

Dynamic Coalition on Trade & the Internet

Activities Report

The Dynamic Coalition on Trade and the Internet (DCTI) was formed in 2017, when civil society, private sector, technical and academic community members came together with the aim of bringing a multi-stakeholder approach to international trade negotiations and domestic consultation processes.

Our activities this year are:

1. Publishing a background paper describing the major trade agreements that are in place or under negotiation, as well as the venues where this takes place, and identifying the key Internet governance issues that are the subject of such agreements and negotiations.

Current status: The paper is taking shape in draft. The current version may be found at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zxlSbR_I06rra7jmDupU315UkJc6ThJN-3Hx0iGCv7Y/edit?usp=sharing

We expect the document to be completed in draft by August and presented at our inaugural meeting at the 2017 IGF.

2. Developing a multi-stakeholder approach to facilitating the transparency and inclusiveness in international trade negotiations and the domestic consultation processes.

Current status: A possible template for the development of a statement on transparency and inclusiveness in international trade negotiations has been presented for discussion on our mailing list, but more discussion is needed to complete the same.

3. Build a network of representatives from trade institutions and delegations for liaison with our Dynamic Coalition and the broader IGF community.

Current status: The Dynamic Coalition has been building out its membership, with approximately 40 members currently involved. We are still establishing linkages with trade negotiators and institutions.

4. Hold our inaugural meeting at the 2017 IGF in Geneva to present our outputs to the IGF community.

Current status: Since our workshop proposal was unfortunately not accepted, our inaugural meeting in Geneva has assumed additional importance and will be used for reporting back, sharing, and strategizing.