Session Title: Disinformation and Multi-stakeholder Fact Checker
IGF Theme: Governing Data and Protecting Privacy

Background and description
Expansion of disinformation and misinformation has been damaging trustworthiness of information space on the Internet, and has been causing various risks and harms to economic and societal activities. What could be done to protect freedom of expression while fostering reliable information space on the Internet, or to address risks and harms brought by transmission and expansion of dis- and mis-information in order to protect reliable information space for freedom of expression and democracy. What roles and responsibilities will be expected to the various stakeholders such as the governments, businesses and citizens to address problems of dis- and mis-information. What fundamental elements (conditions) would be necessary to set a sustainable foundation for efforts and initiatives for fact-checking. How fact-checker functions should be organized and deployed? How could we address the issue of the information literacy of the users?

The session will discuss the importance of information sharing on good practices in various countries and regions as well as the significance of strengthening international collaborations, with a special focus on the essential role of multi-stakeholder approach in fact checking initiatives to address transmission and expansion of dis- and mis-information on the Internet.

<Possible agenda items>
➢ Current situation of dis- and mis-information on the Internet
➢ Role and responsibilities of various stakeholders
➢ Sharing good practices for fact checking in individual countries and regions
➢ Needs for fostering information literacy of the users
➢ Importance of international discussion and collaborations on dis- and mis-information

<Possible co-organizers and panelists>
Organizer: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan
Co-organizer ??

<Potential Panelists>
➢ National and regional fact checkers (Europe, American continent, Asia Pacific)
➢ International networks of fact checkers
➢ Global Platform providers
➢ Media
➢ Other experts