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>> Hi, everyone, this is Marcus. I'm just doing an audio test.

>> Hi, we can hear you. We also are getting the captions through the closed caption button, if people want to display the captions on their own zoom interface, they just go to the menu and click on closed caption.

>> Can you explain that once again?

>> Sure... there are a whole bunch of menu buttons at the bottom of the screen --

>> Yes, right at the end. If you click on closed caption, the captions will stream for you.

>> Excellent. It's not quite 6:00, we wait a few more minutes, I suppose. My phone says it's 6:00 by now. I know we will not get some of this done, currently there's an ICANN meeting on the way in Marrakesh. My apologies, we thought, nevertheless, it'd be important to have this call for various reasons at this stage. There'll be another call on Monday. I thought it'd be useful to touch base with the Dynamic Coalitions. But... with that, there's also another element we have to take care of, that is unfortunately or fortunately for Eleanora, she will be taking a break from the Secretariat for a couple years to pursue her university education, getting a higher degree, which is a good thing to do. It's a bad thing for us, but Eleanora shows me that the Secretariat will find a way to keep us going. Eleanora, do you want to say a few words?

>> Thank you, Marcus. I didn't expect that there'd be an announcement on that quite yet, in this call. I do hope that we will have one more DC call that I can participate in, if everyone agrees to having a call, roughly one month from now, I will still be with the Secretariat and, and be able to be on the call with you all. As regards, the period after my departure, so... August, September, et cetera, we don't have a, a, a fixed replacement for me yet. But we will get a fellow, a young woman and it is possible she may take over some of the DC duties that I have been handling here in the semi-territory. It's, it's too soon to say any of this with certainty because... she has actually not arrived in the Secretariat yet, but when she does, there'll be a transition between me and her and I hope that we will be able to introduce her on the next call.

>> Thank you for that. My apologies for putting you on the spot.

>> It's okay.

>> Last week at EuroDIG, there were quite a few members of the community that expressed their concern and were so sorry to see you leave. You've been very helpful.

But... enough of that. I think you assured us there'll be contingency plans in place. I'll hand over to my co-facilitator

that is much better-placed to brief you on the outcomes of the meeting and where we are right now.

>> Thank you, Marcus, thank you for your kind introduction, and also, I need to express my very great thanks to Eleanora for all you've done for the dynamic religions over the last years. It's fantastic work you've been doing. I take that opportunity to say it now, probably, we'll have other DC members on the next call and hopefully will still be there. But... I wanted to express that right now.

Having said that, yes... what I -- can I report from the outcomes of the third outcomes consultations and the mag meeting. I do think that many of you have already become aware that the list of workshop proposals that was selected during these three days is published on the IGF website now. And... I do think that also, the e-mails have been sent out to those who have submitted these workshop proposals. I'm not sure about that, but if it's not done yet, it will be done within the next few days.

And... so... we can report back from the mag meeting that it went very well. We had a different approach to discussing the decision on which workshops came, should come through, this was more or less done by working groups for the three main themes we have this year. And then... during the three-day face-to-face meeting, these workshops, these groups, more or less, concluded the work they'd already done via virtual meetings and via the list.

And then... we also became aware that the secretariat has already tried to set these workshops that the groups decided on, into the program. That there was a bit more space than we expected. Though... for most groups, there was a reserve list, two or three proposals that now, more or less all have been adjusted into the program. That was the major part of the three days face-to-face meeting and the second major part was discussing the main sessions. So... we also took a different approach to the main sessions, somehow for this year. Having several suggestions, how the main suggestions should be structured and... we also have discussed the main sessions for the main session, that is reserve for the NRIs and the Dynamic Coalitions.

Before we come to the next topic on the agenda which is the DC's main session. I wanted to underline that the whole tried

to make this program more structured. Within these three thematic tracks, the workshops that are placed in the thematic structure, somehow, we tried to prepare a flow of themes or a flow of issues in each of the three main themes. Data governance, security and safety. Each now has around 20 workshops in the track. And these were for each of the themes, two rooms where we served. Where these workshops are in kind of a thematic flow, grouped now into the program.

