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Diálogo sobre Gobernanza de Internet en Argentina

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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

IGF Argentina (Previously called Diálogo sobre Gobernanza de Internet en Argentina / Internet Governance Dialogue in Argentina) is a multi stakeholder initiative to bring to our country a space to discuss about policy that shapes the evolution and use of the Internet.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER MODEL

The composition of the first secretariat / organizers group was defined with participants from every stakeholder group as defined by the UN, with a specific provision for academia and technical community as two distinct stakeholders. The secretariat that originated this first edition of the event made a public commitment to keep a balanced composition. A document will be shortly issued by the secretariat on the review mechanisms of this body for the 2nd edition in 2016, which will be available online for public comments.

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* Information provided is at the time of the event

ORGANIZATION PROCESS

July 2015 Informal brainstorming meeting	**Mode:** Informal / ad-hoc **Participants:** Secretariat
August - September 2015 Agenda consultation period	**Mode:** Open to all the community. Communication was disseminated via web, mailing lists and social media to invite contributions and participants. **Participants:** the consultation period received 40 comments / input received by the different stakeholder groups.

October 2015 Agenda definition meeting	**Mode:** Open to all community (remote participation available). The meeting was face to face, organized three weeks prior to the event in the same venue. to define the agenda. **Participants:** 30 participants from every sector and from 6 provinces
27th October 2015	**Mode:** Open to all community (remote participation available). **Format:** Four multistakeholder panels and a taking stock session were organized. **Participants:** 50 participants from all the multistakeholder groups (government, academia, technical community, civil society and business sector). Participation was also geographically diverse, not only from the city of Buenos Aires but included 7 of the 23 provinces. In addition, there were remote participation facilities available. **Report:** http://dialogogiarg.com.ar/20151027.html

The administration of the funds was run by the Universidad de San Andrés, an educational non-profit institution. http://udesa.edu.ar/ All the funding was exclusively used for the organization of the event and the travel grants to participants from the provinces.

PARTICIPANTS

- 80 participants from every sector
- 50 onsite participants
- 30 remote participants
- Participants from 7 provinces

- The participant's organizations and each of the stakeholder groups is available in the following document: http://dialogogiarg.com.ar/actores.html
- The breakdown of stakeholder participation during the Dialogue was the following: 17% business sector; 12% government; 29% academia; 27% civil society; 15% technical community.

AGENDA (http://dialogogiarg.com.ar/agenda.html)

8:30 a 9:30	**Acreditación y desayuno / Registration and breakfast**
9:30 a 10:00	**Apertura / Opening session**
10:00 a 11:30	**OPEN PANEL: Infraestructura y Acceso / Access and Infrastructure**
11:30 a 13:00	**OPEN PANEL: Internet y Derechos / Internet and Human Rights**
13:00 a 14:30	**Almuerzo / Lunch**
14:30 a 16:00	**OPEN PANEL: Ciberseguridad y Vigilancia / Cybersecurity and Surveillance**
16:00 a 16:30	**Café / Coffee Break**
16:30 a 18:00	**OPEN PANEL: El futuro de la gobernanza de Internet en Argentina / The future of Internet Governance in Argentina**
18:00 a 18:30	**Cierre: balance y futuro / Closing session: Taking stock and the way forward**

All the sessions (opening, closing and panels) had a multistakeholder composition and were gender balanced. After each session a rapporteur summarized the key points which would comprise the document for each session (Reports avilable online: http://dialogogiarg.com.ar/20151027.html).

One of the main definitions defined during the agenda open meeting day was that to foster dialogue and participation with the assistants and that the panels should not be structured in a traditional way with experts seated at the front, but with key

expert discussants and moderators that would seek public feedback on the issues raised.

The opening session developed the main objectives of this Dialogue and the working trajectory. Each of the five stakeholder groups represented had to five minutes to provide their welcome comments. Speakers: Sebastián Bellagamba, ISOC Director for Latin American and the Caribbean from the Technical Community; Gabriel Brenta, Director of NIC.AR from Government; Ariel Graizer, President of the Argentine Internet Association from the private sector; Carolina Aguerre from the Universidad de San Andrés from academia and Beatriz Busaniche from Fundación Vía Libre.

The first panel on Access and Infrastructure developed the main concerns of Internet deployment in Argentina. Participants exposed the improvements in penetration rates over the past years, but also the challenges ahead: regulatory, in terms of investment, market structure and the issue of bandwidth federalization. Moderators: Esteban Lescano (CABASE); Olga Cavalli (ISOC Argentina Chapter). Rapporteur: Martin Waserman (Facebook).

The second panel focused on Internet and Human Rights. The session mainly addressed concerns related with Internet intermediaries and freedom of expression, as rising concerns for the local community after congress initiatives are being discussed and other countries in the region are addressing the issue. The issue of privacy in communications was also addressed as a major concern and the underlying business models of companies based on big data. The moderator was Javier Paller (Access) and the rapporteur was Carolina Aguerre (Universidad de San Andrés).

The third panel addressed Cybersecurity and Surveillance. The discussion was centered in both government and business practices. Encryption mechanisms as a way forward emerged as one of the main tools to provide both information and security and greater safeguards for citizens. The discussant was Martin Waserman (Facebook) and the rapporteur was Javier Pallero (Access).

The fourth panel addressed the future of Internet governance in Argentina. The panelists provided a view of the different initiatives that are currently being addressed as well as the regional and international processes that demand greater awareness and a better coordination. In particular, how would this Dialogue as a first experience of a national IGF provide input to already existing consultation processes in the IGF (with the "Connecting the Next Billion" consultation process and the IGF BPFs). Moderators: Olga Cavalli (ISOC Argentina) and Carolina Aguerre (Universidad de San Andrés). Rapporteur: Adela Goberna (Financial

Information Unit, Government of Argentina).

Lastly, the closing ceremony was a very interactive session with the participants in order to understand the pros and cons of the event, improvements for a second edition and a methodology for ongoing participation. There was consensus on the fact that this event was necessary, since Argentina had never had an open, multistakeholder space to discuss Internet governance issues before. In addition, there is a visible demand for a better coordination among national stakeholders on local issues, but also at a regional level (LACIGF) and for the ongoing work of the IGF. The consideration of remote participants and the secretariat's fundraising efforts to provide travel grants to participants from outside Buenos Aires were very positively evaluated. There was strong support to continue with this effort. As scope for improvement, the timing of the event should be provided with greater anticipation so that there is more time for engaging new participants from the different stakeholder groups.