Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting IV

Summary Report

15 March 2016

1. The fourth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) was held on 15 March 2016. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer and Avri Doria, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here: https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/ldr.php?RCID=ae48cd9678d8439b8819955c25e24e92

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2. The meeting opened with a discussion of the draft Terms of Reference for the DC Coordination Group, which was made available about six weeks ago as a document for collective drafting/editing. It was noted that there had been some contributions to the draft, but no major changes, since DCs' last call. Regarding the draft's last section on Meeting Procedures, it was suggested that, while coordination group meetings should adhere to DCAD Accessibility Guidelines to the fullest extent possible, language indicating that all coordination group meetings “must” be captioned should be moderated, as this would not be cost-neutral, and might not be possible for the Secretariat to facilitate. DCAD members were invited to continue to discuss this with the Secretariat offline and to help find solutions.

3. It was agreed to keep the current draft of the ToR open for further editing until April 1st, in order to give DC coordinators the chance to share the document with their members, and give all members full opportunity to contribute their inputs. This deadline would also ensure the document is ready before the MAG meeting on April 4th.

4. There was some discussion both on the value of presenting the ToR to the MAG, and on how it should be presented – as a “draft” or work in progress. Although it was widely understood that the ToR was not being submitted to the MAG for approval, and that the group is indeed a result of DCs’ principle of self-organization, it was agreed that presenting the document would show that coordination was a direct and positive outcome of the DCs’ main session in João Pessoa and would strengthen the collective position of DCs. This would be particularly helpful to time with the MAG’s initial programmatic considerations for the 2016 IGF, as there may be increased competition for meeting slots this year. The document, it was recommended, could be presented as a “zero draft” or work in progress on which there is, if not perfect consensus, broad agreement.

5. The suggestion to have a face-to-face joint meeting of DCs on the margins of the upcoming MAG meeting, most likely during a lunchtime slot, was welcome.

Stocktaking

6. It was explained that all stocktaking contributions received by the Secretariat, including the two which came out of the DCs community, have been published on the IGF’s
website and compiled into a synthesis paper, which will also be made publicly available soon. The paper will be reviewed and discussed by the MAG at the upcoming meeting.

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7. The question of what to do with DCs’ output documents was raised. It was suggested keeping them up on the IGF website as a valuable resource, as well as making them more visible. It was agreed that each DC would nevertheless have to express a preference on the presentation of their own document, and that a more focused discussion of this would be taken up in later meetings.