

IGF 2017 MAIN SESSION PROPOSAL

Dynamic Coalitions Main Session

90 Minute Session

Co-Facilitators: Avri Doria, Markus Kummer

IGF Dynamic Coalitions held successful main sessions in Brazil and Mexico. These sessions were considered highly productive and provided an opportunity for issue-specific DCs to introduce themselves to annual meeting participants and demonstrate the value of their work.

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Through collaborative meetings of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) held regularly since the last IGF, DCs have come together to strongly support and plan for another main session this year. The community of DCs is growing (totaling 17) and in all they cover a wide gamut of Internet Governance themes: Accessibility and Disability; Accountability; Blockchain Technologies; Child Online Safety; Community Connectivity; Core Internet Values; Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media; Gender and Internet Governance; Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected; Internet Rights and Principles; Network Neutrality; Platform Responsibility; Public Access in Libraries; Internet of Things, and Youth Coalition on Internet Governance. A main session from DCs would offer a varied, topical programme from persons with expertise in their respective IG fields.

The session will be devoted to mini presentations by each of the DCs, who will engage with participants throughout. The 'presentation' will be a DC's problem statement/issue/thesis summarized into a tweet, which would also be projected into the room. Standing in for a traditional moderator, a so-called '**agent provocateur**' would ask one or two questions to challenge the DC presenter and stimulate a defense or explanation of the issue. Further questions will also be taken from the floor and from remote participants, with the interaction moderated by the same agent provocateur. Live online feedback, from those in the room and not, will also be strongly encouraged with the use of a **Twitter wall** and **DC-specific hashtags**.

A single agent provocateur may be used. The person in this role will also be responsible for ensuring the presentation/interaction does not exceed the time limit of approximately 5 minutes per DC.

A few **key preparatory steps be taken**: presenting DCs must have a substantive paper to back up their short presentations and to provide for perusal/reading ahead of the session; these must be made public on the IGF website as background papers within a minimum time before the IGF meeting; hashtags specific to each DC must be identified and promoted in the weeks ahead of the session.

Tentative Roles in Main Session

Moderator: Tatiana Tropina

Remote Moderator: TBD

Rapporteur 1: TBD

Rapporteur 2: TBD

DC Booth in relation to Main Session

In addition to their main session, DCs have agreed to request a **shared IGF Village booth**. The booth may be used to 'feed into' the main session by providing copies of the background papers by each DC. IGF participants would have the chance to provide feedback on those papers by filling out hard-copy Idea Rating Sheets – a form of survey – available at the booth. These could also act as input to the main session.

A single workshop slot is also requested as a meeting for the DC coordination

Planning Ahead

DCs are already holding joint, regular meetings through the DCCG one month or 3 weeks apart. The virtual meetings are moderated by Avri Doria and Markus Kummer, with technical hosting from the IGF Secretariat. They will continue to be used to plan for the main session and may be more frequent as the annual meeting approaches.

A description of the Dynamic Coalition Briefing for 2017 available [here](#).

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