

**IGF 2021**  
**Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group**  
**Virtual meeting 52 | 19 March 2021**

Summary report

**Conclusions and action items**

- Survey to be finalised integrating comments made during the meeting as much as possible. [*Update: [survey launched](#) on 22 March; deadline for responses: 25 April.*]
- Survey to be launched on 22 March. DCs will have five weeks to respond. Each DC is expected to develop their responses in a collaborative manner, with the involvement of its members.
- For the next DCCG meeting (date to be determined), an agenda item to be added on possible dispute resolution mechanisms for DCs.

**Meeting focus**

1. The 52nd meeting of the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group (DCCG) was largely dedicated to reviewing and finalising the survey for active Dynamic Coalitions (DCs). The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Markus Kummer and attended by 20 participants.

**Review and finalisation of draft survey**

2. The survey for active DCs – whose draft was shared with the DCCG before the meeting – is aimed at collecting input for the DC paper. The survey is planned to be launched on 22 March, with DCs having five weeks to submit their answers. It is expected that DCs will develop their responses to the survey in a collaborative manner (e.g. having a discussion on their mailing list).



- [Draft survey](#)
- [Work plan for DC paper](#)

3. During the meeting, the draft survey was reviewed section by section and several suggestions were made:

- Including a more clear question inviting DCs to talk about their achievements (in addition to the question about challenges).
- Including an additional point in the question about the development of DC outputs, to ask how decisions are made and whether wider open consultations are held beyond the DCs memberships.
- Clarifying the question on membership expansion: instead of asking whether DCs are looking into expanding their membership, ask about whether and how they are getting new members.
- Adding a clarification on what the DCCG does and a link to the DCCG webpage.

- Ensuring that closed questions also have a comment field in case respondents want to add clarifications.
- Clearly indicating which questions are compulsory and which are voluntary.

4. The discussions have also shed light on other issues that the DCCG might want to look into in the future, including as the DC paper is being developed: (a) the relations between DCs and the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), especially in the context of the role that DCs might have in the future of the IGF; (b) whether or not DCs should benefit for Secretariat support in a manner similar to how Best Practice Forums do (and what such a paradigm shift would mean for DCs); (c) how DCs define membership; (d) issues of legitimacy (e.g. with regard to decisions, outputs).

#### **AOB**

5. Mr. Kummer suggested that an agenda item be added to the next DCCG meeting to discuss how to deal with conflicts within DCs. [Existing guidelines](#) state that DCs must have open membership, open mailing lists and open archives, and must ensure that their statements and outputs reflect minority or dissenting viewpoints. But there is no clear mechanism/procedure in place detailing what happens if such principles are not followed or if there are concerns that the [IGF Code of Conduct](#) is not being respected. So far it has been considered that such issues would be best left with the IGF Secretariat; however, while the Secretariat has the legitimacy to deal with such issues, it would put staff in a rather uncomfortable position. Against this backdrop, it would be useful for the DCCG (and in line with its [Terms of Reference](#)) to discuss whether a third-party dispute-resolution mechanism could or should be put into place.

6. Several points were raised by meeting participants on this issue:

- One view was that Code of Conduct issues are best to be dealt with by the Secretariat. If needed, the Secretariat and the DCCG facilitators could discuss and decide whether some issues require a group to be formed to look into them, or some new rules to be developed. Ensuring that such an approach is clear for everyone (e.g. putting it in writing) could be a way to go.
- Another view was in favour of developing a dispute resolution mechanism, for instance if conflicts prevent DCs from functioning properly or if there is a risk of capture of the coalition by a particular group.
- Potential sanctions were also brought up. For instance, if a DC member misbehaves repeatedly and does not change their behaviour after being approached in this regard, the sanction could be to have the member removed from the DC list. If a DC is visibly dysfunctional, it could be banned from having a slot at the annual IGF meeting until the problems are solved.

7. At the end of the meeting, two additional points were raised: (a) the use of (international) sign language interpretation and how it relates to accessibility issues at the IGF; (b) having a discussion at a future DCCG meeting on how DCs and the DCCG could engaged with the proposed IGF multistakeholder high-level body.

## List of participants

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