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>> Hi, Roberto

>> Hi, Celine

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you for join being the meeting. We're going to wait for Markus to join and I guess a few minutes more until we begin today. Thank you.

>> Video conference has a side effect that you realize when you're not well combed and not well shaved. (Laughing). You tend to be relaxed, and then comes video conference, and your picture suddenly.

>> CELINE BAL: Well, thank you still for putting on the camera. I feel exactly the same. X I saw the put the camera on together with Rajendra I thought I should do.

>> RAJENDRA PRATAP GUPTA: It's become the norm. Normal to see family members. This is the new normal and everyone got used to it.

>> CELINE BAL: That's true. That's true. But somehow I can't get used to it. (Laughing), to the camera. Hi. Wout, I see you also joined the call.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Hello Celine. I shaved and showered bfer the call. (Laughing).

>> Maarten: Good morning.

>> CELINE BAL: I'm going to write to Markus to see if he's joining. We had a call this morning. Perhaps it's a matter of mixing up the calendar.

>> Maarten: How would that be possible, Celine.

>> CELINE BAL: Maarten, I thought this stays between you and me. (Laughing).

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Good to see you all.

>> STIFTUNG DIGITALE: Same from our side. Good to see you all.

>> CELINE BAL: Hi, Jutta.

>> STIFTUNG DIGITALE: I thought most of you would be on the holiday right now. Good to see so many people.

>> CELINE BAL: I see your background. This is very holidayish. (Laughing).

>> Roberto, you probably see also the tan. (Laughing) Without bout call in from Japan.

>> CELINE BAL: In Japan? Without bout for three months.

>> CELINE BAL: Very nice. There are worse places to be for three months.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: He goes every year. From Japan, this is why they visit each year is my impression.

>> CELINE BAL: Roberto, where are you right now?

>> Roberto: Momentarily back to Viena for a couple of days because I have medical examination that I couldn't postpone, but I will drive back as soon as I can.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Shells pulling you to get there.

>> Roberto: And the picture is exactly that.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Your picture? You made it yourself?

>> Roberto: No, I was actually in the crowd down there. Towards the low end. When they gave the start, we couldn't see the start line, 2500 boats. Our idea was to get in the first thousand, and we missed it. We arrived 1064.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: You could almost walk from boat to boat.

>> ROBERTO GAETANO: In the beginning, yes. Although it's not advisable. There were a huge number of accidents, actually in that race.

>> CELINE BAL: So I texted Markus. I believe that he should really log in soon. There must be something happening right now. I suggest that we go on with the meeting. I'm going to share a bit the draft agenda that I also shared this morning with you via email. I just shared it also in the chat. I don't know, Jutta if you want to come in as co-facilitator, feel free to do so. The agenda is as follows. Is there anything that you would like to discuss that is not part of the agenda?

>> JUTTA: Not from my side. I think the agenda is fine. But

over to other participants?

>> CELINE BAL: There is still any other business that we can tackle later. Oh, I see that Markus just joined.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: I think the key points are addressed by the agenda points. And if not we can always ask them at the end.

>> CELINE BAL: Exactly. Markus, I'm not sure if you can already hear us. I can see that your camera is not on right now.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I can hear you. I had to change to log in. I'm not too sure I can manipulate with my phone. Anyway, can we get started?

>> CELINE BAL: Exactly. We went through the agenda already, and adoption of the agenda, so we would then go to the next point, actually, the update from the Secretariat.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Excellent.

>> CELINE BAL: So from our side, not much to report. Meaning that we had end of June the second open consultations and MAG meeting that took place. During that meeting, we mostly discussed, actually the selection of workshop proposals. And also the start of the IGF main sessions. So just shortly about that. The IGF main sessions for now, the MAG decided to organize four main sessions. One under each IGF subtheme.

They are still meeting in groups to really decide on the title but as on the description and by the 20th of August, these IGF main session descriptions should be more or less final and accepted by the MAG during the upcoming virtual meeting of the MAG on the 20th of August.

When it comes to the workshops, there are for now 19 that were selected. Last year, just as a comparison, we had 80 on the program and the MAG actually called for a high number of workshops on the program, just because this is a session that is really being evaluated by the MAG members so they want to see more and more workshops reflected on the program.

Then we also had, besides the MAG meeting, we also had the open consultation's day where we also had the intersessional event for 1.5 hours kindly moderated by Markus, and we also had the chance, the Secretariat to provide more information in general to MAG members in general about what is the IGF intersessional work. For now MAG members, of course, know a lot about Policy Networks and best practice forums because these are intersessional workstreams that are created, let's say by the MAG, and where MAG members are the sort of co-facilitators, but they know rather little about dynamic coalition so it was a nice opportunity to provide an overview not only from the Secretariat but then also from various dynamic coalitions and also, you know, national and regional IGF initiatives, for example, and of course also an input by Policy Networks and best practice forum. The idea was to provide an idea of about what the wealth of knowledge is from the IGF intersessional

work but as how it relates, actually, to this year's IGF 2024 subthemes. Wout was Alts part of it, the DC on sustainability and journalism, et cetera, et cetera.

