

## IGF 2016 Open Forum Report Template

Session Title	Fostering Culture Diversity and Exchanges on the Internet
Date	Dec. 7, 2016
Time	17:00-18:00
Session Organizer	Cyberspace Administration of the People's Republic of China
Chair/Moderator	WANG Jianchao, Deputy Director General of CAC
Rapporteur/Notetaker	LI Zhaohui, staff of CAC
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	Indrajit Banerjee(UNESCO), CAO Yaxin(CCIIC), Luigi Gambardella(ChinaEU), Leonid Todorov(APTLD), GUO Ying(China University of Geosciences), Thorsten Jelinek(Taihe Global Institute), ZHOU Hongjing(IReader), Carlos Bravo(University of Especialities)
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	the development of Internet Culture in China, culture diversity and exchanges, the status quo of cultural diversity in different areas
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	Ms. CAO Yaxin's presentation was mainly about the CCIIC which has promoted Chinese culture to the whole world through the Internet and her own experience of culture diversity and exchanges. Mr. Luigi Gambardella's presentation was named as 'towards a new internet culture diversity' which urged that the cultural diversity today is nearly synonymous of linguistic diversity and the EU shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity. The topic of Ms. ZHOU Hongjing's presentation was 'reading enhances cultural exchange and Chinese literature empowers the world'. Ms. ZHOU shared the products, partners and the data of customer growth of IReader.
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the open forum session: (3 paragraphs)	Most speakers shared their understandings and experience of fostering culture diversity and exchanges from their cultural and professional aspects. As the moderator and delegate of CAC, Mr. WANG Jianchao shared the status quo of China's Internet culture development and Chinese government's good will of fostering culture diversity and exchanges on the Internet. Mr. Banerjee from UNESCO mentioned that one of the missions of UNESCO is to promote cultural diversity and how UNESCO has protected plenty of cultural heritages. Mr. Todorov from APTLD described the work of APTLD and the development of Internationalized Domain names(IDN) in Asia-Pacific Areas. They emphasized the importance of culture diversity and exchanges and the critical role of the Internet during the process. The speakers believe that fostering cultural diversity and exchanges is the key to build a cyberspace of shared destiny.
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	The delegate of UK foreign and commonwealth office spoke highly of the open forum and suggested that the CAC may host more activities related to culture diversity in the future. Prof. Carlos Bravo felt that the open forum was exciting.

