

## Taking Stock Contribution to IGF 2014 by NetMission.Asia

### Introduction

As a youth group from the Asia region, we have been an active participant in the IGF for 5 years with a mission in continuing engagement of more young people in the IG discussions. In the Istanbul meeting, we have successfully organised the workshop 173, as well as a good dialogue within the Youth Coalition on IG (YCIG). Therefore we would like to submit some of the observations and suggestions we have discussed among the youth for the 2014 meeting for better improvement of the 2015 meeting in Brazil.

### Format

#### - Newcomers' Orientation Session and Lounge

We are glad to see the composition of the Orientation Session which highly facilitate the newcomers to understand and familiarise with the whole IGF background and navigation. Therefore, we highly support the continuation of such session in the future programme. We would like to further suggest that a Newcomer's lounge or booth in the IGF village would be beneficial. The booth could answer any queries related to IGF or the Internet governance.

#### - Youth-Friendly Toolkit for youth

It would be invaluable for the IGF secretariat to prepare a youth-friendly version explanation of IG issues and IGF for youth participants. It could help them to be more prepared to participate in the IGF discussions.

#### - Local Youth Engagement and Capacity Building Pre-Event

In many national and regional initiatives, there are youth components alongside the main program which are successful in raising the awareness and building capacity for our next generations on IG issues. Aligning with the mission of IGF in engagement and capacity building, therefore we would like to suggest also a youth IGF with 1-2 day pre-event with a special target for youth in their tertiary or higher education locally as part of the main program agenda. With the pre-conference preparation, then we can better integrate the youth participants into the main conference agenda.

#### - Resume Resource Persons List and add youth as a category

In order to facilitate more youth to get onto the actual panel discussion, it is necessary to establish channels that enables the workshop organisers and youth to connect. The workshop organisers do not know where to look for youth representatives, even on related topics. In the past IGFs, there is a list of Resource Persons for workshop organisers to look to in case they want to outreach to certain region or expertise. We believe that is a good way to allow young individuals or youth representatives from NGOs to share their profiles there with a specific category as "Youth".

#### - Monitoring the Youth Engagement Progress

In order to measure the effectiveness on youth engagement, it would be important to understand the current situation and taking stock. Taking the gender balance as a reference, it would be valuable to provide statistics on the attendance and participation in general of youth as well as youth panel speakers. That could be achieved through collecting data in the registration and then the data to be included in the chair summary.

### Schedule

#### - YCIG session arrangement

According to the discussions among the YCIG, most of the youth representatives or organizations depart on Day 4 due to the limited budget. Hence, we strongly hope that the Youth Coalition session could be scheduled earlier either on Day 1 or 2, which allows the young people especially those who are new to mingle and get in touch with their peers at the beginning. They could form a support network to enhance their participation in the entire IGF week.

#### Conclusion

The above suggestions are concluded from the discussions among youth representatives from different region participating in the IGF. We sincerely hope that MAG members could take the above into considerations to further improve future IGFs.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards,

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