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>> CHAIR: Hello, everyone. It is Markus here. I hope you can hear me.

>> Yes, we can, Markus.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

It's top of the hour, shall we give it one more minute before we start?

(Hellos)

>> CHAIR: Okay. It is one minute past the hour, let's get started. Celine has sent out a Draft Agenda. Can you show it on the screen? Or is it shown in the chat? Yes, it is in the chat.

>> I shared it in the chat.

>> CHAIR: Are there any comments, objections, additions? If not, can I take it that we have an agreement (audio skipping) Are you on or just saying hello?

>> WOUT: I would like to propose to discuss a point about the intercessional event because it is only 2 and a half months before the next MAG meeting.

>> CHAIR: That is one subsumed in one of the Agenda Items. But I mean, we were planning to discuss that, yes. For sure. Okay.

Okay. Then can I take it, if there is no other call for the floor that we can accept the Agenda as proposed?

This seems to be the case. So the Agenda is adopted.

With that, we go to Agenda Item number 2. And that is update from the Secretariat. And over to you, Celine. I think there is quite a lot to report. Please. Secretariat thank you, Markus. Hello, everyone. Good to see you again. It has been some time. I think last time we met was before the in-person MAG meeting in Riyadh. To let you know about the consultations, the main theme of the IGF 2024 has

been agreed upon. Let me share a link with you. So the main theme is building our multistakeholder digital future. And together with that overarching themes there are four subthemes harnessing innovation and balancing risks in the digital space. These subthemes are available in the link I shared now. Enhancing the digital contribution to peace, development and sustainability. Advancing human rights and inclusion in the digital age, and improving digital Governance for the Internet we want. So together with the titles of the subthemes, the MAG members provided short paragraphs. I will share these with you too, that provide guidance, especially once submitting session proposals so you know under which theme your session proposals might fit best. That would be the first update.

Also, I would encourage you, in case you would like to see more, to read the meeting notes of the MAG meeting, the in-person MAG meeting. In addition to the English version, the Working Group -- the MAG Working Group on multilingualists is translating on a voluntary basis and translation in Chinese, if you are of interest.

Something to share are the dates of the second open consultations and MAG meeting. I'm sharing the link also in the chat, which will take place 26-28 of June in Geneva, the open consultations will be scheduled 26 of June. With a link in the chat you will also have access to the regulation platform. And perhaps here there are a few other updates. The leadership panel members together with the IGF Secretariat consolidated the comments received regarding the Internet we want paper. They will be meeting in the upcoming days to discuss the next steps.

And I'm glad to always keep you updated regarding their work and the Internet we want paper. Other than that, we also have the intercessional work consultancies published. And we intend to employer consultations for the policy networks and Best Practices Forums as of 22 April. I just see Judith that the links are not working. I will send them again in the chat.

Last but not least, as you know, the calls for session proposals for remote hubs but also the village booth proposals have been online have been online since a couple of weeks now. And you have time until April 30 for the session proposals until the 30th of June for the village booth proposals and for remote hubs in case you or your organisation is interested, you have until July 30.

As you may know, we usually -- not usually, but we will accept all session proposals during the second in-person MAG meeting. And inform shortly after, hopefully the week after all session organizers about the session objection or approval. That would be it from my side. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR: Thank you, Celine. I wonder whether there are any questions to you from the colleagues on the call?

Yes, I see Judith has her hand up. Please, Judith.

>> JUDITH: My question is, I think we're discussing it later. It is about the DC sessions. Do we raise our questions now for clarification or do we raise it at the Agenda Item later?

>> SECRETARIAT: At the Agenda Item later. Thank you.

>> JUDITH: Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I think it is obviously (audio skipping) relevant. And I think as an overall (audio skipping)

From the MAG on the session. And you cannot take it for granted (audio skipping)

We will get to that later. Wout, you had your hand up?

>> WOUT: I haven't looked at session proposals yet. We're discussing tomorrow in ICC what we will do next year. We discussed in Riyadh, with the session proposal that you will look at the link on the intercessional proposals? Is that in there this year.

>> SECRETARIAT: It is in there. It is not mandatory, it is optional. It will be included in the Forum.

>> WOUT: It is important discussion we brought in. It is important for the intercessional work like the DC. Thank you for that.

>> CHAIR: Jutta.

