1. The twenty-seventh virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 23 May 2018. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer and Israel Rosas, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda of the DCCG meeting (ANNEX I) focused on updating coalitions on the venue and dates of the 2018 IGF, as well as on the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)’s most recent discussions regarding programme shaping. Miscellaneous issues, such as DC session request forms and DC meetings in the IGF calendar, were also covered. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here: https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=4c9961663bb668f89bc478918ab13d2f

2. DCs were first briefed by the Secretariat and Israel on developments concerning the location and timing of IGF 2018, as well as on progress to shape the 2018 programme. Coalitions were informed that as of the time of the call, the IGF’s final venue had not yet been confirmed, although two strong possibilities were under consideration: one in Europe with meeting dates in November, and another in Asia with meeting dates in December. It was said that for planning purposes, and until the final announcement is made, prospective IGF participants and session organizers could block provisionally the weeks of 12 November and 10 December. It was further mentioned that because of the difficulty securing commitments for workshop proposals without clear meeting location and dates, the Secretariat and MAG were discussing a possible deadline extension (on 24 May the workshops deadline was extended to 6 June). After the call for workshops, calls would be made for the other sessions, such as open forums, Day 0 events and DCs’ individual sessions. DCs were told they could expect this call to be made in the last week of May and to remain open for approximately one month, bearing in mind the Secretariat and MAG’s overall target to have all potential programme components received before the face-to-face MAG meeting on 11 July. The specifics on how to apply a more thematic focus to the programme as a whole, once all workshop proposals are received, it was said would be managed by the MAG’s Working Group on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP).

3. As an additional update from the Secretariat, coalitions heard that the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) had in the past week adopted text for a draft resolution in which DCs and other intersessional groups, as well as National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs), were specifically cited as value-adding and welcome activities of the IGF (ANNEX II). It was explained that this text, based on last year’s, and as part of the CSTD draft resolution on the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
(WSIS), would go before the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and eventually the UN General Assembly.

4. DCs then reviewed a draft session request form that had been shared and left open for edits/comments one month prior. The form was produced in response to requests from DCs at the end of 2017 to have a more streamlined and organized way of first, making their session requests, and second, displaying the information on their sessions when included in the schedule. The template discussed, and ultimately approved with no objections (ANNEX III), is loosely based on the IGF workshop proposal forms, albeit much simpler and shorter. It was emphasized that the details DCs submit with this form, in particular names of co-organizers and speakers, would be considered provisional by the Secretariat and DCs would have the flexibility to change these in the months before the meeting, if needed. DCs were also kindly reminded of their obligation, within this form, to either provide a link to a current activities report or substantive paper from the previous IGF cycle. In response to a question from a representative of a new DC, it was explained that a short activities report from them would be sufficient. As the community of DCs has grown, it has been consistent practice to request new DCs looking for session space to provide a light update on their work. The electronic submission form will be made available as soon as the Secretariat launches the session calls.

5. In light of the success of the ‘Dynamic Coalitions Briefing Doc’ published last year, DCs were invited to consider republishing such a document in 2018 with updated information. The 2017 draft had been co-edited by the DCs and Avri Doria, the then-MAG contact for coalitions. Avri used the document as a basis for an oral briefing to the MAG on the status and progress of coordinated DC work, as well as to highlight individual DC activities and achievements and provide basic information on the nature of DCs, particularly for the benefit of new MAG members. The MAG at the time found the briefing document to be helpful and clarifying; given the record number of new MAG members in 2018 this could once again prove useful. The new draft for updating has been placed in an accessible, open editing/commenting Google doc, with the Secretariat having made some minor, initial edits from last years’ version. DCs approved moving forward with this document and further, embraced the suggestion to expand on their individual coalition work through the annexes. It was agreed that each coalition would produce no more than 1-2 pages, including the list of their documents/reports, as published on the IGF website.

6. Finally, the Secretariat thanked DCs for their use and promotion of the new IGF calendar. It was noted that the calendar, where several DC meetings are already listed, was a useful tool for visualizing the frequency and wide-ranging nature of DCs’ activities. Coalitions were once again invited to contact the Secretariat with their individual meeting details to have them published in the calendar.

7. The next DC coordination call will take place in approximately one month, in mid-June, with discussions continuing on the DCs mailing list as needed.
ANNEX I

DC Coordination Meeting XXVII
Wednesday 23 May, 14.00 UTC
Draft Agenda

I. Update on IGF 2018, incl. venue/MAG Discussions
II. Template for DC Session Request Form
III. 2018 ‘DCs Briefing Document’
IV. AOB

ANNEX II

Draft resolution by UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) on:
Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

[Excerpted para]

52. Also welcomes, in that context, the continuous progress made with regard to the intersessional work of the Internet Governance Forum in the different modalities of connecting and enabling the next billion online, dynamic coalitions and best practice forums, as well as the contributions being made by both national and regional Internet governance forums;

ANNEX III

IGF 2018 DC Sessions - Draft Form

I. Session Title

II. Session Format

[Dropdown Selection]

“Birds of a Feather”
“Breakout Group Discussion”
“Debate”
“Flash Session”
“Roundtable”
“Panel”
“Other”

III. Co-organizers

Please provide the following information for your session co-organizers, if any (co-organizers typically manage the content, speakers, planning for the session):
Given Name, FAMILY NAME, Organizational affiliation name

IV. Provisional List of Speakers / Moderator / Online Moderator / Rapporteur

For each:
Given Name, FAMILY NAME, Organizational affiliation name

V. Content / Description of the Session

VI. Applicable Theme & Subtheme

[Dropdown Selection]

VII. Link to Recent Activities Report or Substantive Paper from Previous Year

VIII. Link to IGF Session Report from Previous Year

IX. Link to Additional Resource (background paper, relevant webpage, etc.)

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