

IGF 2017 Reporting Template

- Session Title: "Financing and building sustainable community networks - the Coolab experience" proposal #111

- Date: 19/12/2017

- Time: 12:10

- Session Organizer: Bruno Vianna

- Chair/Moderator: Bruno Vianna

- Rapporteur/Notetaker: *Unavailable*

- List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations: Peter Bloom (Rhizomatica), Mike Jensen (APC), Lilian Chamorro (Colnodo), Nico Echaniz (Altermundi), Brenda Vilas Boas (Federal University of Pará, Brazil)

- Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue): Financing Community Networks, Sustainability of Community Networks, Regulations for Community Networks.

- If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation: -

- Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):

The discussions involved sharing experiences and difficulties in paying the costs of installation for community networks, both for voice (GSM) and Internet Access projects. Through each participant's personal experience, risks and opportunities were evaluated. It was also raised the importance of fostering sustainability not only in financial terms but also in the context of the local society fabric. The main methods for financing were through grants, a revolving fund and through academia. The idea of crowd funding and selling merchandise was also raised.

- Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs): *None were raised.*

Gender Reporting

- Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session: 60

- Estimate the overall number of women present at the session: 15

- To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment? It was discussed when the need to empower different groups through access technology was presented.

- If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion: Lilian Chamorro mentioned that "Looking for a network is a common element for all in the community and not only for specific groups. "