

IGF 2016 Dynamic Coalitions Main Session [UPDATED]

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IGF Dynamic Coalitions held a main session for the first time in Brazil last year. The session was considered highly productive and provided an opportunity for issue-specific DCs to introduce themselves to annual meeting participants and demonstrate the value of their work.

Through collaborative meetings of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) held regularly since the last IGF, DCs have come together to strongly support and plan for another main session this year. The community of DCs is growing (totaling 16) and in all they cover a wide gamut of Internet Governance themes: Accessibility and Disability; Accountability; Blockchain Technologies; Child Online Safety; Community Connectivity; Core Internet Values; Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media; Gender and Internet Governance; Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected; Internet and Climate Change; Internet Rights and Principles; Network Neutrality; Platform Responsibility; Public Access in Libraries; Internet of Things and Youth. A main session from DCs would offer a varied, topical programme from persons with expertise in their respective IG fields.

Through the co-facilitators, DCs submitted a main session proposal for the MAG to review at its 2nd Face-to-Face Meeting on 14-16 July 2016. The original proposal described a vertical/horizontal format in two parts, the first of which would focus on interventions from each DC and engagement with participants based on the interventions; the second part would centre on common DC themes or issues.

In response to the decision taken by the MAG that DCs use only one of these parts in a shorter (1.5 or 2-hour) main session, DCs have modified their plan to include only the 'vertical' segment with moderated interventions from DCs and discussion with participants. The second 'horizontal' segment will be given space in a non-main session context at the IGF.

More details on the main session, the second follow-up session, and DCs' shared booth are available in the editable [DC "IGF 2016 Planning Document"](#), also posted on the [IGF website](#).

Main Session

(assumes 1.5 or 2 hours)

In Brief

- DC Presentations: DCs summarize the topics/problem they wish to bring to the attention of the audience into a tweet
- Use DC-specific Twitter hashtags to project the conversation in the room in real time
- Engage "Agent provocateur" (AP) to act as moderator and question DC presenter; DC responds; field further questions from the floor
- Possible review of Idea Rating Sheets (from DC booth), if used, and equivalent online surveys for DCs seeking feedback from IGF community. The feedback in the sheets could inform the moderator/AP's interaction with the DC presenter.

The main session will be devoted to very brief presentations by each of the DCs, who will engage with participants throughout. The 'presentation' will be a DC's problem statement/issue/thesis

summarized into a tweet, which would also be projected into the room. Standing in for a traditional moderator, a so-called '**agent provocateur**' would ask one or two questions to challenge the DC presenter and stimulate a defense or explanation of the issue. Further questions will also be taken from the floor and from remote participants, with the interaction moderated by the same agent provocateur/moderator. Live online feedback, from those in the room and participating remotely, will also be strongly encouraged with the use of a **Twitter wall** and **DC-specific hashtags**.

A single agent provocateur may be used, or one per DC with each DC choosing its own. The person in this role will also be responsible for ensuring the presentation/interaction does not exceed the time limit of approximately 3 minutes per DC.

This first part assumes a few **key preparatory steps be taken**: presenting DCs must have a substantive paper to back up their short presentations and to provide for perusal/reading ahead of the session (at least six weeks); these must be made public on the IGF website as background papers within a minimum time before the IGF meeting; hashtags specific to each DC must be identified and promoted in the weeks ahead of the session.

Tentative Roles in Main Session

'Agent Provocateur'/Moderator: Tatiana Tropina

Remote Moderator: Deirdre Williams (*suggested by DC member*)

Rapporteur(s): ?

DC Booth in relation to Main Session

In addition to their main session, DCs have agreed to request a **shared IGF Village booth**. The booth may be used to 'feed into' the main session by providing copies of the background papers by each DC. There is also the possibility IGF participants would provide feedback on those papers by filling out hard-copy Idea Rating Sheets – a form of survey – made available at the booth and online before the meeting, if DCs agree to use the sheets. These would also act as input to the main session.

Planning Ahead

DCs are already holding joint, regular meetings through the DCCG one month or 3 weeks apart. The virtual meetings are moderated by Avri Doria and Markus Kummer, with technical hosting from the IGF Secretariat. They will continue to be used to plan for the main session and may be more frequent as the annual meeting approaches.