We will share these notes also later, we're a little bit behind with the meeting notes, both the open consultation and also the MAG meeting but this is still something that will be shared with all of you.

And one last thing that I also wanted to mention regarding the main session preparation. So this year, the MAG, comparable actually to last year, each main session working group has an open mailing list, meaning that whoever would like to provide their expertise can also do so. And in that case, if some of you on the call are ready to, you know, collaborate with some MAG members, especially as observers and still be part of the call, please let me know and then I'll share with you the mailing list to sign up. Again, it's going to be one main session under one of the four IGF subthemes.

And otherwise, we had -- thank you, Rajendra, I see that you posted in the chat. Otherwise, we informed already all workshop organizers about the acceptance or nonacceptance of the workshops, and now we're just finalizing the list of accepted sessions for all other session types, so that includes open forums, launches and awards, networking sessions, lightning talks, and also the DC sessions, so this is one of the reasons why you received from me last week, actually an email, to ask for collaboration. And amongst the dynamic coalitions. And this actually now touches upon my other point in the agenda, the IGF 2024DC sessions and next steps, but before going to that agenda item, let me know if you have any questions regarding the updates from the Secretariat that I just provided.

Thank you. I see no questions for now. Markus, I would just right away go to the next agenda item. I see that you fixed your camera and that you're again on another device. When it comes to the DC sessions --

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Please go on, yes.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you. What we've been doing this year and this is also one of the reasons we had to go back to you, so first MAG members wanted to have a limited number of slots, not only for dynamic coalitions but as for networking sessions and launches and awards. Just something that I mentioned just before, they want to have workshops a little more prominently because they saw over the past years, workshops had proportionally less space on the program than other session types, and at the end of the day, the workshops are the ones, you know, that are really evaluated by MAG members over a course of several weeks, et cetera, et cetera.

So this is the first point. The second point is that a feedback actually received from last year is that we started the

sessions too early and we ended them too late, so last year we started the sessions already at 8:30 and we ended them at 7:00 p.m. And the result of that was that the sessions in the morning or in the late afternoon were just not well visited by the audience and participants.

So this year, we will be starting the IGF sessions already at 9:30 and ending at 6:00. So long story put short, we just have less space on the schedule.

To provide you like an example, last year we had around 355 sessions and this year only allocate maximum 250 on the schedule, 100 more sessions less. That is already a call to the community to have a more focused agenda, to allow for not having duplicates, allow merging of sessions where there is topical overlap, et cetera, et cetera.

Now, we have secured 10 to 12 Dynamic Coalition slots of 19 minutes, and this is now where we came back to you last week where we asked for dynamic coalitions to actually really collaborate amongst each other. So, I've seen, for example, and thank you, for example to Maria who is collaborating with the Dynamic Coalition on digital inclusion on measuring digital inclusion, but as on the dynamic coalition for example, on data-driven health technologies and some others here on the call who are, again, willing to collaborate.

So I'm going to stop now and just, you know, let me know if you have any questions, and also regarding the next steps of this merger exercise.

>> RAJENDRA PRATAP GUPTA: Yeah. Celine, I got a possibility email about working with the other session. By when you need a response by that. What's the last date to respond to that.

>> CELINE BAL: That's a good question. I didn't give a deadline and wanted to give you enough space to reach out to other dynamic coalition et cetera, but the program will be, the draft schedule will be shared in the first two weeks of August. Because what's going to happen is that now we're going back to all of the session organizers with the acceptance of their session, but we're also asking them to reconfirm. So first to reconfirm that they're still going to organize their session, because something of what they submitted in May may be, you know, may have changed over the course of the past months.

And then also to let us know whether the minimum requirement of holding a session is still feasible, so having at least two speakers on site.

And then we know more about those sessions that will be canceled or not, and from past experience, very few sessions are being canceled so I wouldn't count on too many open slots, let's say, on the waiting list. Long story cut short, by beginning of

August we will have a draft schedule that we will then share with organizers, and I would say that by then it would be great to already have a final list of Dynamic Coalition sessions. Thank you.

>> RAJENDRA PRATAP GUPTA: Follow-up question. We choose who we want to work with or you're giving us some us some options. Do we have a list that have to make some informed choice is this.

