



Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Dynamic Coalitions (DC)
Virtual Coordination Meeting XI, 21st January 2020 at 20:00 UTC
Summary Report

1. The fortieth virtual meeting of Dynamic Coalitions Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 21st January 2020 at 20:00 UTC. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Lima Madomi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF website:
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/dc-coordination-meeting-xi>
The meeting was also recorded and is available for download:
https://intgovforum.zoom.us/rec/play/6Jltd7z8_G83HteX5QSDA_V4W9S_LP-s0XAZ86IEnxmzByQLNFWWhY7MWNLe84kvYjqwKTnBRnv8ARv7c?autoplay=true&startTime=1579636215000
rejoice
2. Markus Kummer co-facilitator of the DCs updated the group about the recent activities and the DCs presence in the Berlin IGF. He said that the presence of DC in Berlin IGF was satisfying, including the taking stock of which an update has been shared to the list of DCs. The most highlighted points during the Berlin IGF taking stock session were:
 - a. It has been suggested during the Berlin IGF to have substantive collaboration between interested DCs, and the National and Regional IGFs (NRIs). Suggestion was made that the DCs should not only focus on the annual IGF but should also bring forward their work in the NRI activities. Although DCs have done collaboration with NRIs previously, some may not have even considered this as an opportunity until now. It was expected that thanks to the support of the NRI focal point in the IGF Secretariat these collaborations will be strengthened.
 - b. Different views were held whether to request a main DCs session in the IGF 2020. Most DCs felt that the session was excellent in terms of content, but some thought low participation in the session was a drawback.
 - c. The first MAG face to face meeting took place from 14 - 16 Jan 2020 in Geneva. It was said that more efforts need to be made in order to integrate the various components of the IGF, e.g. BPFs and Dynamic Coalitions in the main proceedings
3. Jutta briefed participants about the recently hosted MAG physical meeting in Geneva. The updates are as follow:
 - a. MAG members express their discontentment during the MAG meeting for all sessions being held in English language, which was perceived as a big barrier for many people. One suggestion was to have some workshop proposals submitted in French language, however, the idea was not widely supported by MAG members.

- b. There was agreement to work towards defining the process for evaluating, proposing and approving BPFs from 2021 onwards. Usually, BPFs should not run beyond three years, although by providing justification about the necessity to run longer an exception could be granted by MAG.
 - c. MAG members discussed the difference between DCs and BPF. It was recalled that while DCs don't receive any Secretariat support. BPFs are supported by a writer provided by the Secretariat to support their work and to produce the BPF report.
 - d. It was seen as important for all DC to have a clear distinction between the governance modes of BPFs and DC. One suggestion was for DCs to consider whether they would transform into a BPF once their work has reached a certain degree of maturity in terms of result and output. Also, BPFs may wish to continue their work after the three years as a DC if they find enough organizations that would like to support running the work of BPFs further. The question was raised whether a DC can move to BPF and then back to DCs. It was confirmed that all these processes are open, however they would require further discussion by the MAG.
 - e. The host country announced Internet United as overarching theme of the 15th IGF.
 - f. Due to strong support to thematic tracks in stocktaking and the programme being more comprehensible the MAG will continue with thematic tracks. Three tracks will follow the 2019 scheme.
 - g. It was decided that the titles of the tracks should be shorter, due to which the tracks had been renamed to Data; previously as data governance, Inclusion; previously as digital inclusion, and Trust; previously as Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience.
 - h. There was certain deliberation between the MAG members about a fourth track of environment/digital economy sustainability based on strong support from stocktaking. It was decided that the MAG will stick with the previous three tracks, however the decision shall be left open for another track. There was no consensus on whether this should be an overarching theme, an additional track or a theme interwoven in all three tracks.
4. It was pointed out that while some of the DCs are having an active collaboration with the NRIs, i.e. EuroDIG, further involvement in intersessional work would require resources. The suggestion was made for an inventory between the annual meeting with regard to DCs activities.
 5. The co-facilitator said that DC main session in IGF2019 was a good exchange among the Dynamic Coalitions, for both panel and DC members participating in the session. It became clear for many DCs out of the main session how their work is related to each other, and there were certain links made between Dynamic Coalitions to continue working together.
 6. It was suggested to have a short presentation about the DCs activities during the introductory sessions of the IGF in the annual IGF. It will be a good opportunity to promote the DCs sessions during the IGF and driving the participants interest toward the DCs sessions.
 7. It was said that Climate issues are a sensitive topic, younger delegates see this as a top priority. Jutta responded by expressing her endorsement, and saying it is an important issue to be considered. However, she said that during the MAG meeting there were some discussions about

it, and it has been said that this specific theme could also feed into the other three tracks as a subtheme.

8. It was said that since the meeting is going to be held in Poland, and Poland is deeply depended on fossil fuels, also under it is own pressure within the EU issues around green policy therefore, it will be important to consider this track as main track. Co-facilitator shows their agreement to the idea and suggested to be in the agenda of the future calls of DCs and to be taken back to the MAG.
9. The IGF Secretariat updated and encouraged the group to take part in the call for validation of thematic track. A request was made for all DCs to respond to the call by sharing their opinions about the thematic tracks, and suggesting any additional track or subtheme if they feel it is important and related.
10. Jutta updated the group about the polish government representative announcement in regard to the youth contest, which will be open from February for youth aged 16-26 from around the world. The contest will have three categories, of posters, short film and essays related to internet governance. Polish government will set up a high-level jury to decide on the entries and on the winners. Probably the decision will be made before summer break so that the winner of the contest shall be able to prepare for their participation in the IGF. During the 15th IGF there will be an awarding ceremony. Travel accommodation for the winners shall be covered by the polish government. It is not clear whether it will be one winner per each category or there will be a first, second and third place. It will be a good opportunity for youth to get aware of IGF itself and IG related issues.
11. It was also decided that the second DC call of the year 2020 will be in four weeks' time.

Annex I
Meeting Participants

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