>> JUTTA: For the Dynamic Coalition on children's rights. My question is related to the remote hubs during the IGF. Is there a definition how they should be run? Are there special requests, requirements they have to fulfill? We have made contact to two different groups of students at two different Universities. That are interested to build up a remote hub, but we were wondering what guidance we should give them for the remote hubs.

>> SECRETARIAT: Of course, thank you, Jutta. What I would suggest is the link that I shared to you in the chat -- I will share it again, regarding the remote hubs. Let me know if there is any other information that might be missing. Otherwise, I will connect you with my colleague Anna, the focal person for the remote hubs and she can give you additional information that is not on the website already.

>> JUTTA: Wonderful, thank you.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR: If there are not any further questions, then I would suggest moving on to the next Agenda Item. Again, back to Celine.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you. This is actually an Agenda Item that we put here on the list just because we're hoping that it would have already have Dynamic Coalition Specifier finalized. It is being reviewed internally. Once we have a final one, we will share it. Hopefully as we mentioned past cause, it will help define better the role of the Dynamic Coalitions within the IGF framework that can always be used and referred to when talking about Dynamic Coalitions with others who may not know about Dynamic Coalitions. Yet. But it should come in the next couple of days. And we'll be sharing it with the Dynamic Coalition mailing address and discuss it more in detail on our next call. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I think this is essentially a report on work in progress and we'll hear more about approximate once you are ready. I think there is no -- it is not really a discussion item, it is an information item on that we agreed it was necessary to have such language ready for all Dynamic Coalitions. With that, it is the main dish on our menu. The IGF call for proposals and the DC approach.

Again, Celine, could you kindly introduce this Agenda Item?

Please.

>> SECRETARIAT: So as shortly mentioned before the call for session proposals is open until April 30. So for you to know, we try to have hard deadline this year. Why? Because we're having this call for session proposals open longer than in previous years, especially the one for 2023. And we really want to provide a little bit more time to the MAG members to also evaluate. So this is the reason why, for your advanced information, we will have a hard deadline of 30 April. Here we have a list of various session types. The MAG at the in-person meeting decided to remove Town Halls from the list because there were some redundance between Town Halls and Open Forums, et cetera. We wanted to make it more clear. There was a call to simplify the Programme.

And also, one item that the MAG stressed on during the in-person meeting is they want to limit the number of sessions. Not only the number of individual DC sessions but also for example, the number of networking sessions or launches and awards, et cetera, et cetera.

This is one of the reasons why I replied also in the DC mailing list. This call or suggestion to provide joint DC sessions so joint efforts between two or three DCs to submit a proposal for an individual DC session so that there will be less proposals received. So higher chances for all DCs to be part of a Dynamic Coalition proposal. Session proposal. And again, for you to know, the MAG, the MAG members did not decide on the number of slots that DC members will be allocated to. This is something that they will see when all of the sessions will be submitted by the end of April.

So Markus, perhaps you want to add something here?

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>> CHAIR: Yes, thank you for that. I think I would also like to underscore that the MAG clearly felt, over the years, the Programme had become too unwieldy. And difficult to read the higher number of different categories of sessions. That is why, for instance, Town Halls have been reduced. Or eliminated totally. And that is the general effort to streamline the Programme and also compared to previous years we don't have as many themes as we had. Last year, I think we had eight online themes. This year only four. In many ways, that is back to the future, right? At the beginning, I think IGF had I think (audio skipping)

Four themes. You could fit most issues under these broad grooves.

This is to make the MAG easier to navigate for the average visitor. One of the main complaints we heard over the years by many, especially newcomers, it was very complex Programme and difficult to read. This year, the MAG tries to simplify and streamline. We will see whether we succeed in the effort, but the ambition is here. Obviously that applies also then to the Dynamic Coalitions. Over the years, right from the beginning, there was an automaticity. And this automaticity will not apply anymore. Again, we discussed that in previous DC coordination meetings. This doesn't mean that DCs will not be able to meet. You in any case, you will be given a rule, if you want to meet but you will not necessarily be part of the main Programme which the visibility that has.