So... that it's much easier for participants into the IGF to get a better overview, to follow somehow, the flow of these themes, through the four days and to come up in the end, with clearer messages.

Overall, the program was a bit reduced, so... we, we had, in the last years, eleven parallel tracks. It should now be only ten parallel tracks to make it a bit more concise. Better, just... I'm missing the word -- sorry. So... just so people better-understand how to send their own program within these very, very intense days of the IGF.

So... that was a bit reduced and... second thing I think is important, is that the, the MAG also decided that the reporting from the sessions should be improved and there was just, started a new working group for reporting from the IGF sessions and workshops.

The, the working group on, on the workshop assessment process had already gathered some ideas that will now go into the work of this working group on the reporting and this is also important because the German government is planning on day four of the IGF, that would be Friday 29th to have Parliamentarians from all over the world. The process of inviting them has just started. [Horn in background]. Some Parliamentarians in some countries, they also report, the legislators, they get some input from the sessions of the IGF and take that into the work they'll be doing after this.

So... that's what I had on my list to report back from the 3rd open consultations. Eleanora, if there's something I missed, or Marcus, maybe you also have some other things that led to my report, thank you.

>> Thank you, from my side, I wouldn't have anything to add. I think that was very thorough. Marcus?

>> No... I agree. Very comprehensive report and I actually, commend the MAG for having made great efforts to make the program more coherent and consistent. I would say also, more user-friendly. That was a criticism we always heard. Especially newcomers were totally lost when they were coming to an IGF and had these, lots of meetings at the same time and didn't know where to go.

I think, this time, the program really, the structure of the program will be a great improvement. Thanks for reporting back. I think good news for the Dynamic Coalition that you have secured your slots at Dynamic Coalition meetings and we also seem to have a slot for remaining sessions and that would lead us straight to the next agenda item that we'd have to discuss. The DCs main session. I just wonder, are there any other questions addresses to Jutta on her report for the MAG meeting? And I understand the Zoom, you have a raise hand button in the participants box. So... please make use of that or Eleanora, you may understand better how it works. Can you give explanations on -- it seems to be a very user-friendly system, I have to say.

>> Hi, Marcus, I have to admit that I'm really, only just starting to understand how Zoom works myself. But... it looks like Nigel has found the raised hand button because he's raising his hand right now.

>> Why can't I see it?

>> I think it's the same as in Webex, only the host sees ->> No, I can see here. You scroll up and down the list of
participants, okay... I see, Nigel, you have the floor.

>> Yes... good afternoon, I'll be very brief, indeed, thank you so much for, for the report back from Berlin. I'm speaking from Marrakesh, so... apologies for the noise. Just fantastic news about the program. I just wonder about the day zero sessions and... perhaps I missed it. I'm sorry if I missed your announcement on it. When we might know about that, thank you.

>> No, sorry, Nigel, you're right, I did not refer with my report to the day zero event. Of course, that's very important. I do think we got 52 proposals for day zero sessions and as far as I know, Eleanora, please correct me if I'm wrong, these were more or less, all accepted to be in the program for day zero. >> Jutta, if I may come in, thank you, Nigel for the question. You didn't miss anything. We did announce in the meeting that we would accept all the requests for day zero events that we received with some exceptions concerning organizations that had made, maybe more than one request. We would ask that organization to merge their two events. But... outside of those, we would be accepting all of them. We did have some space constraints in the schedule association... in the Secretariat, we've taken a little while to kind of rework it, a little bit, before formally, informing all of the day zero requests that their session is accepted.

So... apologies from the Secretariat for the delay. And... we wanted to make sure we could accommodate everyone.

>> Thank you.

>> In addition, the German government will invite, for day zero, to high level Internet Governance exchange. Stakeholders from all the groups we address at the IGF. Invitations are acceptability out to the so-called digital ministers. These are different ministers in different countries, of course. Somehow the digitization is placed at the ministry of economics. Ιn other places, it's placed at the ministry of the interior or whatever. These invitations have gone out to the new ministers from all the United Nations states. And then... also, stakeholders from the private sector, from Civil Society and technical communities will be invited to this high level Internet Governance exchange on day zero, which I'll start in the morning with the Plenary, then the stakeholders will go to certain thematic tracks and it'll be closed around noon time with a common branch for all participants and these high level exchanges. And then we have these sessions that organizations had applied for. So... it'll be fully-packed day, day zero. Which is the Monday, of course, we hope that many people arrive already, over the weekend in Berlin on Saturday or Sunday. Berlin is not hot, but still lovely in November. Hopefully day zero will have good attendance.