>> CELINE BAL: I shared with you the email with the dynamic coalitions, also a list of the sessions that have been submitted. This is where you can have a look. Let us know about two or three different Dynamic Coalition proposals that you see and then we can let you know more about their plans or also connect you to one another. Thank you. Maarten.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thanks. I fully appreciate the task you have here to streamline this. One of the things as we work with volunteers and for many of them, the focus on the one-year event, it's an important driver to be part of it. So there any way, shape, or form that for instance if we work with another DC, so that's at least two-DC proposal, that it's a guaranteed acceptance? Because some certainty will help in reshaping the agenda for DCIOT in line with the original take, but I can see how you can divert it a little bit, but then yeah, you need to keep people on board and then adjust it as well.

>> CELINE BAL: You mean if there is a certainty that for example if you merge with another Dynamic Coalition that this merger will then be for the session?

No, we actually received 24 session proposals this year, and most of them are 90-minute slot, and we kind of like secured 10 to 12, 90-minute slots for DC sessions on the program. So this is the reason why we would appreciate having at least two dynamic coalitions coming together because then it would fit into those 10 to 12 Dynamic Coalition sessions.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: So two together is a guarantee.

>> CELINE BAL: Exactly. I do not think it would be a problem because we see a lot of dynamic coalitions are collaborating right now, which of course we appreciate a lot, and this is also something that we wanted to tell to dynamic coalitions as there are really different ways of engaging, actually, with you know in the IGF program.

So for example, we'll have this year the joint Dynamic Coalition booth, that's for that.

And then we also will be working on a Dynamic Coalition main session. Yes, of course, the slots of speakers on the program are limited but we tried to also provide enough space for the audience, and the audience of course of Dynamic Coalition members to also take the floor during the session.

And then another point is to also go through the program, actually of the IGF 2024 and let us know whether there are some

session, not only Dynamic Coalition sessions, but as some other sessions of your interest because then we can always reach out to the organizer who are still now in the process of shaping their own session and finalizing the list of speakers, so this is also a nice way to have dynamic coalitions contribute to other IGF sessions.

So we really want you to know that, so that you're not only, let's say, bound to the Dynamic Coalition session that you're submitted, if it makes sense what I'm just saying.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Yes, it does. And the guarantee will help getting the people on board because if the Dynamic Coalition would just be us guys here on the call, it would be simple. But there is a long till, so thanks for that.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes. Maria?

>> MARIA DE BRADEFER: Thank you for the update. I had two quick questions about the sessions, too. First I was wondering, if we can already -- is it already possible to edit the sessions on the platform or we still have to wait a little bit so we can edit the information?

And the second question was more about the, so we submitted a flash session, as you know. And because I've never done one of those sessions before, I was wondering if we need to do the same things as we need for the other ones, so because it's quite a short session, and I know it's like only 30 minute, I think. So we also need, can we have for example only one presenter or we still need to have two on-site speakers? Just curious about that. Thanks.

>> CELINE BAL: Of course. Regarding the edits, I'm going to ask my IT colleague because I know that he opened it for other session types, but I'm not sure about the Dynamic Coalition. Before I tell you something, I'm going to ask to make sure I don't say anything wrong.

Regarding the lightning talks, as you said, those are very short sessions. So this is normally, I mean you have the session as you want, right. But normally we've seen that those lightning talks is just one or two persons. And it is in person only. Right. So there is not going to be any virtual component, so for that if you want to be the only one, for example, participating in the lightning talk as a speaker, please feel free to do so, there is no limit of maximum or minimum speakers.

>> MARIA: Perfect. Thank you.

>> CELINE BAL: Wout, I'm not sure if you still want to take the floor?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes. Thank you. The second question has been answered because where we discussed, yes, we are willing to downsize our number of sessions if we would be involved, for example, in the main sessions that the MAG is going to organize, or is that something that we will be reached out to -- or do we need to reach out when that is -- when more is known in a couple of weeks?

The second question is what if two different DCs approached me and said, will you merge with me? And both are, indeed, the right sort of topics to merge on? What happens then? Can you merge twice?

>> CELINE BAL: I mean, the idea is really to have for one session to have at least two dynamic coalitions involved. Right. So for example, we have one Dynamic Coalition that has -- that reached out to several dynamic coalitions for five minute speaking spot. Meaning they're going to be on the panel, they will be part of shaping the key takeaways and messages of the session, so there is nothing speaking against having several speaking slots here and there. Do you see what I mean?

Also when it comes to the first question regarding the main session, so the main sessions, it's rather the organization of the main session. It's not automatically being a speaker on the panel, right. And for that, if you want to be part of the main session working group of one of the main sessions, reach out to me and then I'm going to let you know about the various themes and can share with you also the mailing list for you to sign up. Yeah.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Thank you.

