2019 INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM
BEST PRACTICE FORUM

LOCAL CONTENT

- Virtual Meeting I, 1 November 2019, 13:00 UTC. UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

1. The first virtual meeting of the BPF Local Content took place on 1 November 2019.

2. The agenda (see Annex A1) for the meeting was focused on finalising the report and planning for the BPF's session in Berlin at the 2019 IGF on .

3. Each participant was again given the opportunity to introduce him- and herself. The list of meeting participants is attached as Annex A2 to this Report.

Summary of raised key points

The meeting was opened by Carlos Afonso, BPF Local Content coordinator and IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) member. Carlos provided background on the BPF's past and current work and explained the role of the coordinators.

Participants introduced themselves and their work. Eric Nitschke of Wakoma (www.wakoma.co) talked briefly about two projects they are involved in in townships in Cape Town that are focused on educational content and services. V-NET (http://vpuu.org.za/ict4d/v-net-bringing-internet-connectivity-into-low-income-areas/), and iNethi (https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2018-09-04-connecting-the-ocean-view-community). They use local low-cost servers for content production and sharing for NGOs, development orgs, local communities, etc. Eric forwarded the call for input to a colleague. Eric will be in Berlin.

Valensiya Dresvyannikova from the Dynamic Coalition on Public Access and Libraries) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) talked briefly about their work and the submission they sent in response to the BPF call for input.

Giacomo Mazzone from the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) introduced himself and his role as a co-coordinator of the BPF. Anriette Esterhuysen, consultant appointed to support the BPF introduced herself and talked about the process thus far.

Update on report: Inputs were received until the end of October. Thus far there are a total of 36. Many are substantial and as whole we received very rich input. A first draft of the report has been shared. It contains a synthesis of issues and

challenges. Further sections on examples and competencies will be complete by the end of the weekend (3 November).

In planning for the Session in Berlin, **Thursday**, November 28 • 09:30 – 11:00, Giacomo reported and spoke with WIPO who said they will participate and speak. Valensiya from IFLA also will be there and can present their work, as well as Eric Nitschke. Giacomo also spoke to the World Association of Newspapers (WAN-IFRA). https://www.wan-ifra.org Anriette will follow up with UNESCO. She suggested we look at the internet universality indicators as a way of measuring local content.

Some themes that stand out from the report that we could focus on during the session in Berlin are:

a) Language. Giacomo recalled that UNESCO maintained an atlas of world languages at risk. Giacomo will send the name of the responsible person. "Endangered languages" http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/endangered-languages/atlas-of-languages-in-danger/

b) Sustainability/sustaining local content development. Factors to consider are political pressure risks/financial resources

Annex A1

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Update on the call for input and the draft reported

3. Planning for the session in Berlin

Annex A2

List of participants: Carlos Afonso, NUPEF/IGF MAG; Giacomo Mozzone, EBU; Eric Wakoma; Valensiya Dresvyannikova, IFLA; Anriette Esterhuysen, BPF support