Thank you for this information. Day zero was always traditionally been open to anyone who requested the session with any link to the main theme of the IGF. There've been many meaningful events. Since 2011 in Kenya, the host country, has staged usually a high-level event. We definitely look forward to that and with that... I think I cannot see any other raised hand in the chat room or participants list, so... I think we can move to the second agenda item.

DCs main session and again... you talked and I hand it back to you to introduce the agenda item. Which will presumably be our main agenda item for the discussion.

>> Yes... of course, thank you, Marcus. So... as said before, the slot for the main session of the Dynamic Coalitions is secured, but... it's important that the Dynamic Coalitions now come to consensus, how this slot will be filled. How the Dynamic Coalitions can set the program for a joint session that helps to represent the work, all the Dynamic Coalitions are doing. In the course of the year, not only at the IGF. We have heard before and discussed before that there are still, still people out there who do not know that the Dynamic Coalition still intercessional work. So... it's a very important message to underline that, that the Dynamic Coalitions are working throughout the whole year and take the annual IGF meeting only as a platform to present what they are working on throughout the whole year.

We have discussed that a bit before, also in our previous meetings, it shouldn't only be near presentation of 17 Dynamic Coalitions presenting their work in a role and people wouldn't understand how this is related to each other.

We already see that the work of some of the Dynamic Coalitions is closer to another, than to other Dynamic Coalitions, but still, they all have something in common.

And... the purpose would be to work that out before the session. And then go into the session with a, with a holistic approach to the work that is done in all the Dynamic Coalitions.

So... an idea that was deliberated by Marcus and me was that we could, probably, again, refer to the Sustainable Development Goals. Some of you might remember that last year, we had that exercise with the grid, where the Dynamic Coalitions put their work on the spot and looked to which of the SDGs their work was related to. We'd recommend to look at the SDGs and decide on one of these that is directly related to the work, the Dynamic Coalition is doing. The focus would be on one that your work is related to the most, so... that, in the end, during this session... participants would get an impression, how the collective work of these 17 different Dynamic Coalitions contribute to achieving the SDGs in the end.

The idea would also be that we could provide some support in doing so. The, the identification of the SDG that the work is related to could be done via a template where Dynamic Coalitions would shortly explain why they have chosen that specific SDG. What they have already achieved in regard of that SDG and what their plans are towards 2025 with regard to that specific sustainable development goal.

So... this would be tasks for you, some homework to do, but still very much supported and guided. We could prepare for that template so it'd be easier for the Dynamic Coalitions to do so and in the end, we'd then find a moderator who could, along these, these field templates from the DCEs, moderate the session so that it gets set and people will understand how the Dynamic Coalitions is related to the SDGs and how it, together, like a network of the Dynamic Coalitions, is a collective effort to achieve the SDGs.

So... I'd leave it there, just invite you to comment on that, whether you think it's feasible, whether you think it's a good idea, it's just a suggestion, so far. And of course, if you have any other ideas, how this main session could be filled as a joint effort by the Dynamic Coalitions.

>> Thank you, Michael already has his hand up. Let me also jump in a bit, before giving the floor to all the other colleagues we discussed it briefly in the debut, what could work and... as a common theme to find around one single theme is very, not very easy for the Dynamic Coalitions because it's very high level. We did that in a way last year. Two years ago, we had presentations of each one, which was a very good session, but we cannot, I think, repeat that every year.

So... this time, we thought, what about just picking one individual SDG and I'm sure each of the Dynamic Coalitions feels closely to one of the specific SDGs. What the IGF can do to further, to advance the SDGs.