>> CELINE BAL: Of course. So, Rajendra just asked a question in the chat. So here again this is something that we'll be discussing later in this call, is the DC main session proposals. So, there is again, no guarantee that we will have a main session in the program because we still have to approach the MAG. But for your information, for your information, we scheduled for now in the draft schedule a 75-minute slot for a DC main session. Last year we had 90 minutes, and this year we had to cut it down to 75. This is not only for the dynamic coalitions but as for the Policy Networks and best practice forums that are having their session in the Plenary hall.

Why that? Just because again, we have 1.5 hours less on the schedule compared to last year, so this is the only way of how we could allocate the various sessions there.

If there aren't any questions, I would give back the floor to Markus.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yes. Thank you. Can I maybe just a few comments on that. The starting point was we have to -- we not not every Dynamic Coalition will be automatically give an slot. The idea was to see if we can have more collaborative sessions. And to Wout's question, I wouldn't call it a merger, but if you decide your dynamic coalitions decides to work together with two other Dynamic Coalitions to have a session, that's absolutely perfect. That shows that dynamic coalitions are collaborating and the main aim is to contribute to the program.

That is that. And the other comment is we are talking here about the substantive sessions, but nothing prevents you from having



your type of AGM type meeting, the only type of meeting a year where you're actually physically together. Every Dynamic Coalition will be actually given a room where they can actually meet. That's slightly different. That's more of a procedural thing where you actually can have a annual general meeting and talk to each other and decide on your work plan. That is an option that is to the broader audience, but it is of interest of course to the members of the Dynamic Coalition where you can discuss on how to organize your work, and I think that's important, and that we have guaranteed.

Are there more comments or questions? Minda has a hand up.

>> MINDA MOREIRA: Hello, everyone. My question was exactly because of the fact that some of the coalitions use these DC slot for their general annual meetings, and so kind of already answered.

So what I understand is that these slots for the DC coalitions, the ones that we are now trying to collaborate with and merge are for sessions that were not workshops, but are something that we put -- that we come together and discuss together, and the channel meetings would be then in another room that we can request at will instead. Is that what I understood, correct?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yes. That's a correct summing up of what I tried to say as well. Just there are two types of sessions. The one maybe two or three dynamic coalitions together and have a substantive session as part of the program, and that will be part of the program and like a workshop or like a Policy Network session. But the other one is precisely we understand the need for dynamic coalitions to get together to discuss their work plan in a kind of general meeting, and that conference center has enough rooms but that's not part of in a way of the official program of the participants. That's really just then for the members of the dynamic coalitions. Of course, it's also an opportunity for you to recruit new members. You can advertise it and, in a way, we'll discuss also the idea of having a booth in the village. Can you use it to build your dynamic coalitions to invite people to join your Dynamic Coalition and then also go to your annual general meeting, which is, we have a way of -- and this is the kind of meeting. But it doesn't mean it's not important. It's just not part of the general program. But it will be an opportunity for the dynamic coalitions. Have I summed it up correctly, Celine.

>> CELINE BAL: Absolutely. Thank you, Markus.

>> MINDA MOREIRA: I have another question. And that is well because we want to get back to our members with these changes, and they are important changes so, the other question is is it something that is just for this year or is it something that we will start doing for the next IGFs as well?

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you. So this is, indeed, something that will also be happening in the next coming years. What we aim

to do is actually to already start -- so prior to the submission process that we already start working on some joint Dynamic Coalition submissions because I do not think that the MAG will lift, let's say, that requirement of having a limited number of slots, for example like dynamic coalitions or networking sessions or lightning talks or whatever. So this is definitely something that we'll have to also do in the future, a kind of common exercise to submit joint Dynamic Coalition proposals.

>> MINDA MOREIRA: Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Of course, it must be part of the overall work -- (audio breaking up) -- keep it as focused as we can and see how it goes, see if we need to refine it for the following year.

With that, can we go then to the agenda items, the next one.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Yeah. Just to say that the thing is, it was a surprise as such. Because we've been preparing for all sessions. But overall, I think it's a good thing, last year and often see competing events on similar subjects which makes it difficult to choose through. I encourage us also to work with Policy Networks and other sessions to be as much on subject per session as we can be and have little competition as we can. I really appreciate the option for more administrative side sessions as well for the coherence of the dynamic coalitions that need that. Thank you for arranging there.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. Celine, can you guide us through the agenda.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes. The next agenda item would be the preparation of the DC main session proposal. So, Markus, you had an idea.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yes. Well, we had in intersessional event which I think went reasonably well. I think we managed to showcase to the MAG and broader community that the DCs do some actual work and interesting work, and I think it was, what I heard at least, was it was generally well received.

