

Report For The First Meeting of The Dynamic Coalition On Accountability of Internet Governance Organizations

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Description

Dynamic coalition on the accountability of Internet governance organizations had its first meeting at IGF2015, in Brazil, organized by Farzaneh Badiei and Robin Gross. The DC is tasked to look at the accountability mechanisms of Internet governance organizations. As Internet governance organizations are transnational and more or less not in the shadow of law, their accountability mechanisms is very important. Accountability is a complex issue it consists of principles and mechanisms. According to Scholte when we consider accountability we need to understand accountability to whom. Accountability is also based on four mechanisms consultation, evaluation,

Internet governance organizations have somehow similar but also distinct processes for accountability. It varies from membership model, multistakeholder governance, transparency during the consultations and accessibility of the processes for decision making.

Accountability is of importance for different stakeholder groups, it provides effectiveness for civil society requests, it brings stability for business and provides the government with the chance to protect their people's rights.

Conclusion and Outcome

The importance of dynamic coalition on accountability was recognized and it will continue its activities by looking at various Internet governance organizations such as IGF, WSIS , ICANN, RIRs and other IG organizations. it looks specifically into their mechanisms and will formulate groups to discuss the mechanisms and shortcomings of the IG organizations

Agenda and Speakers

1. Setting the agenda for DC and the focus (Robin Gross, Robin talked briefly about the objectives of accountability dynamic coalition and abit of background, 4 minutes)
2. Importance of accountability in IG organizations (Jeanette Hofmann, 2 minutes)
3. The criteria that should be implemented for accountability (here Jan discussed the normative criteria of accountability and other matters , 4 minutes)
4. Different accountability mechanisms existing in IG organizations (Farzaneh Badiei, Farzaneh talked about general mechanisms (what general what are the mechanisms , access to court, arbitration, internal dispute resolution and conflict resolution processes) 1 minute
6. ICANN and its accountability mechanisms (Erika Mann, Erika talked about ICANN's current accountability mechanisms, to whom they are accountable, 6 minutes)

7. Numbers (APNIC, Paul Wilson, Paul talked about APNIC accountability mechanisms and their relation to ICANN, 6 minutes)
8. National NIR, Izumi Okutani: Raising a community issue Language difficulties and accountability, 6 minutes
9. Different stakeholder groups viewpoints (based on personal views and their experience in their stakeholder groups)
Business, Keith Drazek , Verisign, why accountability is important from the viewpoint of business (5 minutes)
Civil Society , Jyoti, CIS, Why civil society cares about accountability (5 minutes)
Government (Jorge), Why governments require accountability from IG venues.(5 minutes)
10. The future of the dynamic coalition: Participants discussion, what should be added and what should be the focus, 45 minutes)

Estimated number of people: 10 to 15