There is a lot to be said for (audio skipping)

The annual general meeting. That is different from a substantive session. And again, as Celine said, we discussed that and we said that there may be merit in joining forces. That we have several DCs join forces to have a joint session. And also discussed the DC main session that it might be more effective to have visibility in a main session where a DC can produce the results of their annual work as opposed to (audio skipping) (frozen)

>> JUDITH: Has Markus frozen?

>> SECRETARIAT: Yes, I think so.

>> CHAIR: Sorry?

I see Judith's hand is up. I will ask her to come in, yeah. And we obviously will have to discuss how to approach this, we had at stock taking of the session already had a certain vision on how to approach the DC main session again as a more (audio skipping)

We have these four themes. So for the DCs, (audio skipping)

And also maybe look at DCs that have work on related issues where you could team together to have a joint proposal. And then (audio skipping)

Looking at the common main session. Again, the entry ticket for getting DC session, if you have submitted the annual report of your activities, that is the minimum. That is a binary criteria. Either you have submitted the report of the annual report. Again, it should not be a report of the DC session you had at the last meeting, but the report of your annual activities. If you have submitted that report, then you can be considered. If not, you cannot be considered. Subsidiary criterion, the Secretariat will look at have you actually been (audio skipping) this is not as hard as the criterion as the annual report, but this is in a way a little bit softer. But again, the Secretariat has the attendance list of the DC coordination calls and that can also easily be checked.

And lastly then, there is the quality criterion, whether essentially the MAG will reserve its right to say yes or no whether a session seems worthwhile to be part of the Programme. With that, I have talked too much, and over to you Judith.

>> JUDITH: Thanks so much, Markus. It was mostly clear, although we lost you at certain points due to your connectivity issues. My question is, someone was answering in the chat, is that the rooms are going to have virtual -- the Secretariat is trying to get audio visual for the input for the smaller rooms that are scheduled. But the question is, some of them require the captioning. And the captioning will not be provided to any, is my understanding. And maybe correct me. Captioning will not be provided to any rooms that are not on the schedule.

That we would have to pay. So that is why we're looking in the DCAD, we're looking -- none of the options are good for us because our people need to have the captioning and need to have the audio visual because we're going to have sign language, International Sign Language or maybe other sign language coming into the session. So we are going to need that. So would we in our description of why we want a session, do we put that in there as why we need the session?

Also, we're going to be bringing our disability fellows and bringing those in and their points of view into our session proposal. And so that is why it makes us a little unique. My question is, how best do we put this forward in our session description and why we can't take the smaller rooms, even though we could have a smaller room?

>> CHAIR: Thank you. (Audio skipping)

>> Turn off your video. You freeze a lot.

>> CHAIR: Okay. Sorry. I will turn off heavily my video. Okay. If that is better. My advice to you would be yes indeed put it all in your proposal and make sure that whatever you propose for your session fits in under one of the four big themes. I don't have them right now in my head, but I'm sure they're broad enough that whatever you are planning to do will fit in under one of the themes.

And Celine, would you like to give some answer to the questions.

>> SECRETARIAT: Of course. Thank you, Markus. I'm jumping in here. It is true, bilateral meeting rooms with a hybrid component would not have captioning services. But I can still try to, you know, arrange for captioning services, in case you would be satisfied with such a room. Then we can provide them specifically for your meeting that you will have there.

>> CHAIR: Yes. Thank you for that. Again, you see the four broad themes obviously advancing human rights and inclusion and right in the digital age is what the DCAD is doing. (Audio skipping)

Just submit your proposal as part of this broad theme. Xianhong. You raised your hand?

>> XIANHONG: Yes, the Dynamic Coalition is such a wonderful product in the IGF process for a tangible outcome. I think I heard the consultation somehow suggest that we have less sessions of Dynamic Coalition also the audio video sessions.

I have a different view to share. Actually if you look at the globally and holistically, the creation of the Dynamic Coalition actually reduce the number of the individual sessions proposals every year.

Take my example. I was a part of the founding of several Dynamic Coalitions, there is one on the Digital Transformation. We have about 20 partners to share this goal to promote the indicators and measurement of the policymaking regarding the Internet digital Governance. In this process after 18 years we have no other -- we share certain goals. We have the Dynamic Coalition. We meet have one session on this. It save me and my partners from submitting other workshop on Ad Hoc. Now I don't need to submit it separate for the Dynamic Coalition member. It has really synthesized and consolidated efforts to make each session of the Dynamic Coalition more condensed rather than scatter into different individual. We should encourage the Dynamic Coalition to continue to be a driving force to synergize among the workshop submitters and really join into the actions.

