

Report on Activities of the Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity

The need for a <u>Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity</u> (DC3) emerged during the IGF workshop 223 "Community Networks: a Revolutionary Paradigm", held in João Pessoa, during the 10th IGF. Workshop participants agreed on the potential of community networks in order to promote sustainable Internet connectivity and foster the full enjoyment of fundamental rights such as freedom of expression and self-determination. To this extent participants stressed the need to move forward the discussion on community networks and further analyse how such networks may be used to foster sustainable Internet connectivity while empowering Internet users. During the workshop, consensus emerged with regard to the need for international cooperation aimed at fostering synergy and coordination amongst different community networks. Such cooperation may be particularly useful in order to identify:

- best practices for the development and maintenance of community networks;
- sustainable organisational and financial models for community networks;
- efficient software and hardware technology.

To address the aforementioned issues while fostering cooperation, many participants expressed interest with regard to the establishment of a new IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity.

In spite of its very recent inception (February 2016) the DC3 has already proven to be an excellent platform for engagement, discussion and elaborate of joint initiatives. Below a list of past, current and planned activities.

Current activities:

• Open call for the 1st DC3 Report

Past activities:

- Workshop at IGF 2015 " <u>Community Networks: a Revolutionary Paradigm</u>" (DC3 founding event)
- Session at <u>RightsCon</u> 2016 " <u>Do it yourself! Can the next billion build its own Internet connectivity?</u>"



- Multiple sessions at the <u>International Conference on Susutainable</u> <u>Connectivity</u>
 - o Keynote Session : <u>WTF is the Internet? A conversation with Bob Frankston on how to foster sustainable connectivity</u>
 - Session 3: Lessons Learnes from International Experiences
 - o Session 4: Emerging Issues. Data caps in Fixed Internet and Community Networks: What development model for Brazil?
- ISOC Roundtable on Community Wireless Networking in partnership with Colnodo & APC (notes)

Planned activities:

• IGF2016 Workshop (proposal)