IGF Public Consultation: Call for Inputs - Taking stock

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All <u>IGF</u> stakeholders are invited to submit inputs to the IGF Secretariat related to the following questions. All inputs will be posted on the IGF website. Please be as concrete as possible. Please also state your name, stakeholder group, region, organization, and whether you are submitting in your individual capacity.

A) Taking Stock of 2018 programming, outputs, preparatory process, community intersessional activities and the 13th annual IGF: What worked well? What worked not so well?

Thanks to the Government of France, UNESCO, especially the IGF, the event has been arranged in an organized manner. As well as the processes and community activities between sessions, which is respected and appreciated.

However, according to the content reports as well as the statistical data, clearly show in what refers to the theme of Internet Governance (18) there has been no progress or little interest in relation to what they have been working in Geneva 2003, Tunisia 2005, Athens and the speeches of Hyderabad. If we compare with the other topics that have had the greatest number of sessions such as Cybersecurity (28), Development innovation and economic issues (26), Human rights, gender and youth (26), Digital inclusion accessibility (22)), etc.

Likewise, the neutrality of the network has not been resolved, despite the fact that the discussions are still ongoing, just as the unregulated online domain system is still present despite the existence of its representatives.

On the other hand, it has not been taken into account the mobile internet policies which have a great impact on the new society, especially the empowerment of young people, we should implement legal rules which regulate the use of mobile phones in cases of hate, bullying, etc

If we want a secure, open, free Internet, and trust, we should start to give more interest to technological infrastructure issues such as connectivity, or broadband, there should be greater commitment from governments and should open experimental work sessions, where there is more presence of technicians for proposals of "technological infrastructure".

To conclude why Latin America and the Caribbean except Brazil, have little presence in what refers to participation in person or remotely compared to: France, Germany, USA, Nigeria, Bangladesh, United Kingdom.

B) What suggestions for improvements could be made for 2019? (Please focus on programming, the outputs preparatory processes, community intersessional activities and improvements for the 14th annual meeting and beyond.)

To carry out a future programming, as well as the processes of preparation of the products and community activities between the sessions which must be carried out in each country, it must be reprogrammed on the basis of the statistical results, for them it is necessary to create a playful interactive map where we can visualize the weaknesses and strengths, what was done and what was not done, what topics were discussed etc from each country, so that in the next event of the Host Country, achieve the objectives.

To conclude, both processes and sessions and forum should not be discussions, or diagnoses, but experimental work or models which have been effective to put them in motion. In other words, it has to have an ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN AND the commitment of the actors of each group, that is, MAG, Coalition, NRI, IGF, etc. To raise the HOW?

C) How could the IGF respond to the recommendations made by the UN Secretary-General during his speech at the IGF 2018 Opening Ceremony?

The recommendations are always respected and humbly received, but it is important that the IGF has a conceptual map or virtual genetic tree where can be seen the radiograph of its weaknesses and strengths of all the processes of discussions, workshops and Forum. As well as the participation of countries, both in person and remotely, what is it for? This would serve as an indicator in which it was advanced? , Little or nothing was done! The statistical data leads us to a result with approximations to the accuracy that guide us of assumptions or hypotheses that have margin of error.

To this end, it is very important that the IGF work hand in hand with the other actors, in other words, involve the coalitions, MAG, NRI, etc. and not work dispersed, where everyone in their space develops their work.

Regarding the Secretary's recommendations, in terms of reducing the digital divide and having closer ties with the governments, the IGF has to work installing nodes, virtual or face-to-face IGF stations in each developing country, to execute related projects to the digital divide. Likewise, for governments to have more active presence and support, it is necessary: "The Role of the Coalitions" which would serve as a link or bridge with the governments, to meet the objectives of the public policies relating to the Internet.

D) How could the IGF respond to President Macron's "call for action" made during his <u>speech</u> <u>at the IGF 2018 Opening Ceremony</u>?

According to the speech of the President of France Macron, invites us to reflect and start working on Prevention issues, raising public policies in relation to Internet Governance as it has been pointed out by the France's government there must be a commitment of all actors, especially from the Government and that we must work on rules, regulations, if we let it go, we are prone to weakening the Internet Ecosystem. "

The president of France, gave as an example the commitment of work of Facebook, which will

welcome a group of French regulators who will work with the experts of the platform to jointly develop specific and concrete proposals to fight the offensive and hate content.

So what actions should the IGF do based on the speech of the President of France?

Work more in experimental projects, than in discussions, and the calls to be present are the technicians so that they deepen in giving technological solutions to prevent everything exposed, the President of France and group of Actors to see the topic of regulations.

E) What other organizations/disciplines should the IGF be collaborating with and how/to what purpose?

The experience indicates that to convene organizations or actors that have no relation with the objective, and with the fact of fulfilling inclusion or without exclusion, have not given good results. The idea is not to fill, only quantity and not quality will be seen.

In other words, the present organizations that accompany during and future must be those that have the same interest, objective, synergy and confidence of working for the same cause and more than anything to fulfill the principles of Geneva, Tunisia as well as the advances of Athens and Hyderabad For a better effectiveness, efficiency and for better productivity the IGF should work hand in hand with the coalitions, because these could play the role of mediators for a better approach with the governments to comply with the principles of Internet Governance.

F) The Secretary-General set up a <u>High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation</u> (HLPDC) to *"identify good examples and propose modalities for working cooperatively across sectors, disciplines and borders to address challenges in the digital age"*

1. How can the IGF contribute to the work of the HLPDC to help foster these aims?

One of the purposes of the HLPDC is to fulfill with the 17 sustainable development objectives as well as comply with the 2030 agenda, so what the IGF has to do is complement what it already has or has advanced and what the HLPDC is missing or has advanced. The affinity and the complement will help to fulfill the objectives what will give the enrichment of knowledge for better results.

2. Do you have any specific inputs for the HLPDC in relation to the IGF?

The HLPDC are focused on supporting the use of new technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain biotechnology and robotics to reach the 2030 agenda, but the IGF has been working through the coalitions.