Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XII

Summary Report

24 October 2016

1. The twelfth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) was held on 10 October 2016. The meeting was facilitated by Avri Doria and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-d-EIIQWsiS2Z6NHRWZmdUd3c/view?usp=sharing

2. The focus of the meeting was on the interventions representatives of coalitions will make in the IGF 2016 Main Session and specifically the exchange with the session moderator, Tatiana Tropina. There are a total of 12 participating coalitions; the DCs on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD); Blockchain Technologies (DC-Blockchain); Child Online Safety (DC-COS); Community Connectivity (DC3); Core Internet Values (DC-CIV); Gender and Internet Governance (DCGIG); Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected; Internet and Climate Change (DCICC); the Internet of Things (DC-IoT); Network Neutrality (DCNN); Public Access in Libraries (DC-PAL); and Internet Rights and Principles (IRPC).

3. Each of the DCs on the call gave brief introductions on their work and expectations going into the IGF. Tatiana also introduced herself and went through some of her previous experiences as a moderator in other Internet governance meetings, including at EuroDIG. She described her own style as “provocative” and working well with the session’s plan to have the moderator act as an ‘agent provocateur’, whose roll will be to ask questions that challenge the DC speakers on the podium.

4. Tatiana emphasized her commitment to learning about the DC interveners, including through a careful reading of their output documents, as well as commitment to engaging the session’s participants. She laid out a strategy by which the DCs would be asked their questions out of order and without knowing when they would be asked, to prompt more spontaneous answers and discussion.

5. Markus and Avri raised the issue of the Twitter wall, which DCs had anticipated using in the session. As there has not been a general agreement to have this in all main sessions at the IGF, Avri offered to bring this up with the MAG to ensure support is given to its use.

6. Some DC participants had questions on the issue surveys and how to extract the five statements or propositions from their outputs. In particular, the DC on Connecting the Unconnected expressed it would be difficult at this stage, since they are in the process of collecting case studies and have not yet drawn any conclusions from their research. It was mentioned that the statements for the surveys did not necessarily have to be “contentious” and that this DC could draw from their research questions and assumptions.
7. It was confirmed that the questions Tatiana will ask in the session will be, at very least, a version of the questions pre-submitted to her by each of the DCs. To keep these as interesting as possible, Tatiana suggested she would use her own wording for many of them. It was also re-emphasized that the issue surveys, for which there will already be some feedback compiled before the IGF, will serve to inform the questions – both for DCs as they finalize the questions they would like asked, and for Tatiana when she receives and considers how to phrase them.

8. On another procedural point, DCs were told that the five statements for the surveys (due 1 November) do not need to be identical to the questions they will hand over to Tatiana, but that these will in any case be logically aligned.

9. A question arose as to the kind of information that would be collected from the issue surveys, and the importance of having data on the respondents (on what stakeholder group they belong to, for instance) so as to be as useful as possible for the DCs surveyed. Avri and Markus agreed that they would discuss with Jeremy Malcolm how the survey platform could be customized to take this into consideration while still protecting the respondents’ anonymity.

10. DCs were reminded that the surveys will also be available at the shared DCs booth in the IGF Village and that the booth represented an opportunity for each DC to promote its work.

11. It was suggested that the next DC Coordination Meeting take place the week of 21 November, so as not to clash with either the ICANN or IETF meetings.

Annex - Participants List

Markus Kummer (Co-Facilitator)
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Jutta Croll (DC-COS)
Olivier Crépin-Leblond (DC-CIV)
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