Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Briefing Session at WSIS Forum 2017

‘IGF 2017: Strengthening Ties in International Geneva’

Thursday 15 June, 13.15-14.00

Room C2 (ITU Tower Building)

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<td>1. <strong>Intro</strong> – Ms. Lynn St. Amour, Chair of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)</td>
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| 10 mins| 2. **Overview of IGF 2016 and Looking Ahead to IGF 2017 from Host Countries** –  
-Ms. Yolanda Martinez, Head of the Digital Government Unit, Ministry for Public Administration of Mexico  
-Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Vice-Director, Federal Office of Communications of Switzerland |
| 20 mins| 3. **How IGF Has Been and Can Be Used to Strengthen Coordination: Testimonials & Aspirations for 2017 from representatives of Governments and Geneva-based intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)** – How has the IGF successfully been used in the past to highlight, strengthen or build strategic partnerships? On what issues? What kind of IGF do Governments and IGOs want to see this year? How would they leverage the IGF network, in particular the growing network of national and regional initiatives, on the topics that matter to them? How could the annual meeting programme or intersessional work help achieve that?  
[Statements from the Floor]  
-Mr. Tim Engelhardt, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR  
-Mr. Hisham Aboulyazed, Senior Manager for Global Internet Policies at the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt  
-Mr. Paolo Lanteri, Legal Officer, WIPO  
-Mr. Gary Fowlie, Head, ITU Liaison Office to the United Nations (also on behalf of ITU-UN Women ‘Equals’ collaboration) |
| 10 mins| 4. Q&A with Participants |