

**Status Update on DC Main Session
MAG Virtual Meeting VII
27 September 2016**

- As agreed over the course of DC coordination meetings, each DC will submit a substantive paper by deadline in order to have a 'speaking slot' in the main session. The deadline for a first draft is this **Friday, 30 September**. All DCs were sent the [guidelines/key dates](#) for the paper and issued reminders ahead of the deadline.
- Based on discussions among individual DCs and with the Secretariat, those expected to submit papers and participate are the coalitions on: Accessibility and Disability; Blockchain Technologies; Child Online Safety; Community Connectivity; Core Internet Values; Gender and Internet Governance; Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected; Internet and Climate Change; Network Neutrality; Platform Responsibility; Public Access in Libraries; and the Internet of Things. **(total of 12)**
- The [plan](#) put forward by DCs and discussed during their meetings, is that each DC representative in the main session will have a 3-minute exchange with a moderator. This moderator acts as an 'agent provocateur', asking the representative one or two pointed questions on the substance of the DC's work, drawing from the major questions or issues outlined in the submitted paper. The questions will be pre-determined between the DC and the moderator. The moderator will engage participants throughout, taking questions from the floor and online following the interventions from each DC.
- The main session exchanges will also seek to integrate feedback received on the papers in DC issue surveys (which use as back-end the Idea Rating Sheets system proposed by Jeremy Malcolm last year). These will be available online together with clean drafts of the DC papers starting **1 November**, and from **6 December**, on-site in hard copy form at DCs' shared booth. Jeremy has offered to organize a webinar on the surveys on or around **15 November**, directed at all participating DCs but open to anyone wishing to join.

The surveys are a feedback mechanism to help DCs gather inputs from the wider community. DCs will use these during the IGF meeting to formulate a response or new ideas on their work and to shape their future outputs.

- The next joint meeting of DCs will be held immediately after the 30 September paper deadline to take stock of the submissions and continue the main session planning. The subsequent meeting will most likely be two weeks later, in mid-October.