

About us

Fundación Sociedades Digitales is a civil society organization that works as a regional node, trying to encourage collaboration between actors at all level: governments, universities, unions, corporations and citizens. Accompanying the growth and development of digital tools, we have a multidisciplinary and permanent team who learn to anticipate trends, and thus promote actions based on four principles: transparency, participation, collaboration and digital inclusion.



Our achievements

Digital Societies Forum

Is an event we organize since 2008. Intended to discuss digital convergence and its political, economic and social impact throughout Latin America, we held annual meetings in Buenos Aires, Entre Rios (Argentina) and Bogota (Colombia). Bringing together thousands of participants, each year we focus on a different subject in order to bring to the public agenda the different aspects involved in the current wave of technological change.

International Open Government Week (IOGW)

IOGW brought together government officials, businessmen, academics and international specialists to discuss the different possibilities to implement effective Open Government strategies. IOGW is an event that has been supported by several NGOs and Civil Society



Organization, as well as the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Argentinian government and other sub-national states.

IOW already has two editions (2011 and 2013) where OGov theoretical and practical approaches were discussed during 5 days, multiple locations and different cities. During the two editions that were held, Hervé Fischer (Canada), Cesar Calderon (Spain), Alberto Ortiz de Zarate Tercero (Spain), Corinto Meffe (Brazil), among others participated as keynote speakers.

Educational Technologies Public Policies Congress (ETPPC)

Our main objective was to stimulate a wide debate about the design and implementation of public policies that could guarantee global adoption and integration of ICT in the national education system. The final outcome of the congress was providing an institutional and policy framework and at the same time management models for successful educational programs of digital inclusion.

Internet Travels

Internet Travels is a common project together with local TLD registrar, NIC Argentina, to spread the Internet culture in our country. But *Internet Travels* is also a world view. The proposal was aimed to reduce distances in a very extensive country: take the immediacy and closeness that Internet created in the virtual world, and replicate it in the offline life. *Internet Travels* managed to gather together keynote speakers, innovative proposals, and Civil Society networks that will be a key asset in building bridges between governmental organizations and the community, thinking the Internet both as a starting point and as a horizon.

International Free Software Conference (IFSC Argentina)

In this event, we participate actively as one of the organizing partners. It annually brings together leading specialists, businessmen, government officials, academics, hacktivists, programmers and users for debate and updating the framework about free and open source software. This event featured the attendance of John "Maddog" Hall from Linux International, Marcelo Branco and Richard Stallman and other specialists. Currently, the IFSC Argentina has already positioned itself as the most important meeting of Free and Open Technologies in the country, and through their ambassadors in Latin America and the Caribbean, has promoted the regional level action to the adoption and use of FLOSS (free / libre / open-source software) solutions.



South School on the Internet Governance (SSIG)

The main objective of the South School of Internet Governance is to train new thought leaders in all aspects related to Internet Governance from a global perspective, with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2013 we participated in the meeting of the South School of Governance held in Panama. Our current president, Sebastián Lorenzo, was a keynote speaker. "Open Government, content and culture" was the title of the discussion that focused on the crisis of political sovereignty, the role of big transnational companies and the debate on "free culture" and its political implications in our region and the world.

Elections Guessing Game

Was an initiative developed during 2015 in Argentina. The aim was to create a space where people who liked politics could show all its knowledge by guessing, prior to each electoral turn, who would win both primaries and general elections. The scope was not to award prizes, instead the main objective was to focus social networks talks about elections in one specific website. On the long run we will use collected data to compare voter perceptions with the final turn out of each electoral process.



OUR TEAM

CHAIRMAN / Sebastián Lorenzo

Expert in Communication Processes and performing a master's degree at Universidad Nacional de Quilmes. He is one of the leaders of Argentinian ICT development and one of the forerunners with Luis Calderon on the subject of Open Government. He led the Experimental Center of Cultural Industries in Entre Rios Argentina; he was Director of the Argentinian National School of Government, and Coordinator of the Board of the Digital Terrestrial TV.

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR / Camila Chirino

Degree in Political Science (UBA), with a master's degree in Senior Management of Government and Public Policies (Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset) and performing a PhD in Political Science (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella). She served as the first National Open Government Coordinator's Office. She was coordinator of the training program on Open Government, for the High School of Government of the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, and has worked as a professor at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad de Palermo and INAP.

COMMUNICATION AND PRESS / Exequiel Meza

Degree in Communication Science majoring in journalism at Universidad de Buenos Aires. Researcher at the Universidad Nacional de Chilecito. He taught at the National Institute of Public Administration and wrote in media such as La Nación, Diario Impacto (Mexico), the crowdfunding journalism project Acceso Global, and several specialized magazines.