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LACTLD's comments to the call for information to materialize the action orientation of the IGF:

LACTLD is the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLD Regional Organization. It has participated in the last three editions of the IGF both to support with panelists – speakers (either through its staff / board or by channeling opportunities for the participation of ccTLDs) in workshops and main sessions, as well as during the pre-events and other networking initiatives that enhance knowledge, information sharing and raise awareness in different Internet Governance topics.

As a result of this participation in the last three editions of the IGF, LACTLD would like to bring forward the following contributions which emerge through its direct involvement and participation with the IGF:

1. The IGF provides the opportunity to engage fluidly with other stakeholders and thus expand the social capital of a small regional organization into a global space.
2. This is then reflected in improved agendas and meetings organized by LACTLD to its members. The incorporation of Internet Governance issues in the LACTLD policy meeting held annually in May has since 2012 reflected the increased relevance of these issues for registry operators in the LAC region.
3. Continued participation in the IGF has enabled LACTLD to become a regional player in the LAC Internet Governance landscape. An example is that in 2014 LACTLD has participated for the first time in the program committee organizing the LAC IGF.
4. The joint workshop organized by the four ccTLD Regional Organizations (AfTLD, APTLD, CENTR and LACTLD) at the IGF is a unique opportunity to open up Internet Governance debates to other players that are not traditionally in dialogue with these organizations at other meetings. It is also an opportunity to develop joint cooperation initiatives between these four organizations.
5. The participation of LACTLD at the MAG has created an increased presence of Internet Governance issues in the communications initiatives and outreach undertaken by this organization to its members and related organizations.