

10TH INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM, JOÃO PESSOA

Report of workshop held on 11 November 2015

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Date: 12 November 2015
Time: 11:00 – 12:00
Workshop Organiser: Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO)
Chairperson/Moderator: Mr Shola TAYLOR, CTO Secretary-General
Rapporteur/Note Taker: Mr Mark CARVELL, Senior Policy Advisor, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, United Kingdom Government
<i>List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations:</i> In addition to Shola Taylor and Mark Carvell: Tracy Hackshaw – Dy Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Public Information, Government of Trinidad & Tobago
<i>Key Issues raised:</i> i. Ensuring multi-stakeholder approach to Cybergovernance; ii. The need to engage more governments (especially in Africa) in multi-stakeholder Internet governance initiatives (including Cybersecurity and child protection) at the national and sub-national level. iii. Critical importance of ministers setting broadband targets in view of its economic multiplier effects (including for rural areas and for education and health sectors, and e-government); iv. Governmental support for capacity building to ensure universal access that promotes online digital economy; v. Promoting awareness of and addressing Cybersecurity threats and Cyber-criminals that are spread across many national borders; vi. Transparency and accountability of Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) in Nigeria and elsewhere; vii. Importance of increasing CTO collaboration with the business community; viii. CTO joint working with the GSMA's capacity building programme and related training courses (e.g. on child online protection); ix. Consideration of CTO cooperation with African Union Commission on Cybersecurity, with the Free Trade Area of the Americas (ALCA) and with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).
<i>Background:</i> The CTO has five priority areas: i. Cybersecurity (including online child protection); ii. Broadband policy implementation; iii. Regulatory frameworks (including spectrum licensing); iv. Use of ICTs in economic sectors such education and health; v) engagement in global ICTs including capacity building. This follows adoption by Commonwealth ICT ministers of a Cybergovernance model which can be adapted to

different national situations (see separate report of IGF10 Workshop 131 "Commonwealth Approach on National Cyber-Security Strategies" and <http://www.cto.int/media/pr-re/Commonwealth%20Cybergovernance%20Model.pdf>)

Main Discussions

i. Updates on CTO activities relating to Internet governance - Shola Taylor

Link to CTO events page: <http://www.cto.int/events/>

20 October 2015, Dublin: CTO chaired meeting of Commonwealth members of ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). Agenda included progress on IANA stewardship transition, Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative and CTO work on IPv6 transition.

7-9 October 2015, London: preparatory co-ordination meeting for ITU World Radio Conference (WRC-15).

2-4 December 2015, Abuja: Nigeria National Cybercrime workshop.

ii. IGF output document "Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion" - Mark Carvell

Link to synthesis document:

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/FinalSynthesisPolicyOptionsForConnectingTheNextBillion.pdf>

Link to compilations document:

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/FinalIGFPolicyOptionsforConnectingtheNextBillionCompilationV2.pdf>

The Commonwealth IGF website which is due to be re-launched by the CTO, creates a platform for a) promoting awareness of and disseminating this important IGF outcome document from IGF10 to Commonwealth stakeholders (including policymakers); and b) for Commonwealth stakeholders to contribute inputs into the next round of inter-sessional IGF work during 2015-2016. Discussions are also being held with a prospective host of a physical meeting of the Commonwealth IGF during 2016 when this initiative could be discussed. Stakeholders at the meeting were invited to submit views and other proposals for the Commonwealth stakeholder community to contribute to this key effort related to sustainable development.

iii. Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative (CCI) – Tracy Hackshaw

The CCI is multi-stakeholder consultation initiative supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat which coordinates the contributions of 14 organisations (including the AUC, Caribbean Telecommunications Organisation, Council of Europe, ICANN, ITU, UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), scoping missions and implementation of action plans to address cybercrime. The CCI's Steering Committee includes representatives from Canada, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda and United Kingdom.

Commonwealth Member States with CCI assessments and project implementation currently under way include Antigua & Barbuda, Botswana, Ghana, Grenada, Trinidad & Tobago. The CCI was also represented at the India Conference on Cybersecurity and Internet Governance – CyFy 2015 – on 14-16 October 2015 when “bitcoin” virtual currencies as a driver of Cybercrime was one of the key issues discussed.

CCI projects are currently under way in Ghana and Botswana and assessments have been conducted in Antigua & Barbuda and Grenada, with more to follow in the Caribbean. CCI is also contributing to the East Africa Cybercrime Network which brings together prosecutors, police academics and other stakeholders. A review will be conducted in 2016 of the Commonwealth model on which the CCI is based.

Next steps:

Early 2016: Re-launch of the Commonwealth IGF website.

March 2016: meeting with Commonwealth GAC representatives during the ICANN meeting in Marrakech.