

Dynamic Coalition Coordination – Virtual Meeting III

Summary Report

10 February 2016

1. The third joint virtual meeting DCs (or future “DC Coordination Group” – DCCG) was held on 10 February 2016. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here:
<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/ldr.php?RCID=86450f2aaa67ef2ab103f3a891951443>
2. A discussion was held on DCs’ joint statement to the IGF 2015 stocktaking exercise, which compiles all feedback following the annual meeting. It was reminded that the deadline for submission was Friday, 12 February, with the Secretariat specifying that contributions could be received until Monday, 15 February. The draft submission, which was open for comment for two weeks, was prepared by Jeremy Malcolm of the DC on “Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media on the Internet”. Markus encouraged DCs to “sign on” to the statement on behalf of their coalition, or in their individual capacity if they choose. As a general reflection on the annual meeting, Markus added it would be good for the DCs’ session, if split again, to have more time in each half.
3. The Secretariat gave an overview of the draft Terms of Reference for the new “DC Coordination Group” (DCCG), which DCs agreed to form. It was noted the ToR was loosely based structurally on the MAG’s and included the following sections: Purpose of the Group, Members (outlining group members’ general responsibilities), Working Tasks, and Meeting Procedures. It was also noted that the document had been kept relatively high-level and open-ended so that DCs could fill in their own specifics through the Etherpad platform, where the draft has been shared. Comments so far have come from Luca Belli (DCNN, DCPR, DC3) and Christina de Castell (DCPAL).
4. Markus suggested this ToR be shared and presented at the next face-to-face MAG meeting on 4-6 April.
5. A question was asked as to how members would be elected or selected into the group – DCs can manage this process internally and how they choose. While more than one member from each DC can join the group, DCs were asked to be mindful of not making the group too large.
6. The draft ToR will stay open in the Etherpad for DCs’ edits and comments leading into the MAG meeting. DC members were asked to identify themselves when making changes in the document for, among other reasons, ease of reference. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.