

**Dynamic Coalitions Main Session**  
**Thursday 8 December 2016 - 15.00**  
**90 minutes**  
**Interview Format**

*Audio Request: Handheld Microphones, Lavalier Microphones*

**Description**

IGF Dynamic Coalitions held a main session for the first time in Brazil last year. Building on that successful experiment, the issue-specific DCs agreed to come together again at IGF 2016 to demonstrate the value of their work and engage with meeting participants face-to-face. The community of DCs is growing and interest to take part in the main session was strong. Up from 8 DCs last year, 12 will speak in the main session and cover a broad gamut of Internet governance themes: Accessibility and Disability, Blockchain Technologies, Child Online Safety, Community Connectivity, Core Internet Values, Gender and Internet Governance, Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected, Internet and Climate Change, Internet of Things, Net Neutrality, Public Access in Libraries, and Internet Rights and Principles.

Each of the 12 coalitions will make brief interventions in the session. These will be prompted by a moderator who, acting as an 'agent provocateur', will ask questions to challenge DCs and stimulate a defense or explanation of the major points covered in their work. A discussion with participants will follow.

DCs will bring into this session substantive output papers, available online as background reading for IGF participants. Even before the meeting, the IGF community will be invited to give their feedback on the papers through online issue surveys. The initial results from the surveys will inform the moderator's questions to intervening DCs.

**Agenda**

I. Introduction on DCs and their Role within the IGF [~5 mins]

II. Q&A between Moderator and DC Speakers [~3-4 mins for 12 DCs, 45 mins total]

- DC on Accessibility and Disability
- DC on Blockchain Technologies
- DC on Child Online Safety
- DC on Community Connectivity
- DC on Core Internet Values
- DC on Gender and Internet Governance
- DC on Innovative Approached to Connecting the Unconnected
- DC on Internet and Climate Change
- DC on the Internet of Things
- DC on Network Neutrality
- DC on Public Access in Libraries
- Internet Rights and Principles Coalition

III. Interaction with Participants In-Room and Online [~40 mins]

## **Policy Questions**

Policy questions will be wide-ranging and relate to the work of each of the 12 DCs represented in the main session. The issues will be as diverse and topical as gender and the Internet, child safety online, accessibility in public spaces, Internet and the environment and emerging discussions surrounding blockchain technologies and the Internet of Things.

Specific questions will be identified by each DC.

## **Chair(s) and/or Moderator(s)**

Moderator: Tatiana Tropina, Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute

**Host Country Chair** [details will be provided by the Secretariat]

## **Panelists/Speakers**

There will be one speaker from each of the 12 DCs listed above. The speaker will be agreed upon within her/his DC.

## **Plan for in-room participant engagement/interaction**

The participants will be informed at the outset that questions and open discussion will take place after all DCs have intervened.

Participants will be encouraged to put themselves in a 'questions queue' while interventions are in process, by indicating this to a designated person in the room. This person will be on standby to write them into the queue. After DCs have spoken, the moderator will call on the participants in the queue to ask their questions from the floor.

Participants will have also had the chance to familiarize themselves with the issues raised by DCs through the "issue surveys" available at the DCs' shared IGF Village booth and online before the meeting. The major points or propositions from DCs' work will be contained in the surveys.

## **Remote moderator/Plan for online interaction**

A designated remote moderator will queue questions from online participants during the interventions and feed them into the discussion segment.

## **Connections with other sessions**

DCs have individual 90-minute sessions in the programme that will help shape their interventions in this main session. The majority of DCs' individual sessions are scheduled as taking place before the main session.

## **Desired results/outputs and possible next steps**

This session will be an opportunity for DCs to raise the profiles of new or under-the-radar issues, particularly ones that are not often discussed in the IGF, or even IG, context, such as increased accessibility for persons with disabilities, and climate change. Participants should be inspired to take these issues back into their own communities.

Feedback in this session will also be valuable in helping each DC determine the future course of its work. Participants may confirm, question or challenge any of the conclusions and assertions put forward by DCs, as well as introduce new ideas that could be formative for their discussions. At the same time, DCs will have the chance to illustrate why engagement in their work is important. Greater membership in DCs and their wider exposure to the IGF community is a secondary key objective of the session.