Second thing, I see a big value for Dynamic Coalition because we called IGF Dynamic Coalition. It has a branding effect. Since we have this new Dynamic Coalition measuring Digital Transformation with the MAG in front of you for that and also from my former Director,

Maria, she's one of the creator of the Dynamic Coalition and she just left. I would like to attribute her.

With this, we already planning a number of luncheon, stakeholder event engaging in different Forum, not limited to IGF. Now launching EuroDIG in June. And now with the WSIS Forum and stakeholders. It essentially promotes the impact of IGF and Dynamic Coalition. I feel Dynamic Coalition is one direction IGF should go from all dimensions. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: I need to unmute myself. Thank you for that. These are all valid comments. They're worthwhile being made during the MAG meetings. Again, as I said earlier, this is really part of an overall effort of the MAG to make the Programme easier to navigate. And while there are some Dynamic Coalitions that produce extremely valid outcomes, we also agreed on previous calls that maybe not every year there will be ready to produce results of their work. So, you know, maybe this year we have something to present. And maybe next year, there is nothing ready to be presented. At the same level. So it is also -- it is its own written iteration in the Programme. Wout.

>> WOUT: Thank you. Like Markus said it would be good to make the comments in the MAG meeting. Because the MAG members need to understand what exactly what the Dynamic Coalitions do. And this is a totally different point of view that has ever been brought forward before as far as I remember that it helps reducing proposals. And that I think that is a very useful insight.

What I would like to discuss is the following like Markus said, at the end, on outcomes projected for 2024 I think it is important that we make an overview together of what is exactly to be expected in December.

And by the time it is September, we can take a look at the list again and we will know whether it will be -- the Dynamic Coalition will be able to say, yes we will be producing this or no we won't make it in 2024. Because that will also not only aid the selection at the end of the Dynamic Coalition sessions and what has to be brought together, but also where the outcomes can be brought under in the IGF Programme. If there is a main session it will fit well, it can be part of the main session or still be set to a workshop proposal, you will get 10 minutes presentation or five minutes presentation to your outcome because it is relevant to your work.

I think if we come up with a list like that and do that in time, we can be more influential in Riyadh as a whole group. I think that will reflect on what we can do in 2025.

So my request is to make a list where everybody fills in their projected outcomes for 2024 and do that in the coming four weeks. And that is clear at the MAG meeting that this is the concept list. And that in September it will be made nonconcept list, the final list and then hopefully it will work its way into the Programme.

Is that a way forward? That is another way to make selection.

>> CHAIR: Thank you for that. That leads us to the point you made at the beginning, that we talk about the possible intercessional meeting at the next MAG meeting. Again, it builds on the previous

discussion in the coordination group that we said that we would need to know where each Dynamic Coalition is. And again, you know, we recognize the Dynamic Coalitions do very good work. But we also have to be cognizant of the fact that not every Dynamic Coalition has major outcomes to present every year. It is totally unrealistic. Now, again DCAD is a very good example of a Dynamic Coalition that produced relevant outcome.

But obviously they don't present the same guidelines every year. But a question of updating the guidelines of adapting the guidelines. And please Judith correct me if I misrepresent it, but nevertheless, this work is work that is extremely important not only in the IGF context, but the broader U.N. context. And even if you don't have major outcomes every year, I think it's well worthwhile presenting the state of play of taking stock of where you are and where -- what the next steps are for next improvements. That is an example. But please, Judith come in, your hand is up.

>> JUDITH: Yes, thanks, Markus, Judith. We learned last year some things that we hadn't considered before and added to our Best Practices. Especially in crowded areas, there should be some quiet rooms for persons with disabilities to chill out like if they have sensory overload or visual overload or deaf people who have struggle so hard to hear and focus, needs a place to chill to be quiet and to like chill down or have a people with cognitive, sensory things need a quiet place.

