



## Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XXXV

### Summary Report

20 March 2019

1. The thirty-fifth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 20 March 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF's website:  
[https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\\_download/6277/1579](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/6277/1579)  
The meeting was also recorded and is available for download:  
<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=6468c9cc838f55151480ffa0f487833c>
2. The agenda of the meeting (**ANNEX I**) focused on the [IGF 2019 Call for DC Sessions](#), open until 12 April, and any requirements outlined in the submission process, as well as the upcoming Second Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG Meeting, where the annual IGF and its linkages to intersessional work will be discussed.
3. The meeting began with short updates from representatives of the individual DCs present on the call:
  - The DC on Net Neutrality ([DCNN](#)) reported its session proposal had been accepted and that it would be presenting at the annual RightsCon meeting in Tunis in June.
  - The DC on Domain Name System Issues ([DC-DNSI](#)) would be hosting its own session at the Southeastern Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) in Bucharest in May.
  - The Youth Coalition on Internet Governance ([YCIG](#)) said it was focusing its efforts and accessibility for persons with disabilities and advocating for the availability of sign language interpretation in Internet meetings, specifically the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) meeting taking place at The Hague in June. Jutta offered to connect the group with disability advocates in Germany if the group was looking to support similar arrangements for the annual IGF in Berlin.
  - The DC on Platform Responsibility ([DCPR](#)) announced it was collaborating with an academic journal on a special edition related to Internet governance issues. In addition, it aimed to present at the IGF its own updated compilation of best practices, resulting from an open consultations/contributions process over the last months.
  - The in-formation DC on Sustainability of Journalism and the News Media ([DC-Sustainability](#)) reported that two organizations, the Center for Media Assistance and the Global Forum for Media Development, were working together to finalize the application to for establishing the DC, and that should the application be successful, the group planned to be actively represented in the IGF this year.

-The Internet Rights and Principles Coalition ([IRPC](#)) informed it had just held one of its steering committee meetings and that its committee membership was now regionally well-balanced, with members from Latin America and Africa. The coalition planned to be active at both the EuroDIG and IGF annual meetings, and was set to submit workshop proposals in addition to its DC session request.

-The DC on the Internet of Things ([DC-IoT](#)) announcing it would be holding two sessions, one at EuroDIG and another at the IGF-USA meeting in July, focused primarily on responsible use of IoT and the relevant ethical implications in the IoT context.

-The DC on Blockchain Technologies ([DC-Blockchain](#)) relayed that its work was organized across four different tracks, dedicated to the following: blockchain-mediated organizations and the interfacing of traditional industries with the technology; the concept of illegality, referring to an effort to forge closer ties with blockchain groups while maintaining their status as non-legal structures; dispute resolution as it pertains to decentralized autonomous entities; and liability issues tied to interactions with blockchain-based systems. Beyond these, the group would be working on its onsite participation at the annual IGF in November.

4. There were a few questions from DC members regarding the annual process for submitting their IGF session requests. There was a concern that a pre-requisite for making such a request was to have produced a paper in conjunction with the DCs-organized main session in 2018; the Secretariat clarified that this was only one way of fulfilling the 'substantive paper' requirement, but that any other substantive paper or report by a DC over the course of the cycle, regardless of its connection to the annual meeting, would also meet the requirement. It was further clarified that it was optional in the DCs session request form to select one of the three 2019 programme themes ('Data Governance', 'Digital Inclusion', and 'Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience'), although DCs were encouraged to do so for better integration in the programme. On the question of whether DCs would be given 90 or 60-minute slots in the meeting schedule this year, they were informed that this was still to be decided but that facilitators would continue to advocate for the longer slots.
5. Finally, the Secretariat provided a short forecast of the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting, set for 9-11 April in Geneva. Although the agenda had yet to be finalized, it could share that in addition to usual programmatic discussions – regarding meeting themes, session lengths and session typologies, the meeting would most likely focus on longer-term strategic priorities for the IGF. These may include everything from particular digital policy themes the IGF could identify and work on across cycles, to issues such as the impact of its outputs, appeal to under-represented and high-level stakeholders, and viability of its funding mechanisms. In connection with this, DCs were invited to review a short [strategy paper](#) prepared by the MAG Chair, Ms. Lynn St. Amour, in her capacity as facilitator of the MAG Working Group on a Multiyear Strategic Programme for the IGF ([WG-MWP](#)). The working group ended its activities in 2018 and has brought these discussions into the wider MAG.
6. The next DC coordination call is set to take place in approximately one month, with discussions continuing on the DCs mailing list as needed.

## **ANNEX I**

**DC Coordination Meeting XXXV**  
**Wednesday 20 March, 15.00 UTC**  
**Draft Agenda**

- I. Short Updates from Individual DCs
- II. IGF 2019 Call for DC Session Requests
- III. April Face-to-Face MAG Meeting
  - a. Overall Purpose & Expectations for the Programme
  - b. DCs in the Agenda
  - c. Onsite Participation of DCs?
- IV. AOB

### **Participants List**

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