

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	Dynamic Coalition on Accountability of Internet Governance Organizations
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Session Organizer	Farzaneh Badiei
Chair/Moderator	Farzaneh Badiei
Rapporteur/Notetaker	--
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	We had an open discussion. Some of the discussants were: Tatiana Tropina, Max Planck Institute Milton Mueller, Georgia Tech Matthew Shears, CDT Steve Del Bianco, NetChoice Corinne Cath, OII Jan Art Scholte
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	What are the most pressing issues that the dynamic coalition should focus on? ICANN accountability IGF and MAG accountability Methods to be used
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	We did not do presentations the interventions included: Milton Mueller suggested that the dynamic coalition should be action oriented. As an example, he said we should pay attention to the Independent Review Process working group that is going on in ICANN. Tatiana Tropina explained that when accountability of certain organizations is considered, a special attention should be paid to the function of such organizations and general accountability measures should not be applied to all organizations. Steve DelBianco suggested that we have to identify the actors and our focus on actors within IG organizations.
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	We had two segments, one was issue specific. Issue specific segment discussed various accountability issues raised in different organizations such as ICANN, IGF and selection of MAG, trade and accountability of the trade negotiation process, RIPE and its task force on accountability. The second segment discussed what we have to do with the dynamic coalition. Some suggested a research based approach. Some argued that we need to be active in various fora and bring our activities back to the dynamic coalition.
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	We are going to work on the below, as suggested by Jan Art Scholte and other participants Purpose of the dynamic coalition – what is the problem to be addressed and what trying to achieve (which is not and cannot be achieved elsewhere)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watchdog for identifying accountability problems in Internet governance wherever they might occur and push for investigations and corrections. As done regarding the MAG in this meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A venue for comparing accountability practices in different Internet governance institutions. IGF a place for people working on accountability in different Internet governance institutions to come together, exchange experiences and learn from each other.• A place to examine accountability as a legitimating practice in Internet governance? What work are the procedures and discourses of accountability doing in the Internet eco-system? Critical reflection on accountability itself – has it become a proxy for democracy; does it have the effect of displacing concerns about some important aspects of justice? Perhaps sponsor a panel at next IGF for critical reflection on the very principle of accountability?
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