

**IGF Community Public Consultation: Call for Inputs
Taking stock of the 2016 work program and 11th IGF,
& suggestions for 2017 and 12th IGF**

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What worked well

- I really appreciated the all-day snacks/coffee (especially since I as well as others requested it last year).
- The PALCCO staff and IGF volunteers this year were absolutely fantastic – they really went out of their way to help.
- The video recordings were very good (I appreciated that they incorporated different angles and cameras in the middle of long tables to be able to see everyone).
- Registration this year – it was so quick and easy, and while it was cooler in the mornings this year than in Joao Pessoa, I do appreciate that they made it a covered area (since we requested this last year).
- The sessions this year seemed more relevant, useful, and solution-oriented.
- The intersessional work was good overall, and I really appreciated the DC and NRI main sessions (and the work that went into them), as well as the CENB initiative (Anri did great!). However, I think the BPFs were slightly less effective this year at attracting multistakeholder support. Having said that, Izumi, Sumon, and Douglas did a fantastic job as the MAG coordinators, as did Wim as editor/consultant (big kudos to him). I was also very impressed with the work that Anri, Renata, and Jac did.
- On a lighter note, I also really liked the exhibition at PALCCO. It really added to the ambiance since it was relevant to networking.
- The IGF secretariat staff (especially Anja, Eleonora, and Brian). You all work so hard, yet each of you are always so accommodating, wonderful to work with, and positive. I appreciate you all so much!

What could be improved

- The first has to do with the room formats: the tables were often arranged in a rectangle, not a square, which made it difficult to see people during roundtable formats.
 - The second has to do with that Mylar/spandex covering around each of the tables. I found it really uncomfortable and annoying. I recognize that it might be easier to clean or tidy up after, but it hinders where we can put our legs
 - Also, as in the case workshop 2, sometimes there was too much space, whereas in workshop 8, there wasn't enough space.
- I'm sure many people will say this, but it would have been great to have a free lunch again. With that said, I didn't like the fact that I had to pay for lunch since it was free in 2015. I'd suggest to stick to one format – people will always complain, but if they know what to expect, it helps temper it.
- My overall feedback about PALCCO is negative. I found the workshop numbering incredibly confusing (even with the big map they printed and posted in the lobby). I also didn't like how spread out the venue was. The workshops, booths, and eating spaces were so far apart that it wasn't conducive to casually meeting people and promote community building. Compare this to the space that was used in João Pessoa – basically when we weren't in the rooms, we were in the central space around the booths. It was very easy to see everyone, and this should be a more central emphasis in the future.
- Next is logistics – there were not enough shuttles, and PALCCO was too far from the hotels. Of course, this also has to do with the fact that Guadalajara is a major city, but I would have preferred to be in a smaller area and closer together.
- Remote participation, especially as it relates to the use of WebEx (or lack thereof) throughout the intersessional process.
- As of 5 January, the photos still haven't been published.
- Lastly, I recognize this is not necessarily up to the MAG or the Secretariat, but it would be great to have a calendar of social events.
 - Moreover, the Secretariat should encourage those organizations that want to host a reception/social event to better coordinate with each other beforehand (like on an editable calendar or shared document, or by email/Doodle). There was a lot of overlap this year, which ended up wasting nights that could have been spent networking/socializing, or it ended up being confusing and chaotic.

Regardless of this feedback, thank you so much for all of the work you put into it. I really love the IGF as a process, and I am looking forward to working hard to ensure next year's IGF is even better!