Now... there is another SDG main session, which is organized by the MAG, but... at first, I wondered whether that might not, sort of be seen as a competition, but... I don't think so, I need to take a step back and think about it. The session organized by the MAG will be more high-level. On inclusion and maybe, Eleanora can jump in to explain more what that session is in. On the theme of inclusiveness and how SDGs can contribute. Whereas... the session, we, Jutta and I are proposing, would be more drilling down to some specificities and what each Dynamic Coalition could contribute. Obviously... in the session description, the session title, you would have to make it very clear. It's not two times the same thing, but these two sessions would be complementary and feed into each other. And then, maybe, also with the timing, that would leave that to the MAG to decide. My gut feeling is the DC main session would be before the MAGs and fill in the nitty gritty and the details from the various constituent parts of the IGF.

Eleanora, would you like to fill in the participants on this call on the thought of the MAG curated main session on SDGs so they get a better idea of how it could be complementary?

>> Hi, Marcus, hi, everyone, yes... I think you were right in saying that the, the MAGSDGs main session will be more-focused on inclusion and... also, achieving the digital transformation. So... some of the policy questions that that the MAG group, working on that main session have laid out are how can we ensure free flow data and ICT products in a multipolar world? Are there any conflicts of laws? Extratorial effects of actions and how to solve them? What are the roles of bilateral and pluralateral trade agreements. There's a focus on development, transformation, also inclusion. But... there's plenty of space for, for DC perspectives on a number of the SDGs still, I think. But... we can also, you know... kind of check in on how this MAG session is developing because it's still in its infancy and try as best we can, not to duplicate the topics that will be covered in the session. We'll know after the MAG meets on the first of July.

>> Thank you for that, Eleanora. Oh... and one element of good news I forget to mention. I asked [indiscernible] whether she can moderate the session. She indicated, basically, she is more than willing to consider, depending on her availability, if there are some question marks with her schedule. That's just an aside, as such, I think she was really fantastic moderator and to really, as a moderator, prepared herself well by reading the papers and again... as Jutta said, at the beginning, that kind of seems to be a given. In order to have a meaningful session, each DC would have to prepare a paper explaining the inputs. You don't need to read it out, but can read it beforehand. It was extremely helpful at the session. Michael has been very patient with his hand up, and... please, Michael, now, jump in.

>> Hi, everyone, my name is Michael and I'm with the Dynamic Coalition for Sustainability of Journalism and News Media. I have two points to raise about the motion for the DC The first one is... each year, a high level political session. forum reviews certain SDGs each year. This year... I forgot exactly which ones it's reviewing, but... one of them for sure is SDG16. That's one we'd be happy to cover. That's one way we could link to to existing policies. We could also link it to specific ones that are currently under review. I don't remember the acronym, but they're being done and you can check that out. The other idea I had as well is that, potentially... something that we could do in the main session, I don't know how much of this is concrete or set in stone or what not. But... as I'm listening to Marcus, Eleanora and Jutta, one thing I realize is that because we're such a chorus of diversity. We could use that session as a brainstorming session and have key questions or key policy questions, whether it relates to the future of the internet or... kind of keynote things, such as online content moderation or things like that. Kind of those, those large, what's it called? Those large policy questions that are not necessarily in voque, but definitely relevant to the current discourse of the current conversation.

We could also structure the DC session around those, so it doesn't just end up being a display of the work we do, that'd be inherent of this idea, it'd also be useful and potentially creating key messages or policy recommendations based on our collective experience. I really love the EuroDIG model and push that as much as possible. Even though, obviously, the IGF is recorded, the sessions are recorded, I think it -- if there are going to be so many policymakers there, I think it'd be useful for us to have a package of sorts for them to leave with. To, you know, to have a list of recommendations or a list of the key -- to really, strong questions that go, maybe, unanswered. Thank you.

>> Well... thank you for that. These are very good comments. Obviously, it shouldn't just be a game, a showcase of what each DC has done. What you outlined, I think that'd be a very constructive way to go. Minda supported your points. And Marie. >> I'd like to comment on Michael's suggestion. I think it's a very good idea. When we consider having that template, we didn't focus so much on policy questions. Which, we have done with all the workshop sessions that were selected or that were submitted. So... I do think if we would add to that template or paper that the Dynamic Coalitions are asked to prepare, also... the question, what is, from your point of view, the most-important policy question? That should be discussed and I assume that there would be [horn in background]. 17 Dynamic Coalitions that would be overlapped, of course. So, in the end, we might have 17 different policy questions. Maybe a handful that is very concrete and related to the work of the Dynamic Coalitions.

