



The APriGF 2019 10th Conference held in Vladivostok, Russia from the 16th July to the 19th July 2019 was actually my first Internet Governance Forum. I was not aware or heard of such Forum in the past since its existence 10 years ago. It was when I was a member of the Internet Society for the Pacific Island Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) in the second half of 2018 that I realised there is an Internet Governance Forum to discuss issues from a Multi-stakeholder approach to develop possible solutions and positive outcomes for the Internet to be safe, global, open, accessible and secure for everyone.

Despite first experience and attendance but I was mainly connected to the Agenda of the meeting because of topics related to our small Island state such as Safer Internet, Cyber Security and Regulation. There were other important topics related to the context of Samoa and the Pacific like Access and Universality, Emerging Technologies and Society, Human Rights Online, Evolving Role of Internet Governance and Multi-stakeholder participation, Digital Economy, which add values to what we wanted to achieve within our small Economy.

Due to the vulnerability of our Small Island Samoa to cyber-attacks and cybercrimes, my main takeaway from the Conference is how we can adapt the model of Multi-stakeholder approach at the national level. Our key entities such as the Government, Business community, Civil Society, Education sector, Technical community and youth group need to come together and share their views and ideas within their respective roles on how we can shape the growth of the internet so that it will be safer and secure for everyone. We can discuss issues from bottom up approach as major decisions will be done by leaders based on recommendation from the National Internet Governance Forum or a recognised Professional Technical Association. In saying this we also need collaboration and Corporation from other Regional Organisations and Global Technical community to share their recommended standards and best practices for safer internet as a guideline to start.

I am so blessed for the opportunity to participate on the APriGF in Russia, because of the quality of discussions about Cyber-security and aligned with one of the Governments goal to keep Samoa cyberspace safe and secure for Investors and new technology to evolve. Lastly, I commend and say thank you to APriGF secretariat, all Sponsor Organisations, local host (Coordination Center), speakers and colleagues from diverse economies for staging a very fruitful and successful Conference.