So, I now wonder whether we actually build on that, you know, and the main aim of that session event was, yes of course, to showcase the work of the DCs but as show that the DCs can contribute to the main themes that the MAG had defined to this year's meeting.

Now, I wonder whether we could -- it says look, you have seen what we can do and what can we do to contribute to the IGF main meeting at the annual meeting, could you give us you as MAG, could you give us as DCs a theme for our main session and we could build around that and sort of contribute to the overall program. In the past it was always us who have defined a theme, tried to build something around it, and also we had chosen a sufficiently high level of abstraction to make the roof broad enough for all to fit under that roof. But, again, as we and I think be we were able to show that we can actually contribute to any of the big themes chosen by the

MAG, what is it five, and whatever the MAG would think based on your presentation last month that we could then pick up that -- you give us a theme and let's work together, let's work around it.

Now, this is just an idea, for us having to come together and defining ourselves a theme, but we just would then get a theme from the MAG and work around it. (audio breaking up).

I will throw it into the MAG's court. Would you come back from the MAG or would you prefer as we would done in the past to define our theme for our main session. This is a question I would like to ask and I look forward to your reaction to that.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Markus. Perhaps, I think your connection is not that stable, you've been breaking up a few times. Perhaps it's better if you turn off your camera.

>> RAJENDRA PRATAP GUPTA: I'm turning off --

>> CELINE BAL: Maarten.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: I think there are two things that we all are thinking of in some way, shape, or form. One is, and they relate to the four points. Of course, you can pick one of the four points. The two things I'm thinking of is inclusion digital divide is the one thing that is clearly no where as well addressed as at the IGF and I think we all touched upon it.

The other one is, of course, the innovation and risk -- the security issues that we saw come up with the Crowd Strike thing, how do we make sure while dependence on systems grows, that we can continue to work. These two subjects, either both or one of them I would happily contribute to.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Wout has a hand up.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes. Thank you, Markus. A concern and opportunity, I think. What I would like to go back to is the IGF is about the only opportunity for the Dynamic Coalition to really present itself. For some of us, admittedly not us this year, but some of us will bring their annual report or report their annual outcome to the IGF. If that is totally disappearing on merging or cooperating sessions and we see where the theme is picked by the MAG and it may not fit, then how does a tangible outcome ever come across?

So in other words, this is the only way to, one, show what you've done, but b, attract people that say oh, that's interesting and I should become part of it. We need new members through the years. We need different people to come aboard to stay alive. We need funding in some cases and that can only usually be achieved through meetings and presentations at the IGF. That's the concern. The opportunity is that we show, hey we get this theme and yes, look what we could do in a couple of months to come up with the results, as long as the results become a whole story of the IGF as a tangible outcome, because otherwise it would be futile. We need a balance between the two. Losing our slots in the future as well is we become

less relevant. We're trying to become more relevant. That's what we've been discussing in the past two or three years, how to become more relevant. That seems to be lost in the decline of our number of sessions somehow. So how do we -- how do we strike that balance? I think we need to think about this seriously because otherwise we may become marginalized. Thanks.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. One question is do we actually have an overview of which Dynamic Coalition has something to present? I mean a new report. I know, for instance, DCAN is working on a revision of accessibility guidelines. I know that because I've seen the emails. Do we actually have an overview of what the DCs actually have in the pipeline? That's more a question addressed to Celine?

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Markus. There is no overview yet. This is also something we've been discussing. We can actually reach out via a short survey again amongst all dynamic coalitions to let us know what their plan is and also for the IGF 2024.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Then the question is if we do -- Rajendra says this the chat that he has -- Dynamic Coalition is something on environment and digital health has a report.

So the question is obviously, you may be able to present the report at the main session where it fits in. We don't know yet what the main session will look like, but we discussed that earlier this year also. Should we not try to make sure that we integrate the DCs also into main sessions or other sessions that could be also part of a Policy Network if it's related, or whatever. But you can also present the report at the DC session you may have or joint DC session. I would not see a DC main session as particularly attractive if it's just a sequence of reports to be presented, but that's just my view. I mean also not sure whether our main sessions have always been that attractive to non-DC participants. Quite often we had actually very limited participation in the room of the DCs, of the DC main session. But this is obviously, how do we make a main session attractive, it's 75 minutes, and it's not that easy. If you just have a sequence of reports, I'm not sure that is the right approach. But I'm in your hands. Other comments? Rajendra, can we have a separate theme for the DC. Maarten suggested digital inclusion, on the other hand, vulnerabilities, something along those lines. Again, we don't know yet how the MAG will shape their main sessions.