That would then, also, in addition to what the Dynamic Coalitions have already prepared before, that would provide for another threat through the session if these policy questions, then could be put fourth, also in an attempt to include participants to the session. Not only representatives of the Dynamic Coalitions. I think that would be a good idea that Michael put forward.

>> I totally agree. I would think, would bring the discussion to a meta level to see the kind of commonalities and ask questions related to process. This brings us also back to the suggestion that was made. This would be very much this kind of networking session of groups of people who deal with very [indiscernible] -- bring it up to a higher level. Other questions?

Well... I'm sure that each of the Dynamic Coalitions would find a link. I didn't go through the list of Dynamic Coalitions and through the list of the -- I did not add those -- I have to admit, I didn't do the homework, but based on my past experience with you guys who have such a broad horizon on issues and virtually all of these issues should relate to one specific SDG and then raise the discussion to a higher level, that'd be fantastic. Are there other people who can speak? Would you like to speak?

>> It looks like there's a short comment from Nigel in the chat. Confirming your point that each DC should have a link to an SDG. He says that his IOT DC, would definitely be able to create a link to one of the SDGs. >> All right... actually, the participation is much better than anticipated. We have 16 participants, presumably one of them is the secretariat and one is myself. Nevertheless, it's better than I would have anticipated at the ICANN meeting.

Are there other comments? Can we -- I mean, we obviously, Jutta will have to report back to the MAG meeting on Monday, but... we, presumably, should go back to the DC list to say we have this call and this is the rough consensus of this call. To go forward. And... if, given the opportunity to comment, to approve or violently object... that it'll be great if we have a, a common understanding among the DCs, this is how we envision our main session. I think it could be a great main session. Are there other comments? Questions? Jutta, what do you need to report back to the MAG next Monday?

>> So... thank you, Marcus, for giving me the floor again. I do think, if none of the Dynamic Coalition representatives object now, violently, during this call, we could assume that the idea, has got a rough consensus. I suggest that I report that back on Monday and in parallel, we get back with a short structure of what should be done within the next weeks and to the Dynamic Coalitions list so everybody could give their input to that. Maybe ask questions if something isn't clear for people who have joined this call today.

And we have a slightly changed schedule for the MAG meetings. The one that should have been tonight was postponed until next Monday. We'll have the next MAG meeting on July For now, I'd say yes, a lot of Dynamic Coalitions that 10th. have attended the call came to a rough consensus that we should go forward with that path and we would have, more or less, a week to discuss this further on the Dynamic Coalitions list, so we can have a final decision how the session would look like, probably also have a draft title for the session, for the next MAG meeting that'll be held on Wednesday, 10th of July. So... that would mean in two weeks from now. And... I do think that is a good schedule and... what I can go back to the MAG meeting on Monday, saying at least the Dynamic Coalitions have agreed to that first draft of a plan for the session, that'll be fine. Finalizing everything on the 9th, so it's easier to report on the 10th of July to the MAG.

>> Excellent. That sounds like we have a plan. The title issue is, we really have to think hard about how to make title

attractive and make clear that it's not a duplication of the MAG-curated session on the SDGs.

So... I mean, I'm not opening discussion here on that, I've tried to think of something, I wasn't able to come up with something. And maybe, somebody has a brilliant idea right now, please, feel free to come up with it. But... this is something I'd like to encourage you all to think about. That we have a title, that really makes it clear, it's a different focus than the other session. Both sessions are valuable sessions and both have valid approaches, our session will be different from the session that has been prepared and run by the MAG.

Are there any comments on this at this stage? Or do we have a violent consensus? And we move forward as Jutta has outlined it? Without any objection, I would assume that we can give Jutta this mandate to report back to the MAG next Monday. With this outcome of our call. With this preliminary plan, which will be fleshed out and... obviously, we will flesh out the plan collectively and... all your input will be more than welcome. And... with that... can we move to the next agenda item? Agenda item III.

