



Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XXXVI

Summary Report

8 May 2019

1. The thirty-sixth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 8 May 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF’s website:
https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/6277/1582
The meeting was also recorded and is available for download:
<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=44d78fc7df044ca27ee3b790e5605bb4>
2. The agenda of the meeting (**ANNEX I**) focused on reviewing the outcomes of the IGF 2019 Second Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting held in mid-April in Geneva, expected issues to be covered in the upcoming third MAG Meeting in June, and related to these, the different possibilities for DC participation in the annual meeting in November.
3. The meeting began with an announcement from Markus, based on information received from the Secretariat, that starting most likely with next month’s meeting, calls would no longer be hosted on Webex but on a new online participation platform in the process of being procured by the Secretariat. This transition responds to a longstanding request, expressed by the DC on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD) in particular, that the IGF use a more accessibility-friendly tool. The Secretariat had successfully experimented with the platform ‘Zoom’ for approximately one month and received positive feedback, including from DCs on a prior coordination call.
4. There was a short update from Michael Oghia of the DC on the Sustainability of Journalism and the News Media ([DC-Sustainability](#)), to report that the new coalition was receiving very high levels of support and was working on its engagement in the annual meeting, and will likely participate, where possible, in regional IGF meetings before November.
5. Jutta, who is also a MAG member, then gave DCs an overview of the discussions from the last MAG meeting in April and a projection of what could be expected in the next meeting. The programming process, she explained, would be slightly different this year, in that the traditional selection of workshops would take place by theme within dedicated groups of MAG members. The MAG workshop evaluations were currently underway; the dedicated groups would be meeting both virtually and face-to-face following this. The third MAG

meeting will finalize the lists of selected workshops as well as conduct a general assessment of all programme components.

6. In addition, DCs were told that the second face-to-face MAG meeting saw a series of important announcements, among which that German Chancellor Angela Merkel had decided to speak in the IGF's opening ceremony. Thanks to funding from the German Government, the Secretariat would be accepting applications for travel funding support to attend the IGF until 30 June; nominations for the 2020 MAG would also be open until 30 June. MAG members and the Chair had expressed gratitude that the process was being kicked off so early this year.
7. As a further update on the programme, the Secretariat reported that 289 workshop proposals were received, 45 open forum requests, and 52 Day 0 requests. Regarding DC sessions requests, these had been received from each of the 18 DCs, save one, and based on the eligibility requirements, all would be considered eligible for the programme. In connection with this, it was reported that DCs' request for 90-minute slots had been reiterated during the second MAG meeting, also in light of improved space availability at this year's IGF venue in Berlin. However, as the programme is still in formation, no decision has been reached yet on whether this can be accommodated.
8. DCs discussed at some length various options for their joint participation in the annual programme, following a proposal relayed by Markus from the second MAG meeting for a potential DC-led main session on the 'network of networks' approach to Internet governance. This first emerged as a suggestion by the MAG Chair, who had reflected on the importance of the issue in other venues, such as the World Economic Forum, and how both DCs and National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs) represent successful models in this respect. Some initial feedback on this noted that the topic seemed too general and that a good angle would have to be found to make it worthwhile. Moreover, and given that there still seemed to be confusion over the distinction between DCs and BPFs and how generally intersessional groups work, some DC members noted that there was a need for a session that explains to IGF participants the concept of DCs, the importance of their intersessional work, their history and how those interested can join. Some of the early DC main sessions partly fulfilled this more 'outreach-oriented' objective. It was felt that something along the lines of an introductory 'newcomers' session or a repurposing of DCs' annual coordination session in the programme, to make this more public-facing, could be options. Such a session might also give DCs the opportunity to make brief presentations on their work in a collective setting, as had been the case in prior main sessions. However, should a separate explanatory session on DCs be considered appropriate,, it would be preferable to have it take place on Days 1 or 2, in order to make IGF participants aware of the character of DCs' work, while a more content-related DC session could be placed on Days 3 or 4 , as an opportunity to streamline the outcomes of individual DC sessions into the three main themes of IGF 2019.
9. As a possible further outreach opportunity, DCs were informed a shared booth in the IGF Village might still be possible, should they decide to take advantage of this. It was noted that a final decision on this would need to be reached fairly soon, at the latest during the next coordination call.

10. It was agreed the next DC coordination call should take place in approximately three weeks' time, immediately before the Third Open Consultations and MAG Meeting on 5-7 June. In the interim, discussions would continue on the DCs mailing list as needed.

ANNEX I

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Draft Agenda

- I. Updates from DCs (if any)
- II. Outcomes of the 2nd Open Consultations & MAG Meeting, Expectations for 3rd MAG Meeting
- III. DC Engagement in the IGF Annual Meeting
- IV. AOB

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