If we come up with something, it could be a overlap or duplication of what the MAG wants to do. That's why I had the idea of rather working hand in hand with the MAG. But another option could be that we present options. Like Maarten said, we could do this or we could do that. That could actually be a opportunity that we say that we discussed it and we see maybe these one, two, or three

possible themes for the DC main session, and we would like to have feedback from the MAG on what does the MAG think of how best does this fit into the overall program. The floor is open. Your ideas are welcome.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: I think my hand is up first looking at the line. I agree with you, Markus, on the main session. We stepped away from individual presentations as much as possible and I think that really worked. But then we had our own sessions to present our outcomes. And that sort of disappears. And that is a concern for -- at least for my dynamic coalition that becomes a concern that we cannot present outcomes because we depend on some sort of exposure at the IGF.

So that's buy I think it's important to strike this balance, but yes I do agree that our main session, we can show other strengths of the dynamic coalitions as long as people come in and MAG members come in and notice. But that means that we have to perhaps also advertise the sessions harder than we've done before.

But so what I'm advocating is for finding the balance between individuals, dynamic coalitions, and us as a collective. Thanks.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. And the point that you made is obviously well taken. Obviously, if a Dynamic Coalition has a major outcome to present, they should be given the opportunity in one way or another to do that.

But that's why I think to have a survey to see what is actually in the pipeline. But nobody can tell me that all dynamic coalitions have major outcomes every year. That I don't think is what will happen. Not all of them are actually that oriented. We discussed that in the past the different nature of the dynamic coalitions, and I did mention DCANT that has produced some years' back the guidelines and now they're revising the guidelines and, yes, that will be I think a major outcome again. But that doesn't happen every year, you know. That's I think -- the revision will be after, how long are they around, 10 year's or more. It's not an annual event. That's why I think it's important to keep track so that we actually know what's in preparation, and I think that is also an element that needs to be taken into account when the slots are distributed to the dynamic coalitions. Yes, if a Dynamic Coalition has something to present, then obviously that's an argument for being given a slot. Other comments?

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: I think I'm next. I recognize the point that Wout says in particular when you're also sponsored by others to do work, then the visibility is an extra incentive to sponsor.

I think we're now talking about the Dynamic Coalition joint session, and further to the point I was making earlier, maybe we don't even need one theme. Maybe we can even have two, maybe even three. I don't know. It shouldn't be more than three for sure.

But one or two.

And if I think back to the Dynamic Coalition, the big meeting in Berlin, that sticks in my head as a excellent one where the room was also full of interested people and that worked very well. So independent facilitator who really goes around to one or two or makes three themes and asks questions for input, I think that could be a lively session.

That with all of the work that we've done, and that will be a way to also make it attractive to others to say hey, what came out of that and what can we learn.

In addition to the one, two or next three themes, I would say let's have a very good independent moderator that can make it fascinating to those in the room.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you.

>> JUTTA CROLL: I'm sorry.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Jutta, please.

>> JUTTA CROLL: I think I was next in the line, and I totally agree with what Martin said. I do think that we should focus on themes that we can gather around with all of the dynamic coalitions. The only challenges that I see is that while we had in Berlin more time, which was 90 minutes and less dynamic coalitions. We now have 75 minutes and much more dynamic coalitions to bring under that kind of umbrella theme, though that might be a huge challenge. But I definitely suggest to abstain from individual reports from one to the next and the next Dynamic Coalition because that's what we have as sessions for dynamic coalitions are also somehow involved in other workshops and proposals, and I do think that if we get a main session for dynamic coalition we must come together to have main messages from dynamic coalitions that we can gather around. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Is there another hand up? For some reason I can't see the hands.

>> RAJENDRA PRATAP GUPTA: Yeah. Thank you, Markus. Markus, as I see and over the years that we have seen at IGF, it represents all of those connected to the Internet, and even those not connected, we speak for them as well. I think now as the DC digital economy, we see 1 out of 3 still not connected. So one side to focus on issues and how to connect those to the digital world, and of course those who are in the digital world and challenges of things that we focus on.

So maybe taking both of them will make the session more attractive because at the end of the day, we want be to bring everyone to leverage it. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Who is next? I take it --

>> CELINE BAL: No one on the line.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: No one is on the line. Yes, trying to sum up what I heard. I think that my suggestion didn't get must

traction that we ask the MAG. Whereas I think what Maarten suggested seems to get more traction that we define and maybe gather around two or three themes and focus on what we think are the strengths of the IGF. I think digital inclusion, digital divide is definitely a theme to contribute a lot, also as dynamic coalitions, we also have a lot of expertise in the security area, and also technical sphere and also principles and the core values of the Internet. These are sort of the clusters where I think we have collective strength.

Now, how do we take this further? I see a thumb's up from Minda.