Who would like to introduce it? Is it Eleanora? Is it Jutta?

>> Eleanora, would you like to?

>> Hi, yes... not, not... yeah, not hearing Jutta come in, I'm happy to explain why I suggested adding that in the agenda. I think we were hearing in the last coordination calls a lot of collective desire on DCs parts to have their work better-known at the meeting and of course, this will be done partly through the main session, but... it'd been briefly discussed, also, maybe having a special session that is more explanatory or educational on the nature of DCs. I think that there are various options for, for how that could happen. Traditionally in the IGF annual meeting program, there's a so-called newcomers track. Various IGF components are explained to newcomers and DCs could be active participants in that track. We don't really know what that will look like yet. We may not have the different sessions spread across the week, but a kind of, one big consolidated session at the beginning of the week. And if that's what we go with, from the Secretariat's side, we will, of course, make sure that, that DCs have a place in that session. And have the ability to present to newcomers there.

Another option that was discussed was using the traditional coordinate face-to-face coordination session that we've always had at the annual meeting and... sort of, turning it inside out, instead of having it as an inward-facing session where we all get together and... have a discussion like this one, but... just in person that maybe we, we turn that into a, a session where DCs present to IGF participants.

So... those are a couple options. But... it seems like there was a wish for a special session or special space at the IGF program, for DCs to introduce what DCs really are. And... of course, any other, any other new ideas or additions to what I just mentioned would be welcome. But... this, of course... would be in addition to the main session we've been discussing.

>> Thanks, Eleanora, yes... in the past, past few years, we tried to have a comment booth at the village that really didn't work that well. But... my feeling is that obviously it will be important to be in the main introductory session, explanatory session, what the IGF is, that we have a strong component on explaining the DCs.

Now... question is, is there anything additional? Do we need a sub-session at the latest stage for individual DCs? Ι don't think so. I think we could point at the introductory session, for newcomers on how the IGF works, make sure we do have a strong component of someone who represents all the DCs and points out to their respective DC session, the annual meeting so to speak. Guiding people interested in media to Michael session on IOT, to Marcus' session, whatever. There are guys who work intercessionally into these issues. That's my, sort of very, kind of, practical approach, how best to do that. But... once again, I think it's important in whatever the introductory session looks like, for newcomers, that there's a strong component of highlighting the importance of the Dynamic Coalitions.

But... I'm not the owner of the truth, so... I do welcome objections, contradictions and other suggestions. Or... Jutta, I do remember, in the past you said, people don't know where the DCs are. How can we best make it -- showcase it?

>> Yes... Marcus, that was taken from my experience, when people learn that the next IGF will be held in Berlin, so... I was contacting the MAG member from several people who really did not understand the whole ecosystem of the IGF, but... especially, the Dynamic Coalitions are a format that everybody could bring in their own experience to, to, to achieve, the work that they are doing in their every day work life or even volunteer life. That, the Dynamic Coalitions could provide for a platform to bring their own activities or the activities of their organizations to a broader audience to make people aware of what's going on and that, from my perspective, I do think Dynamic Coalitions are very well-placed to be that platform, but most people do not know that they can engage throughout the year with work the Dynamic Coalitions do.

So... therefore, I really do think it would be wonderful if we would have the opportunity to explain that to people, probably in newcomer session, but in a session where people learn to know what Dynamic Coalition work does mean and... then, go to the respective Dynamic Coalition sessions, like we explained before, Marcus, to say I'm working in the area of media, journalism and so on, therefore, I'm interested in my first session, the work of my organization is related to the Internet of Things and therefore, I go to the Dynamic Coalition session with regard to that.

But... understanding that, then it's not only attending a session like a workshop, that is set up for the program of the IGF and learn something new, but... when you go to a Dynamic Coalitions session, it's, maybe, the first step into a commitment to work with that Dynamic Coalition throughout the next year. And... I do think it's, would be, wonderful if we could make that more comprehensible to participants. I see several hands raised --

>> Absolutely, yes. Minda was first.

