

Report from the Swiss IGF 2015

1: Principles and practices:

The Swiss IGF as a regular event starting in 2015 and supported by Swiss OFCOM was created according to the model, principles and practices of the global IGF and EuroDIG, where the coordinator is closely involved as Program Director as well.

2: Participation at the global IGF and sessions

Members of the Swiss IGF attended previous IGF meetings for national and regional IGF initiatives to meet during an Inter-Regional Dialogue Session meetings at the global IGF (Nairobi 2011, Baku 2012, Bali 2013 and Istanbul 2014).

3: Past activities

We launched a pilot of the Swiss IGF in May 2013 what was a modest success already. But the pilot was organized by few people only (Swiss OFCOM, a business partner and EURALO for CS) and was not broad-based enough yet. Therefore a re-launch was needed with more capacities and financial support from Swiss OFCOM.

A: List of members or main organizers

One of the first steps of the Swiss IGF re-launch (end of 2014) was the creation of a carrier structure and a steering committee. This SC includes Swiss OFCOM and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (2 governmental bodies) besides Asut, the Swiss Telecom Association, ePower and Google (3 business stakeholders), ISOC Switzerland chapter and SWITCH (2 technical community), Zurich university (academia), one parliamentarian group and 4 orgs. representing civil society. This list (logos) you can find in the right column of our website.

4: Webpage or website with contact infos

See <http://swiss-igf.ch> (in three language versions G – F – E)

5: The organising process

The 2015 org. process started with a Call for Issues (over 6 weeks) followed by a draft program where 15 submissions were considered. The final program was designed by the steering committee and followed up by the coordinator. All stakeholder groups were invited for inputs to the 3 plenary and 2 workshop sessions (see final program) – <http://swiss-igf.ch/en/programme/>

The organising process of the Swiss IGF is similar to the one at EuroDIG (“always open, always inclusive”) what proved to be a success model over the years. Such best practices were adopted for the Swiss IGF, its concept, creation and development.

As mentioned under 3.A., the multi-stakeholder model is maintained by our carrier structure and representation of all relevant stakeholder groups in the steering committee. They contributed actively to the agenda setting of the Swiss IGF 2015.

6: Total number of attendees

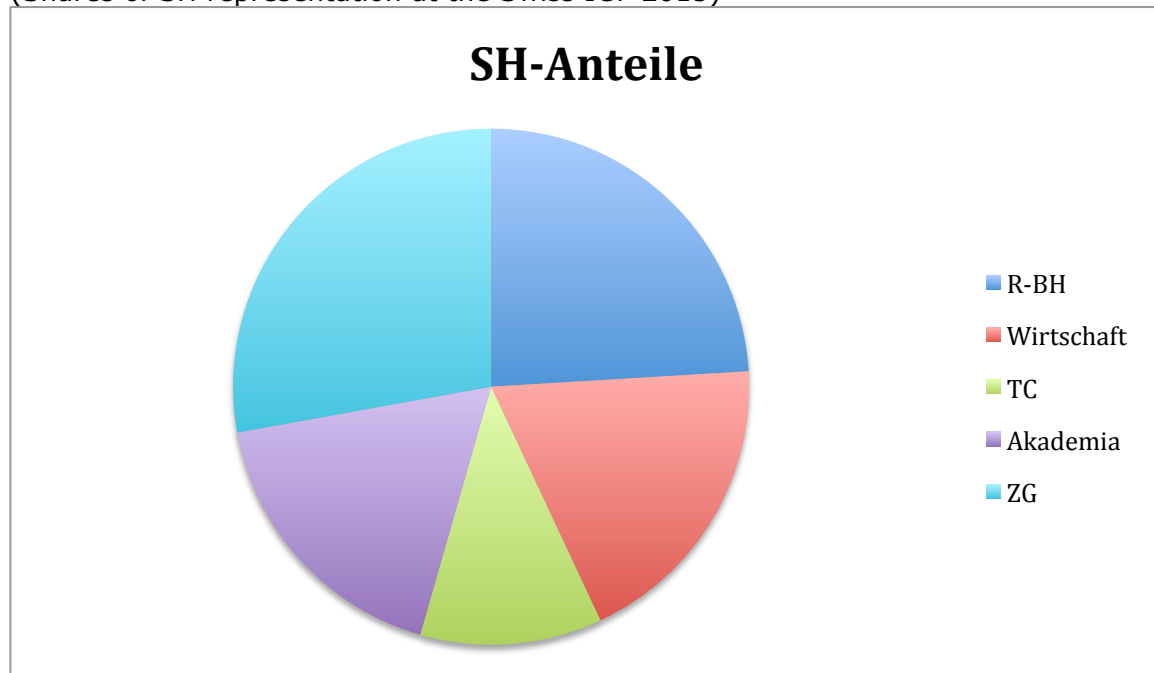
After a broad mobilization phase using communication channels and lists of our partners, 95 participants were registered for the Swiss IGF on 19 May 15 in Bern; our “dream

mark" was up to 80 participants and we were overwhelmed by the effective size and interest.

7: Break down of attendance for each stakeholder group

- Government/public authorities: 24
- Business sector: 17
- Technical community: 10
- Academia: 17
- Civil society: 25

(Shares of SH representation at the Swiss IGF 2015)



8: Outcomes and reporting

In the eve of the Swiss IGF, a small reporting team (3 people) was selected to draft three bullet points/each from all the sessions (3 plenaries and 2 workshops). These summaries fed into the final Wrap-up session. Those bullet points served as a basis for the Message from the 2015 Swiss IGF –

to be delivered to the EuroDIG at the beginning of June in Sofia, Bulgaria (2 weeks later) and the global IGF in November 2015 in Brasil.

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