So, please, Maarten, yes, please.

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: I think you can't see the chat. But maybe we can use the questionnaire to propose themes and have some open space for if a brilliant theme comes up. But Celine announced a questionnaire, that makes a lot of sense because not every DC is on the call and that way we could maybe within a couple of weeks come to some clarity on where to gather around.

And mind you, this is different than the subject of the DC sessions. This is about the common session.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Correct, yes. Yes. That was -- you anticipated what I was going to suggest. Maybe we can have some kind of written procedure. The deadline for us, I think needs to be the next MAG meeting, which is more or less a month from now, correct, Celine, the 19 of August?

>> CELINE BAL: It's the 20th of August. This is where in that meeting, this is where all of the various MAG working groups can gather together to introduce proposals. It would be good by if the 20th of August we have at least a theme that we can agree on for the DC main session I mean.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: My suggestion then would be could we have this kind of questionnaire, and it will be a form of a Google Doc or whatever, whatever suits you best as Secretariat, it's up to you to decide whatever you're comfortable with. We get together again maybe in kind of two weeks from now or so that we actually look at what the result is of the written procedure and finalize then the themes that we will present to the MAG meeting on the 20th of August.

Could this make sense?

Celine, you are the one with the most work to do with it. So please shout if it doesn't work for you.

>> CELINE BAL: No, of course. Perhaps just a question to Maarten. You mentioned the questionnaire for the DC main session. What would you like to have in that questionnaire exactly?

>> MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: You were talking about a survey anyway. So one question is as you indicated, what concrete outputs do you want to present this IGF and Wout already raised his hand and mine as well at that point.

That's one thing. The other thing is it's really the focus on, so what themes could we align behind. I think we don't need to have democratic process to see who our moderator is going to be. A good independent person. I hope that we can coalesce around the themes. The two themes I propose, I'll put them again in the chat, they could be there. If there is somebody else having a theme that they can get it in, or maybe even an open field. Although, that's always dangerous, but in that way, the ask to all of us is would this be a useful focus taking into account the work that we do. I'm aware of some of the dynamic coalitions. I can see that some of it would be IS3C, some CIV, some of it would be more from the inclusion DCs. So, I think it should work. I think we should keep it as simple as possible as Jutta rightly said. We don't want one sentence per DC in relation to the question of the moderator also. We want to have groups of discussion. We can organize that because after 20 of August, if we get some clarity, we still have time to organize ourselves towards those topics. But yeah. So I would recommend on the survey to propose the two things that I proposed and maybe if anybody else has another suggestion for also add that at that point and pick the top two or three proposals.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you, Maarten. I think that's a excellent suggestion. As a cluster I mentioned rights, principles, and core values. These are, I know there are dynamic coalitions working on the issues and done some excellent work. That might be another cluster, but other people may have different ideas. That's fine as well.

Can we then agree on that, and does that work? Two weeks should be enough time, really? Okay, it's a little bit holiday season in Europe, but it does not make much work for the doo dynamic coalitions to come with an idea in the Google Doc and broad theme. It doesn't have to be fleshed out in detail. Then we get together again in two week's time from now, that is the week starting on 5 of August, and then we make a final decision of what we want to agree on. Maximum, I think is three themes. Yes, if we have 75 minutes, that's roughly 20 minutes for each theme. We have also introduction and summing up, so maybe a little more than 20 minutes but that should be okay.

Okay. Can we agree on that? It's okay if Celine, you can handle that?

>> CELINE BAL: Of course. Of course.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Not so much. It's holiday period as well. If you say I'm going two weeks on holiday, that would be rather difficult. But okay, with that, we can then go to the next agenda. Back to you, Celine.

>> CELINE BAL: The next agenda is a pretty short one, just to keep in mind that we do organize a joint Dynamic Coalition booth. We submitted the proposal and what's going to be important, only



once the draft schedule has been released, is to have then a let's say time table where all of the interested dynamic coalitions would let us know about their availability so that there is always at least one person at the booth, and we're thinking and this is already an idea that we shared in the past to have actually to work on a brochure for dynamic coalitions so one brochure of the overall IGF introduced and also other ones so this th is something that we can print out and have at our booth. In addition of course to those brochures that you as dynamic coalitions would like to contribute. Any questions regarding that Dynamic Coalition booth is this.

>> JUTTA CROLL: Yes. My question would be whether there is also already information available in regard of shipping of material to the convention center so that we are prepared, to be sure that everything will be there in time?

>> CELINE BAL: Of course, unfortunately, there is not information yet. So, I will ask Elinarum in charge of IGF village, but to my knowledge, there hasn't been any official communication with the host country regarding shipping material details, but this is something that we will of course be working on now in summer just because we are starting with a IGF preparations. We'll let you know.

