

## Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group - Virtual Meeting XXXIII

## **Summary Report**

### 19 January 2019

- The thirty-third virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 19 January 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF's website: <u>http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\_download/6277/1483</u> The meeting was also recorded and is available for download: <u>https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=2efe5c59cf54a399ed3fdb26d</u> <u>6ebfbde</u>
- 2. The agenda of the meeting (**ANNEX I**), as the first to be held this year, centred on reviewing DCs' joint work in 2018 toward the annual IGF, their main session at the IGF itself, as well as the DCs face-to-face discussion in Paris about ideas for carrying forward coordinated DC work in 2019.
- 3. The meeting began with short introductions from each of the DC members present on the call. Among those participating were the representatives of the DCs on Internet Rights and Principles (IRPC); Gender & Internet Governance (DC-Gender); Schools on Internet Governance (DC-SIG); Internet of Things (DC-IoT); Core Internet Values (DC-CIV); Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy (DC-SIDS); Child Online Safety (DCCOS); and Accessibility and Disability (DCAD). Notably, representatives of a new DC on DNS Issues (DC-DNSI) joined the coordination call for the first time. During the initial introductory segment, members also heard that another new DC on media issues may be in development or applying for recognition from the Secretariat soon.
- 4. As part of their introduction, DCAD emphasized the continued and urgent need for the IGF's remote participation platforms to be accessible. Commenting on the inadequacy of the current Webex platform in this regard, Zoom was suggested as a potential accessibility-friendly alternative. In response to this, the IGF Secretariat's technical focal point briefed on current efforts by the Secretariat to obtain quotes from other possible services, including Zoom and Adobe Connect, and to carefully examine their comparative advantages and disadvantages. While no decision has been taken yet on replacing Webex, which is offered to the Secretariat as an in-kind donation, the Secretariat may conduct some pilot runs with these other options, in coordination with the service providers.
- 5. Reflecting on DCs' <u>IGF 2018 main session</u>, the DC co-facilitators commented that this had been successful overall. The session had focused on the Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs) under the 'Development, Innovation & Economic Issues' programme theme, and had been co-organized with business community members of the MAG. In particular, the collaboration with MAG members and introduction of a mixed DC and non-DC panel had worked well and made for an engaging and well-attended session. DCs' broader effort to collaborate on a theme relevant to all their coalitions, the SDGs, had also worked well, as had the preparatory work involving individual <u>DC papers and a visual matrix</u> that expanded on the connections between DCs and the SDGs. Nevertheless, it was felt by many that the time for the main session – at 80 minutes – was far too limited as an opportunity for interventions from each DC.

- 6. In the ensuing discussions, it was mentioned that some participants at the 2018 IGF had enjoyed DC main sessions from prior years, which gave comprehensive overviews of the work of all coalitions. It was said, importantly, that a main session which provides this kind of survey is not incompatible with a substantive agenda, where once again, DCs could come together and treat a common and timely Internet governance issue. Indeed, support was expressed for DCs to begin thinking about a common theme on which they could coordinate their activities this year, including through a possible joint paper. Accountability in relation to issues of Internet security, as a cross-cutting theme, was floated. By way of providing more in-depth background information on and increasing visibility of coalitions, their work, and how stakeholders can join, it was also suggested that a universal, comprehensive written document with such information could be produced ahead of the 2019 meeting.
- 7. Looking ahead to the <u>first face-to-face Open Consultations & MAG Meeting</u> of the year, scheduled for 28-30 January in Geneva, DCs were informed that the newly-formed DC-DNSI would be holding a <u>lunchtime info session</u> on the meeting's second day. Representatives of the DC explained that they had wanted to use the opportunity not only to introduce their DC to the IGF community, but also to raise awareness of their work with governments specifically, as the success of their efforts will depend heavily on strong government participation in a survey they will launch. Finally, DCs were advised that if they wished, either before or after the DC-DNSI presentation, a more general DCs face-to-face session could be held, subject to interest shown on the mailing list and sufficient physical participation from DCs in the meeting.
- 8. Continuing on from the schedule of monthly meetings in 2018, the next DC coordination call is set to take place in approximately one month, in mid-February, with discussions continuing on the DCs mailing list as needed. This next call will also be captioned.

#### ANNEX I

# DC Coordination Meeting XXXIII Friday 18 January 2019, 13.00 UTC Draft Agenda

- 1. Reflecting on DC Participation at IGF 2018
- 2. Setting Priorities for Joint DC Work in 2019
- 3. DCs & the 1st Open Consultations and Face-to-face MAG Meeting

4. AOB

#### Participants List

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