It is hard in such a crowded area like we had to find this to get some of the quiet rooms. That is what we will be adding to our guidelines that we found out from last year. But so like we are trying to improve the guidelines every year. But thanks for mentioning us.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. While I mentioned DCAD because I'm fairly familiar with all the work you have done over the years. As an example. But we also agreed many times that there is no one-size-fits-all of the Dynamic Coalitions. They all have different rhythms and different issues, and you can't necessarily compare apples with pears or Oranges. We need to be flexible in this regard. The main point is, you know, what is it you have to present to the world at large this year? Are you outward looking? Do you have a result to be shared with the world? Or are you more inward looking? As the Dynamic Coalition that yes, you need to meet your colleagues and you need to discuss your ongoing work and how to organize it. So that is a very early choice you have to make in the case of having a more inward looking focus this year that you need to discuss among yourselves what the next steps are. Then don't bother asking for a main session, but ask just for a room where you can meet. Then you will be given that room. It was also made previously, you know, I think it was at the meeting which was held in 2017 in Geneva, there was a duration of the session again because of the session was reduced from 90 to 60 Minutes. Some DCs made the point it is totally impossible to go through the work in 60 Minutes.

That is why, you know, if you need to go through work to discuss among yourselves, then you should be given the space you need. But again, if you have something to present to the world, it may also be

better to do that in a different setting. To tag on to a main session organized by the MAG and be given your moment of fame or glory there, have your five, 10 minutes where you can present your outcome.

And also, we agreed at one of our last meetings that we really would like to make an effort to be more integrated in the Programme and that would include the main sessions, that would also include the workshops that we -- and there the June session of the MAG, which essentially will be the selection of workshops, also an excellent proposal and opportunity for the DCs to actually look at the workshop proposals and to say hey, we would like to maybe join this or that workshop.

But again, Celine, you have maybe a better overview of the various deadlines and the selection process? But I'm correct in saying that June meeting of open consultations MAG will be mainly selection of workshops then and already shaping of the main sessions. Please, Celine, give us your take on all this.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much. Indeed, the June meeting is mostly to approve the selection of workshops and this year also many other sessions.

As an attempt to be more productive already before the June meeting, so the in-person meeting, the MAG members will already meet beforehand. So virtually, but they'll do an individual session and a group session, depending on the group that they've been assigned to in order to already find some consensus on the session proposals that they would like to approve. Then in person in June and also in June as you mentioned Markus, they will start the discussions around the main sessions. Of course, depending on the time. But this is also something that we mentioned several times in the DC calls that this might be an excellent opportunity for Dynamic Coalitions to join the creations of the DCs. You might find synergies or might be able to recommend some potential speakers to provide some substantive input to the preparations of the main sessions.

So would really encourage the Dynamic Coalitions also to take part in various Working Groups of the MAG.

And perhaps going to Wout's proposal to have a list of outputs and review them in September to see, okay, as a criteria to see what individual DC session might be on the Programme or not that might be more difficult just because we do already confirm all the sessions to the organizers in July.

So as long as we have some tentative sessions by DCs not confirmed ones. Only in September, that might be a little bit difficult to juggle the Programme around.

So that is just my comment to that.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. That is helpful. To circle back to the idea of the intercessional meeting, can you maybe not make a kind of hybrid effort that we use the June session that we actually look at what the DCs have in store, are preparing and that we have a tentative idea of what their proposed outcomes could be? And that we could use that for either designing the DC main session or for then integrating the DCs that have some results in preparation into a main session or

also connect them to workshops. And just thinking out loud and looking to you for your individuals.

>> SECRETARIAT: Yes. In general, the MAG meeting as such is pretty dense. So I don't think we will find some space for DCs within the MAG meeting. But what we do is something similar like last year, during the open consultation to have a certain few hours allocated for the intercessional work. And would be helpful and learn from last year to improve it and also to try to feed in the substantive output from the intercessional IGF work into the Programme. But again, one thing that might be very fruitful is to take part actively as an individual in the MAG main session groups. So what I want to say by that is yes, of course, we can prepare an intercessional work event -- I mean, for June 26. It would still need to be agreed by the MAG to have it in the Programme, but this is something that the Secretariat can put on the Agenda Item or something of an upcoming virtual MAG call or something.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I think what we did last year, it was a first. That we had a slot, a two-hour, 90-minute slot.

>> SECRETARIAT: Two hours.

