1. Background info about the DC3

The IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3) as a multistakeholder group, fostering a collaborative analysis of community networks (CNs), exploring how such initiatives can improve and expand connectivity while empowering Internet users. During the past seven years, the works of the members of DC3 has been fundamental as a platform where stakeholders can discuss and define shared principles, norms, rules, and programs that have been shaping the evolution and use of Internet connectivity via CNs.

2. Activities conducted in the past year

a. Activities within the IGF

During DC3 session at IGF 2022, we had the opportunity to launch the Official 2022 Outcome “Community Networks as Enablers for Human Rights”, a compilation of four papers, one of which is a joint paper elaborated by DC3 members, with inputs consolidated from DC3 community in a consultative process via the mailing list.

The IGF session of DC3 gathered several of the contributors to the annual outcome, as well as specialists from various stakeholder groups, who presented case studies, provided different aspects on the connection between community networks and human rights, and discussed new avenues of cooperation on CNs. The session was jointly moderated by Dr Luca Belli and Dr Senka Hadzic.

Speakers at the session were the following: Ronaldo Neves de Moura Filho (ANATEL), Raquel Renno (Article 19), Nicholas Echaniz (Altermundi), Sarbani Belur (IIT Mumbai), Glenn McKnight, IEEE), Niels ten Oever (University of Amsterdam), Karla Prudencio (Rhizomatica), Jane Coffin (Connect Humanity).
b. Any outputs produced and/or research/studies conducted
The DC3 annual outcome “Community Networks as Enablers for Human Rights” contains the following papers:

“Community Networks, recent Brazilian institutional approach in the national and international levels”, by Ronaldo Neves de Moura Filho (ANATEL)

“Community Networks: a powerful complementary strategy to bridge digital divides sustainably”, By Luca Belli (FGV) and Senka Hadzic (CyberBRICS/ RIA)

“Community networks as human rights enablers” by Senka Hadzic, Luca Belli, Niels ten Oever, Raquel Rennó, Erik Huerta, Carlos Baca, Karla Velasco, Lee W. McKnight (consolidating inputs from DC3 community).


3. Updates on internal processes
The DC3 has a new mailing list, to secure robust and reliable communication and interaction among its members. All subscribers from the previous mailing list have been automatically added to the new one.

4. Priorities/objectives for the following year
With in-person events and conferences taking place again, DC3 members will aim to have gatherings beyond the annual IGF, for example at RightsCon in June 2023 and provide concrete inputs to the ongoing Global Digital Compact effort.