

Taking stock of the 2016 work program and 11th IGF and suggestions for 2017 and 12th IGF

I am Maheeshwara Kirindigoda from Sri Lanka and Mexico IGF is my Second IGF Experience in real. I do have not much experience but I list few things as it considered has a value to make the 12th IGF a very success. I plead if I am stating anything wrong or without knowledge.

Venue :

What worked well

Mexico , Guadalajara (Even though the name is not readable for me) it was a great venue. It 12+ Hours later than my local time. The Palcco is great conference facility which didn't made any trouble with the IGF Crowd. Weather was pleasant and didn't trouble at all.

Worked not so well

Palcco was situated in a no mans land. Many had to travel 20 - 30 KM to reach Palcco from Lodgings. The traffic to the town in the evening after long sessions felt bad. (Know we cannot change)

Time :

What worked well

Time was good and nothing much about it. Early December Fantastic festive month great

Worked not so well

Language :

What worked well

It motivated me to prepare for the language for the country before arriving. (LOL)

Worked not so well

Didn't understood many instructions given by the Security , Police, Airports officers, Palcco assistance. Missed to read things in the notice boards (badly the exhibition area of PALCCO)

Logistics:

What worked well

It is good to see many shutters been arrange without any confusion. I missed one usual bus and found a shutter in next minute.

Worked not so well

Again too far from the City no shopping mall nearby to take necessary grocery items as PALCCO didn't had any convenience store.

Organizing

What worked well

IGF Ambassadors were really helpful and I have shared how they helped us on the Day-1 (0 - 1) as we came for early registrations.

Worked not so well

Identifying the Workshop rooms really eat time.

Sudden Room changes and participants put in nowhere

Room sizes - not managed with the sessions trend (Few people in big rooms, Small crowded rooms)

Didn't knew what is the Bilateral room concept and still confused in a multistakeholder model promoting IGF and connection of Bilateral Discussions.

Events

What worked well

Had good and Best Opening , Finishing Ceremonies

Worked not so well

Too long Speeches drag events long (Same content repeated)

Not that eventful in IGF Village

Less participations

Workshops/Sessions

What worked well

What I witnessed is this IGF full of interesting Workshpos

Worked not so well

Scheduling were not that great many interesting workshops parallel with another very interesting

Room arrangements were really bad. Room sizes - not managed with the sessions trend (Few people in big rooms, Small crowded rooms)

Room preparation was bit trouble with translators, transcripts, and audio (Public announcement within workshops)

Connectivity

What worked well

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Worked not so well

High disconnection rates
Some rooms doesn't has connectivity (wifi)
The area outside the PALCCO doesn't had any connection (When ordering

Entertainments

What worked well

Good Music and Entertaining environment

Worked not so well

Compared to Bali IGF This time Entertainments were less. No much activities and Booths that makes people bit happy and funky.

Food

What worked well

Food within the PALCCO

Worked not so well

High Price
Less Selection (For Vegetarian only Salada)

People

What worked well

Very decent, helpful and Helpful

Worked not so well

Communication (Language)

SUGGESTION

To have a separate location for IGF Secretariat so people can interact with IGF secretariat easily.

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