>> CHAIR: The feedback I got was rather positive, that it showed some MAG members a little bit the broad variety of work the DCs are doing. While we don't know what the Programme will look like, there may be merit in asking, building on what we did last year and that we, you know, it would be a moment for the DCs to take stock of what they are preparing as output for this year's meeting. And if they have anything, I think by June they would know whether they would be ready to present something substantial in December. It could still be half a year's time almost for finalizing the work.

And just, you know, to have an overview of work in progress of the DCs and see how that can maybe be integrated in the Programme. Wout, please.

>> WOUT: Thank you, Markus and Celine. You are right, in December, you can't assign a new workshop. I'm totally aware of that. I think looking at it again, as Markus said was present at the open consultation in Geneva when we had the presentations. I remember a lot of MAG members saying up-front, why are we having this taking too much time, et cetera. And several were totally amazed about the work being done because they had no idea.

I think we have many new MAG members. It will be important to do this again. Hopefully Carol will support the proposal because she was pleasantly surprised last year with what happened.

That is one.

The rating of the workshop proposals starts in the week after 30 April, I would say, maybe one week later. So maybe it is important to have that list of projected outcomes of DCs with the MAG at that date. Because there is no mandatory question saying how does your proposal fit in with intercessional work. Knowing what the outcome will be will help with the rating. And makes it possible to integrate the work.

I don't know if that is feasible and if the MAG is open to this suggestion, but it is something we can assist them with saying here

it is, this is what we propose and project to do this year. And whether that is a main outcome like Markus says or just work that is continuing without a report in 2024 but perhaps later. At least the MAG knows. And that is what we can -- that is the best we can do, I think, at this point in time. And then have the presentation in June. But that will be too late for decisions. So my suggestion is that we make this list in the coming week and present it to the MAG through the Secretariat at the 30th of April as well. Is that a good idea to go forward, people?

>> CHAIR: I think it sounds rather sensible idea. But going back again, you know, if you have this discussion more in detail in June, it would not be too late to feed that into a main session, a DC main session or not main session.

If there is a substantive outcome in the pipeline that might be interesting for a main session designed by the MAG, it could be also interested for a DC main session. So I think that is why I think there would be merit in having such an intercessional slot in the June MAG meeting.

>> WOUT: I totally agree, Markus, I was talking about the workshop -- that helps with rating.

>> SECRETARIAT: If I may jump in regarding the question and the link to intercessional IGF work.

This is really a question that is for information purpose only. Why? Because MAG members discuss that additional question that is in the workshop Forum. Some were actually against having it. Some were for it. Why? Because they were scared of being biased in the positive or negative. So that is why, I think for us it is good to have a better overview. But it was also told to the MAG members that this question will not be used for rating purposes, really just for information. Hoping there will not be positive or negative bias.

And perhaps if I am already here, I think intercessional work events are good. We can definitely ask the MAG and especially Carol because I know she's very supportive in general of the intercessional work. I think it is good to have the overview amongst the DCs and what output Documents are in the making for 2024. If we use it or not, let's see how it is. It is good to have the output Documents for 2024.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Any other comments?

So do we have a plan then?

We ask the MAG, maybe make it more modest, to say a slot during the MAG open consultations, where we can take stock of the Dynamic Coalition to see what is in the pipeline and that we also follow-up on Wout's suggestion that we ask the DCs be more in sync with the workshop evaluation. So we know we have a list already when the workshop evaluation starts. Then again we ask for the DC main session but we're looking at other ways of being more integrated into the main Programme. And we encourage all DCs making the session proposal to present it under one of the four themes adopted by the MAG at the meeting in Riyadh.

And those who know they won't have anything in particular to share with the outside world, that we just ask for your own meeting room where you can have your annual general meeting, where you can discuss

among yourselves.

Is that fair?

Fair summing up of what we discussed and broadly agreed on? Or did I meet essential item element of the proposal? Jutta gives me thumbs up. Thank you for that.

And we have broad agreement on this way forward and obviously we understand that we need to understand what the MAG has to say and also to the other point, it is worthwhile if any Intergovernmental organisation has something important to say about the Dynamic Coalitions that you make this point actually during the MAG meeting your voice in that sense may be more as you represent a big important pillar of the whole WSIS process as UNESCO is an important Intergovernmental organisation. We collectively encourage you to make that point also at the next MAG meeting to recall to the MAG the importance of the Dynamic Coalitions.

With that, do we go to the next Agenda Item? That is ... let me find it.

