

Written Contribution to the IGF 2009 Open Consultations from Ginger (Virginia) Paque

1. Internet rights and principles is a theme that has been discussed in preparation for each IGF, yet, incredibly, it has not resulted in rights and principles being given a prominent space on the IGF agenda. Following the true multistakeholder spirit of IGF, Internet rights and principles must be a major theme on the 2010 agenda. This point has been emphasized by members of every stakeholder group, and should be mentioned in the Synthesis Paper that results from these written contributions, and given a significant place on the 2010 agenda.
2. Remote participation should continue to be a priority for the IGF process, building on the substantial past success. Right from the beginning, workshop design should include a remote moderator as part of the workshop proposal and direct communication established during the process of planning, training, sharing guidelines and implementation.

The RP platform should be open source to reinforce support for open source applications, and companies that employ them. The application should have an option for free personal use. The software should not require a download to the user's computer.

Individual remote participants should have the option of registering as formal IGF participants, using a system similar to that employed for in-person attendees.

Remote Hubs should again be encouraged to submit 2-minute videos for projection as interventions to sessions.

An emphatic effort should be made to improve and maintain the Remote Participation information on the IGF website.

3. The emphasis on youth issues and youth participation should be continued and strengthened to ensure the inclusion of new generation ideas and professionals as they prepare to take over IG policy, governance and processes.

Submitted with great appreciation,
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