>> JUTTA CROLL: If I may, I have another suggestion in regard to the booth.

>> CELINE BAL: Of course.

>> JUTTA CROLL: I remember that we had different experiences in previous IGFs with such a joint booth, and I would like to recommend on the one hand that even the booth can be used for, if you have a good time schedule to present the work of dynamic -- of specific Dynamic Coalition, if there would be a possibility to announce that at once for example people that are interested in this set or that, may gather at the booth at a certain time to use that space as well for kind of dissemination.

The second thing could be that we agree on certain times where maybe dynamic coalitions will meet at the booth. I think that could also be productive, not only at the end of the IGF but in the course of the week that we know probably on Tuesday around noon, we will gather their change experience, make other people aware of what we've been doing in our own session or in another session, to make it a bit more -- yes, it's not only manning the booth or womaning the booth, but as meeting at the booth.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you. I like the word of womaning at the booth.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: All good suggestions, yes.

>> CELINE BAL: Indeed. I think it is a great opportunity, indeed, as you said Jutta, to use the booth as you said in the best possible ways, not only to have a person behind but as to use it to meet with other DCs, et cetera. This is something that we can

also coordinate within the calls to prepare the week of the IGF. Any other thoughts?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Well, the point was made that maybe we should also make more effort to advertise our main session. The booth would then be an excellent opportunity to do that and to be more proactive in actually promoting the DCs individual sessions but as the DC main session.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, indeed. Also at the DC main session to refer to the booth so that people can actually go back and directly engage with people behind the booth. I see that Roberto has a hand up.

>> ROBERTO GAETANO: Yeah, just building up Jutta's comment. I fully agree. I think that the worst thing that can happen is that people have to face an empty booth with just some paper to get. But we also shouldn't fall in the opposite direction. I think it's okay to have DC meetings in the booth, but that rights calendarization.

So if we can assume that we can get a little bit of organization on, you know, how to have presence, minimum presence in the booth, not to exceed the maximum presence at the booth. Thank you.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Roberto. I'm going to quickly jump in. You're totally correct, and this is actually where before submitting the joint DC proposal we came back to the dynamic coalitions to really ask what Dynamic Coalition will be on site because it will require some on site presence and would also be contributed in contributing. So we have for now at least 10 to 12 dynamic coalitions, and we believe that this is a nice, you know, a nice number to make sure that the booth will always be staffed and, we will coordinate as good as possible early beforehand so that, you know, it is not only a booth that exhibits a few documents and papers without anyone behind but as that there is proper coordination amongst the dynamic coalitions. Thank you so much for these comments.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Any other comments, questions, suggestions? As Jutta mentioned, we have tried with a booth, but it was not a mitigated success in the past. It's good to see that there is interest and let's really try to make best possible use of it and actually also use the booth as a sort of recruiting center to make people interested in the DCs and welcome them, why don't you join this or that DC if you're interested in this or that subject. Minda, you have a hand up.

>> MINDA MOREIRA: Yeah. I just wanted to add to what you said. Because, yeah, I was in some IGFs where we tried DC joint coordination booth, and unfortunately didn't work very well. But we also had the experience of several years having our own DC booth for the RPC, and it worked really well. It was so important.

If we can manage to make it work, you will see that you will really make a difference. I think that is a really important

project to work on.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. I take it as an encouraging comment. Thank you. If there are no other comments or questions, I think we have reached the end of our agenda. Any other business? Any last messages, Celine, that you have?

>> CELINE BAL: No. Perhaps just as an information, but this is something actually that we didn't want to share first because we're not sure if this is something that we will be able to go ahead with.

In the middle of the IGF village, there will be a central stage. This is where we will have some launching award sessions and some opportunity, you know, networking sessions and whatever. And actually together with the Elinore, we're thinking of perhaps even having some kind of receptions. So kind of kick off -- short kickoff events of like 15 minutes for each booth organizer so that they can invite the audience, the crowd to come to their booth. It is still a work in progress. We don't know if we'll be heading toward that direction and whether we're able to organize these things, but to keep it in the back of our mind because then with the joint DC booth, it will be a nice opportunity to invite the audience to the booth itself.

And then, actually, nothing else from my side. Markus, you suggested to meet in about two week's time, the week of the 5th of August. I'll send out a Doodle poll with different times, this time in the afternoon and not morning, UTC. That would be it. Thank you so much.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. With that, I hand if over to Jutta to close the session as you are the co-facilitator.

>> JUTTA CROLL: Thank you to all who has attended the session, I think it was very well protect you have. Thank you to Celine for organizing and moderator. Thank you all. Bye-bye. See you in two week's time.

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