>> SECRETARIAT: Introduction of the new Dynamic Coalition and measuring Digital Inclusion.

>> CHAIR: Please.

>> SECRETARIAT: Xiang Hong are you still here to introduce your new DC?

>> XIANG HONG: Yes, we introduced the new Dynamic Coalition called Measuring Digital Inclusion. The background is working for so many years on the Digital Inclusion, we found one lesson learned and good practice is whenever a country can base their policymaking on digital Governance on data evidence, the country will really intend to have good Governance and conducive policies leading to the human rights based approach, leading to the ethical inclusive Governments of the Internet and also digital ecosystem.

So with this take back, we share this vision with a number of partners, like Global Digital Inclusion partnership. Based in the U.S.

With also the library Committee, our colleague is present as well. And also in the United Nations University and several other like in Brazil is for it globally

This Coalition intend to like the indicators, measurement, monitoring system mechanism to measure Internet and measure artificial intelligence and measure digital ecosystem what is extent is inclusive and extent do you have women, girls empowered in the digital ecosystem, gender equality. All the inclusion aspect, the meaningful access. Marginalized group. How this Digital Inclusion is being prioritized by the national development Agenda.

There is a big goal. We're here to present and share all the existing tools, experiences. Certainly with UNESCO is a lot of work such as indicators and literacy indicators. I mean, when you look at other measurements like the ones that are a comprehensive aspect on those social inclusions, cultural inclusions and languages put in terms of the inclusion part.

And a second thing that we're ambitious, we'll have a number of

strategic partners on this Dynamic Coalition because we take lesson from the failure of the Dynamic Coalition as mentioned. I mean, they're not productive every year, not so active. We don't want a new Dynamic Coalition that just stay on your website without any action. Also want to create a Steering Committee in consideration of the resourceful partners that come up with an Action Plan. To really have offer for example, maybe an online resource of existing indicators of the digital Governance inclusion aspect, share the results, the measurement of the Digital Inclusion. And have a strong focus on gender women and girls as well.

So we liaise with several other Dynamic Coalition. I think we have a Dynamic Coalition on gender, exactly. And another Dynamic Coalition on persons with disabilities for example. They're all sort of congratulate to our Dynamic Coalition.

So also it is a kind of platform to advocate Global and international level on this evidence-based approach for Digital Inclusion policymaking.

And we're already having a work plan to first come up with -- have a strategy among the Steering Committee and launching this Dynamic Coalition on 10 different occasions, like the IGF and WSIS. And launching like in EuroDIG, Asia-Pacific and Africa IGF. And also some non-U.N. led. It is the spirit with the multistakeholder and academic Conference, and also organizing, basically we're reaching out to all stakeholders. And to have more partners, but we will set a high criterion for having a partner on our Coalition. That say lesson we take. When I manage my other Dynamic Coalition, we try to expand whoever want to join, I share with our mandate that we put in. Now we have a new partner. We ask, what can you contribute? And what can be given to the results? Every year, we need to really comfort. We have a high threshold as we get new members, to have a really useful Dynamic Coalition which has -- can really function as a change maker. Every year, we have action to share and present which can really evolve into bigger action in next year. And really realize what has been written in our discussion on the Mission of this Dynamic Coalition.

Again, I would like to thank again for your support. And MAG very quick approval. And also I'm very open we're at the beginning of strategizing the work plan. If you have any suggestions, I really am open on behalf of my partners, my co-founder is the Executive Director of GDIP, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership, Sonya, she's not here, but she asked me to deliver her gratitude to all of you. She's active while talking about the potential fundraising for this Dynamic Coalition and maybe sometime have a Conference on This Dynamic Coalition when the time willing is mature.

So everything is possible. We have high expectation on our side. Happy to hear from you. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you very much for this. This is very impressive work. And you actually pointed out yourself that there are other Dynamic Coalition who also work on Digital Inclusion and that just makes me think could we not try to have Digital Inclusion as part -- if we propose the DC main session, that could be a very strong point that

we group all the DCs that work on the inclusion like DCAD, your DC and also look at Jutta. Who has her hand up already. You also obviously work on that. Young people.

Just a thought. Jutta, please.