>> [Too far from mic]. I agree with what you guys discussed, but I just wanted to mention about the village group. (?) I really think it's a shame that the DC -- that it's something that DCs feel is important. Our DCs, specifically, for us, is very important. Last year, we managed to get one. People network, ask questions about the coalition, want to do more --

>> Sorry, Minda, sorry to interrupt you, you have to [indiscernible] for your Dynamic Coalition.

>> Yes... we had. Because we had requested one. And we did request one this year as well. We had [indiscernible] this [voice is muffled]. We managed to get one. So... our DC had one. Because we were really successful and I think that, it was possible to get one this year, we definitely go for it and we invite anyone in DC that we'd like to share with us, because... in terms of getting people to [indiscernible] such an important feature, it's especially incremental. We haven't been very successful.

>> All right... thank you for that. My assessment was on past experience, we had a joint booth, I felt that was not really that successful because of a kind of joint ownership and manning the booth. It didn't really work that well, but... my question would be to Eleanora. Is there still open slots for requesting a booth? As far as I know we haven't addressed a booth.

>> Hi, Marcus, yes... so... actually, in the background, I have asked that a booth be put on a "reserve" for us, in case DCs decided even at the 11th hour, that they wanted one, however... I do know that the demand has been extraordinarily high for booths.

So... I'd have to check in with our colleagues to make sure it's actually still there. When we raised this issue in previous meetings, it doesn't sound like there was much appetite for our booth then. I, personally, haven't been insisting and pushing for us to have one. There's still a chance that there's one set aside for us, I'd just have to doublecheck. To quickly respond to what Minda was saying, I, I did hear that the IRPC booth was quite successful and I think IRPC has been really great in how committed they have been, even when we had a joint and physically being at the booth. That has always been the key that you know ... we really need, we really need manpower and people to volunteer to be there and IRPC has always been exceptional in that. They also have these great publications that they can distribute to the meeting participants, that's also helpful, they have their charter and in many different languages, so... those are all aspects that contribute to a good booth, but they have come primarily from this one D.C.

>> Thank you for that. Two points, Eleanora. Manpower is so unPC. It's people power. The other point is, can we maybe leave it open for the time being to see if there's appetite for a booth? It'd need to be discussed further. Having a booth without a commitment of people being there doesn't really work. I take the point, it's good to know. We have Nik.

>> I know with the interest of time, I have a quick question as well. First, with regards to the comment -- I think

that and we, I believe aren't going to decide this here, in what we'll do in terms of sub-session. What would be key, we have the DCs having a main session, we also have our dedicated session, I think it'd be imperative for the DCs when they have the opportunity to take the floor of the IGF, they're reinforcing that you know... who they are, briefly, but more so, gearing them to their dedicated session, which would lead me to my one question. Is that... did we -- I know, Marcus, you and I met as well at EuroDIG on the sidelines, did we know, definitely, if we had 90 minutes for that dedicated DC session or still at 60 minutes? Thank you.

>> Thank you, good point, I think it's 90 minutes. Please, Eleanora, confirm.

>> So... this is another instance in which you're putting me on the spot, a little bit, Marcus, because we're still deciding about the duration, but... it looks like it -- very tentatively... we will be able to do 90 minutes for each session, but I really hesitate in saying that until we have a final green light from all the parties involved here, but...

>> Well... take the message from this call... that there's a universal push and request from the DCs to have a 90-minute session.

>> Received loud and clear.
>> Can you hear me?
>> We can.

>> Thank you, I was going back to the idea of finding ways to make the work of the DCs more visible. It's one of the entry points that we all use. Those who are familiar or not familiar with IGF. Whenever you want to attend, you have to go through -- you just review the program and you go through it and you sort of look at individual sessions and titles. And... why don't we think of producing a short video, each one of us? One or two minutes video that we would do in a standardized format? We'd put the link under the title of the session, it'd be like an introductory video, explaining very briefly what we do. And if someone is interested by the title of the session, they can will have the option to click on the link. And see what it is about and the work the DC's doing. Just an idea, I don't know whether it makes sense. >> It makes a lot of sense. Sounds like an excellent idea. It's obviously something we can't impose on the DCs. A suggestion we can make.

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