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Dear Lynn,

Thanks again for your leadership and willingness to (continue to) contribute to the success of the Internet Governance Forum – your dedication and drive are very well appreciated.

Please note that, overall, we feel the IGF is doing very well in many aspects. It continues to be the event by excellence where stakeholders from different sectors, from all over the world, meet at equal level. It has become the prime event for tabling issues related to Global Internet Governance, and we hope and will support this to continue to be so.

Below, we answer to the two questions asked in the Call for Input to the IGF community in preparation of IGF2018:

A) Taking stock of 2017:
   a. what worked well?: overall, we witnessed that IGF continued to put those issues in the center of the debate that are important, and current. We think the open process for submission of proposals for sessions is an important contributor to that.
   b. What worked not so well?: again, with the many sessions, it becomes difficult to make a program where directly competing sessions are not planned at the same hour (for instance: multiple sessions that have IoT implementation as their key topic).

B) Suggestions for improvements in 2018?:
- a. Programming: in order to ensure alignment of sessions, so that people can better follow specific topics, it may make sense to:
  - i. Select clusters of workshop session proposals;
  - ii. Relate those, where possible, to one of more relevant Dynamic Coalitions that work throughout the year to further develop the specific subject matter;
  - iii. Propose a "joint session" on the specific subject matter, inviting those that have proposed sessions on the subject to join that session (whether their individual session gets granted, or not). This joint session could be organized by a relevant Dynamic Coalition.
- b. Preparatory processes: next to the MAG, it may be good to have community intersessional activities supported:
  - i. On specific subject matters, by relevant Dynamic Coalitions (i.e. lever their work by providing access to the full mailing list of IGF, for instance grouping news updates in regular updates provided by the Secretariat, with news input from community members and Dynamic Coalitions;
  - ii. On general improvements, the WSIS Forum and MAG meetings are already taking place. Regular news updates may help to lever the full potential of the Community here, too.

On behalf of the Dynamic Coalition on the Internet of Things,

Sincerely,

Maarten Botterman