, or emerging tech threats. Featuring world-class speakers and candid Q&As.

 **Workshops & Tabletops:** Interactive, hands-on simulations where members and experts work through complex, hypothetical human rights dilemmas to stress-test their operational responses.

 **Global Forums:** Premier, in-person gathering spaces—including our flagship [Annual Learning Forum](#) and *Rights & Risks Forum*—that bring together top-tier global voices to map the future of digital rights.

 **High-level Conference Stages:** GNI leads panels and roundtables at major tech and human rights conferences worldwide, driving global conversations forward.

 **Working Groups:** Topic-specific, outcome-driven, collaborative working groups. For example on [tech company responsibility in armed conflict](#), [human rights due diligence](#), and [rights-respecting government interventions in AI](#).

From Dialogue to Impact

GNI's learning activities serve as an incubator for publicly available [research and tools](#) that advance the digital rights ecosystem, and inform our collective policy advocacy:

- **Bridging Gaps:** By bridging and connecting the experiences of frontline digital rights defenders and company human rights teams, we help ground policy and practice discussions in localized insights.
- **Enhancing Understanding:** our members increase their understanding of freedom of expression and privacy impacts across jurisdictions and the tech stack, enabling more in-depth research, informed advocacy, constructive engagement, and approaches to advance rights.
- **Deepened collaborations:** our members expand their networks, share resources, and coordinate their efforts to strengthen safeguards.

Get in touch

We love to work with aligned organizations. Write to us if you're interested in joining GNI or [collaborating](#) as a partner: info@globalnetworkinitiative.org.