

## Internet Governance Forum (IGF) <u>Dynamic Coalitions (DC)</u> Virtual Coordination Meeting XI, 23rd March 2020 at 15:00 UTC Summary Report

- 2. Jutta briefed participants about the virtual MAG meeting. The updates are as follow:
  - a. Preparations for hosting the next MAG face-to-face meetings continue as planned, with constant monitoring of the situation and a contingency plan to host the meeting remotely.
  - b. The MAG intends to stick to the initial deadline for calls, and they may or may not consider the extension of the deadlines.
  - c. The IGF Secretariat updated the MAG regarding the number of received session proposals. So far, only a few DCs had responded to the call. However, based on previous experiences most proposals are usually sent a few hours before the deadline.
  - d. The workgroup on the proposal evaluation started working on the assessment methodology. The workgroup is waiting for the 15 April deadline for the call for proposals. After the deadline, the Secretariat will do an eligibility check of received proposals. The evaluation process by the MAG members will start at the end of April in order to finalize the process of program shaping before the summer break. The organizers will know before the summer break whether their proposals have been selected or not.
- 3. There was a question whether the MAG or the IGF Secretariat would re-consider the 15 April deadline for the session's calls. The co-facilitator responded that due to the strict timeline after the deadline MAG didn't consider the extension at this point, but it may become an option depending on the possibilities.
- 4. The co-facilitator updated the DC's about the Covid-19 pandemic impact on the IGF 2020 planning, where it was said that so far nothing has been changed in the global IGF preparation process. Depending on the global situation the next MAG face-to-face meeting might take place

- virtually. Participants were reminded that some NRIs, including EuroDIG will be held as online meetings.
- 5. Jutta briefed participants about how the DC's proposal could be linked to the main four themes. She recalled that the three themes of the IGF 2019 will continue and have been paraphrased to a more comprehensive title by the MAG. The only considerable difference will be a fourth theme Environment. While applying for individual slots DCs should consider how their work will best be related to the thematic tracks and how they can help to strengthen the debates around these thematic tracks in IGF 2020.
- 6. Markus reminded all DCs about their end year report submission. He added that so far there has been no specific deadline for the submission, but it would need to be submitted at the latest with a request for an individual slot. As per the DCs guidelines, they will not be eligible for requesting an individual slot without submitting their end year reports. The end year report is an overview of their work and gives the DCs visibility and credibility.
- 7. There was some discussion whether it would be helpful to have a common structure or template for the DCs annual reports. The point was made that it would not be easy for every DC to fit into a common structure. A guideline with expected points for their report would be preferable and more useful, as for most of the DCs, the report refers to work, and research carried out throughout the year and provide an overview of the activity of a specific DC.
- 8. There was a common understanding that the annual report should provide documented information about the DCs work and that it didn't necessarily need to be very long, but it should adhere to the common objectives of each DC. The report should show the contribution of the members either jointly or individually in order to achieve the DC's objectives.
- 9. The discussion revealed that there has been some confusion amongst DCs about the reports and the submission processes. The co-facilitators suggested working with all DCs towards producing detailed guidelines for reporting. These guidelines would include information about reports and what they are expected to contain. They would be added to the terms of reference of the DCs.
- 10. The co-facilitator said that apart from the DCs individual session every year they will also contribute to the main session which will be translated into all UN languages. It has always been considered as an opportunity for reaching out to a broader community. All DCs were requested to suggest their own ideas in regard to the main session in a common effort towards designing a more consistent IGF where all sessions will be linked to each other.

## Annex I

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. COVID-19 and the IGF
- 3. Update from the MAG calls
- 4. DC cooperation
- 5. Deadline for submitting DC meeting requests
- 6. AOB

## Annex II

## **Meeting Participants**

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