>> JUTTA: Yes, thank you, Markus for giving me the floor. And congratulations to Xian Hong for creating this new Dynamic Coalition. Let me first say that the Dynamic Coalition on children's rights of course, we're referring also to Article 2 of the U.N. Convention of the rights of the child. That is the nondiscrimination. So Digital Inclusion of children is at the heart of the Dynamic Coalition of children's rights.

And on the other hand, I'm speaking now as a representative of the digital opportunities Foundation, Germany.

And what we're trying to achieve with the Dynamic Coalition is also core of the work of the digital opportunities Foundation now for nearly 22 years.

So we're very interested in getting close to the work that you're doing and probably we have also something to bring forward to the table of the new Dynamic Coalition. Thank you.

>> XIAN HONG: I have my colleague Victoria join this meeting. She's working on the outreach and communication of this Dynamic Coalition. And she will definitely reach out to you and get back to you for to be in a partnership with your Dynamic Coalition. And also, in the future we can invite you to our Coalition meetings and activities and if you have any action to empower youth or children, we would go for that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. I see that some people already are signing on because the other call is happening. But we haven't finished our Agenda. But again, I think it will be definitely a possible avenue if you go for a DC main session, we could have various segments based on the main themes defined by the MAG and obviously Digital Inclusion could be one or should be one of them. And we do have substantive contributions to make.

If there is no other request for the floor under this Agenda Item, we would come to any other business. And there I think Celine would like to inform us a little bit of what is happening on the GDC front.

>> SECRETARIAT: Thank you very much, Markus. As you may know, the GDC zero draft was published on first of April. We put this as any other business item. Let me share with you the link to the zero draft. In case you haven't had a chance to look at it. I just shared it in the group. It is available on the Tech Envoy's office. Zero draft is the letter of the co-facilitators, inviting people to join on the 5 of April, already in two days, 10:00 a.m. New York time. So 4:00 p.m. CET. To join the reading. So the presentation of the zero draft. The link is in the letter.

It will be on web TV so we invite you to follow that, perhaps also have a glance at the Global Digital Compact zero draft. You can see IGF is mentioned quite some time. And yes, this is of course a hot topic, not only within the IGF Secretariat and also with the MAG that will meet on 16 April via virtual call.

That would be it from my side. Thank you.

>> CHAIR: Thank you. Are there any questions or any other items you would raise under any other business?

Judith, please.

>> JUDITH: Yes, thank you for that listing of the zero draft and the letter.

So under the watching it, I tried click on that link is only active on the day of the event, because it said it could not be found when I clicked on it now.

>> SECRETARIAT: The web TV will only be on the day of the event.

>> JUDITH: Maybe Celine, you can send a calendar invite so we can remind our DCs to come there. I know for me, I try to, but if I don't have something that reminds me, oh, that time, this is the way to join, I go hunting or forget. It would be very helpful, I think. I haven't had a chance to fully read it, but I know a lot of people did. And they have a lot of comments, and things that they feel are weakening the IGF from the zero draft.

But.

>> SECRETARIAT: I will send a calendar invite.

>> JUDITH: Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR: If there are no further requests to the floor, no further comments, then we maybe have to decide when we should have our next meeting, usually once a month. So that would be beginning of May. That would also, I think, be good in terms of planning then for the June open consultations, MAG meeting. Are there any other -- there is the CSTD meeting, the WSIS Forum in May. Make sure that we avoid a clash with these events. WSIS Forum is end of May. CSTD I have it written down in the calendar. But I think ... early May, we should be fine, yeah? Should we maybe look? Either 2 or 3 of May or 6 or 7 of May?

As usual, Celine will send out information. Is that okay from your Agenda point of view these days? Are there any clash you see from your Secretariat Agenda?

>> SECRETARIAT: From the Secretariat Agenda, I will write to you separately. There might be a clash between the 1 and 10. I will write to you separately, Markus.

>> CHAIR: I mean, yes, okay. But we look for a date in early May and based on the Secretariat Agenda I think you will send out a poll for some date that are suitable to you, obviously it should fit into your work plan. Otherwise it doesn't work.

Any other thing? Any other comment? If not, then I thank you all for what I think was a very productive meeting. And we stay in touch, and we talk again, beginning of May.

With that, I start my video again to wave good-bye.

(Thanks and good-byes)

>> CHAIR: Let's stay in touch. Bye.

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