# New Session Formats Working Group



## **Objectives**

WG New Session Formats

• Explore new/fresh formats to share projects, views and ideas

• Attract the broader internet community (youth)

## **Corner Sessions**

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#### FORMAT

- Topic selected by attendance
- No speakers
- 4 Facilitators (one for each corner)
- 4 Raporteurs (one for each corner)

#### RESULTS

• Not enough attendance to run them

#### REASONS

- Lack of communication
- Difficult to explain
- Undefined subject to talk about?

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#### FORMAT

- Self proposed speakers
- Agenda defined onsite
- 15-minute slots

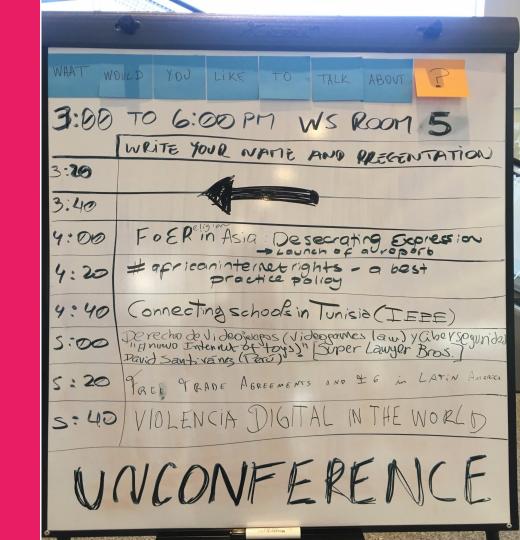
#### RESULTS

- Almost every slot was covered
- Attendance of around 40

#### REASONS

- Better onsite communication
- Format was easy to undestand







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#### FORMAT

- Preselected speakers (non selected WS proposers)
- During Lunch breaks
- 15-minute slots (up to 20)
- Open space near the lunch space

#### RESULTS

• Survey (next slides)

#### REASONS

- Non selected WS proposers were enthusiastic about having the chance
- Great space / Location







#### WG New Session Formats

#### SURVEY

The majority of the responses concerned the lightning session format

| Which new session type did you attend at the IGF? *   |  |
|---|--|
| Lightning Session                                     |  |
| Unconference  |  |
| Both  |  |
| Neither   |  |
|   |  |
| Did you attend as a participant, presenter or both? * |  |
| Participant   |  |
| Presenter   |  |
| Both  |  |
| © N/A   |  |
|   |  |

Taking into account the content of the sessions, their organization and setting, please describe what you thought worked well and what you thought worked not so well. Please also ensure the specific session type (lightning or unconference) is referenced in your response.

If these session formats are re-introduced at the 2017 IGF, what improvements would you suggest? Should other new session types be launched?

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being lowest agreement and 5 highest agreement, do you think new session types are a valuable addition to the IGF programme?\*

Save Survey

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What did respondents think of the new sessions?

- Great/welcome addition
- Great idea
- Interesting content
- An excellent way to include diverse and quick presentations, especially on topics that would not otherwise neatly fit into the programme
- They enjoyed the outdoor setting, easy-to-find location, the informal atmosphere
- Emphasis on participant engagement
- Some problems with noise/smoke/smell

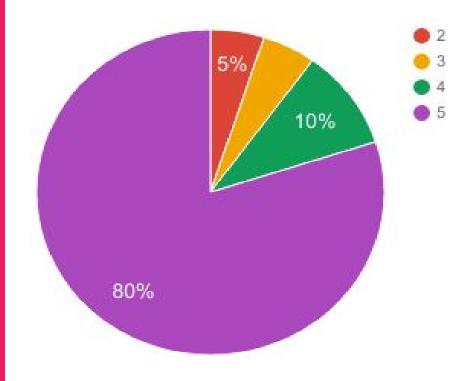
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How can these types of sessions could be improved?

- New sessions should be actively promoted and made as visible as possible, both at the venue and in the programme/schedule
- Most also asked for the availability of remote participation (this had not been possible in the outdoor lightning sessions)
- Some said the 20-minute sessions could be made a little longer

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On a scale of 1 to 5, how valuable the new sessions are to the IGF programme?



## Future

### WG New Session Formats

### Should the WG continue with its work?

#### If so:

- Should we give a new chance to Corner Sessions?
- Should we sontinue and give more space to Unconference Sessions
- Should we continue with Lightning Sessions as they are (for non selectes proposals) or should we include them in the first open call?
- Should we try new formats?

## **Hot Topics**

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 Some topics may be hot in march/april but outdated by the end of december

 Having Hot Topics could make the IGF more relevant for media to cover

• How could we bring those topics while keeping the IGF spirit?

## **Hot Topics**

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#### HOT TOPICS SESSIONS PROPOSAL

- Reserve X rooms for Hot Topics
- X Hot Topics will be selected
  - $\circ$   $\,$  10 proposed by MAG  $\,$
  - X out of those 10 selected by community voting
- Session format
  - $\circ$   $\,$  No panel / round table setup  $\,$
  - 5-10 minute introduction by
    4 MAG selected SMEs (1 by
    each stakeholder group)
  - $\circ$  Open discussions
  - Rapporteur