

Taking stock of IGF 2016 and looking forward to IGF 2017

IGF 2016

Worked well:

- Regular virtual calls for NRIs providing comments, discussions, challenges, issues and solution.
- Development of toolkit for NRIs excellent idea.
- Constant encouragement for NRIs to contribute to IGF inter-sessional work. Overall, this has resulted in more engagement from NRIs, especially in the work on Policy options for connecting and enabling the next billion(s).
- Regular virtual calls for BPF on cyber security and other BPF.
- Dedicated main session at the IGF annual meeting.
- A dedicated position within the IGF Secretariat, for liaising with NRIs
- Better integration of communication in terms of young coordinators looks promising.

Not worked well:

- IGF Secretariat have not provides any funds to support individuals\focal points for national IGF (in-formation) that are engaged and contributors to internet governance in order to participate in annual IGF 2016.

Suggestions for 2017:

- Maintain the NRIs Focal Point position at the Secretariat (strongly support Anja's hard work in this very important position).
- IGF Secretariat should provide funds for members of NRIs and/or individuals that are engaged and contributor to IGF, as doing with MAG members.
- IGF needs more strategic planning in terms of participation and diversity.
- More practical information and guide book to be developed in terms of IG process and to be distributed.
- More collaboration and cooperation required from internet organization (ISOC ICANN and other organization) may be a combined open main session of how we can collaborate is a must.
- Continue engaging NRIs in regular calls. Intensify the efforts to increase participation and diversity at these calls. Reach out to those less engaged so far, in a joint effort between Secretariat, MAG members, and active NRIs.

- Better plan the NRIs booth (as it's comment from IGF 2016 participants that it was not enough logistics and organization)
- Continue engaging NRIs in regular calls, by intensify the efforts to increase participation and diversity at these calls.
- The location for organizing IGF 2017 is Geneva, I think that should be extremely difficult for participation due to the limited number for accommodation in Geneva and also Geneva is very expensive city for hotel accommodation and travel even for self-payment as funding and fellowship.
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