Dynamic Coalition Coordination – Virtual Meeting I

Summary Report

25 November 2015

1. The first virtual coordination meeting of DCs was held on 25 November 2016. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here: https://intgovforum.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=intgovforum&service=1.

2. There was agreement to leave the Idea Rating Sheets open for comment until the end of the year. We will take stock early 2016 and analyse the results achieved. A decision whether to leave them open for comment beyond that deadline, maybe in a different format, will be taken in light of the stocktaking exercise.

3. A suggestion was made to allow for anonymous comments. There were some concerns, as this could be abused by some. The compromise was to ask commenters to disclose their identity to the IGF Secretariat, but to leave it up to them to decide whether they agreed to have their name posted on the website.

4. A stocktaking paper signed by all but one of the DCs was circulated shortly ahead of the call. The discussions focused on the section "looking forward", while suggestions for future sessions were put aside for the time being. The paper picked up one suggestion emerging from the discussions at the DC Main Session which proposed creating a DC Coordination Group. This proposal found broad support among the participants. It was understood that this would need to be discussed and approved within each of the DCs before going ahead with the proposal. The main task of the proposed group would be to develop a charter for all DCs with common principles and rules of procedure they would agree to adhere to, such as having open lists and open archives. The Group would also look at areas of overlap and duplication and aim to create synergies among the DCs.

5. Different views were held with regard to DC representation in the MAG. There was a convergence of views that individual DCs should be free to put names forward, but there was no agreement whether there should be an institutional representative for all DCs in the MAG. It was suggested that instead the proposed DC Coordination Group could have a liaison to the MAG and that vice-versa it would be beneficial to have a MAG liaison to the DC Coordination Group.

6. Some concerns were expressed with regard to the tool used for remote participation. The point was made that there were accessibility issues and that it was difficult to use for people with disabilities. The Secretariat was requested to look into alternative solutions.

7. For the time being, the current DC list will be used to continue the discussion.

8. It was agreed that the next call will be held early 2016.