

# IGF DYNAMIC COALITIONS: EXAMPLES OF RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTPUTS

## DC on Children's Rights in the Digital Environment

The DC on Children's Rights in the Digital Environment ([DC-Children](#)) has almost 60 individual and organisational members from civil society, private sector, academia and government across the world. The individual outputs of these individuals and organisations are considerable, ranging from service delivery, law and policy development and implementation, training, research and advocacy. All with the goal of understanding, promoting and protecting children's broad and diverse rights in relation to the digital environment. In the context of the IGF the DC has a strategic focus on facilitating the stakeholder dialogue on human rights, advocating for children being respected as right holders and early adopters of digital technologies.

Between 2018 and 2022, achievements that have contributed to the knowledge base upon which the DC operates include:

- **Law and Policy:** Active role in development of the [General Comment No. 25 \(2021\)](#) on children's rights in relation to the digital environment, adopted by Committee on the Rights of the Child in April 2021.
- **Advocacy:** Stiftung Digitale Chance in Germany and ECPAT International have been active participants in shaping an EU regulatory environment that prioritises the rights of children to protection provision and participation.
- **Research:** Members such as UNICEF, ICMEC, London School of Economics/Global Kids Online, Council of Europe, CJCP South Africa, Hans Bredow Institute and ECPAT International and Stiftung Digitale Chancen have conducted research that is furthering our collective knowledge in the field. Just a few examples include: [Disrupting Harm](#), [Global Kids Online](#), [Cryptocurrency and the trade in Online Child Sexual Abuse Material](#)
- **Operations:** Members including the Internet Watch Foundation, Jugendschutz, Safernet Brasil and Child Rescue Coalition are helping remove child sexual abuse material from the Internet.
- **Education and Training:** Members such as ConnectSafely, Childnet, [Chicos.net](#) and Insafe have continued to expand their engagement with children, parents and others to build an online world that is fit for children.

Faced with children's increasing exposure to risk and harm online, and mindful of all of children's rights, the DC - Children's Rights in the Digital Environment will shape and accelerate collective action from 2023 to advocate for evidence-based regulation and prevention strategies.

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## **DC on Data Driven Health Technologies**

The Dynamic Coalition on Data Driven Health Technologies ([DC-DDHT](#)) was established in 2019. The mandate of the DC is to provide an open forum for public discussion on matters pertaining to the development of the internet and the associated eco-system of advanced technologies. At the heart of the DC-DDHT are the issues related to the development of the Medical Internet of Things (MIoT) and patient-specific medical services to the people and especially to the specific individual.

The DC-DDHT in 2022 brought together medical doctors, nurses, technologists, developers, scientists, economists, robotists, human rights specialists, international medical standard setters, and others, into an engaging space for collaborative, interdisciplinary conversations. These events have been open to the public. The focus is on emerging issues for end users, such as patients and the realization that for best standards, the end user's input should be, a critical influencer, for the development of MIoT.

The DC-DDHT is a member of UN ITU technical communities on the development of artificial intelligence (which collaborates with WHO) and the internet. Our members and content contributors are active with WHO on academic medical faculties, work in the medical developer field and lead medical informatics. We are also the global citizens, from all walks of life around the world who have been promised Health and Wellness for All under the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 3.

The DC-DDHT has a living book "*Health Matters, Technologies Driving Change in Health Care, A Community of Thought*", which has been written by international experts and the public alike. The book educates on current matters that have impact for the DC-DDHT's work.

DC-DDHT has also explored the quality of data, issues for data security, data privacy and the ethical issues of block-chain, artificial intelligence, machine learning, quantum technologies, and so forth.

These matters have also been brought to the attention, of senior international government officials working in this space and the media.

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## **DC on Data and Trust**

The Dynamic Coalition on Data and Trust ([DC-DT](#)) was created by EURid and Oxford Information Labs in 2020 on the onset of the pandemic. It set out to study issues relating to trust on data and information online, with the remit of (a) connecting the dots between digital infrastructure –namely the role of the DNS— and content; and (b) exploring the extent to which actors in one segment of the ecosystem can take effective actions to curb abuse in other segments. This is an important, yet often underexplored field in Internet governance.

In its nearly two years of existence, the DC-DT's main achievements may be summarised as follows:

### *1. Space for dialogue and identification of trends.*

The DC-DT has provided a space for exchange to relevant community stakeholders to exchange views and has facilitated the collective identification of evolving trends in the sector. The initial focus of the group in 2020 was to explore DNS industry responses to the COVID-19 pandemic to combat disinformation or scams relating to Covid-19 in the DNS. In 2021, the group held an open consultation with DC members to identify evolving challenges and develop a new agenda. Issues under discussion evolved to cover (a) upcoming responsibilities for data accuracy and management among stakeholders from the DNS ecosystem under the new NIS directive and (b) innovative ways for industry to combat domain name use in disinformation or criminal activity and respond to crisis situations (such as the pandemic).

### *2. Solution finding and identification of best practices.*

Through multiple IGF and intersessional workshops (including at events such as EuroDIG), email discussions and consultations, the DC-DT has managed to accompany the multistakeholder community working at the intersection of Internet infrastructure and content in debating about these evolving industry challenges, and identifying best practices. All coordinated activities have sought to facilitate action-oriented conversations. Most recent workshops have covered issues such as the deadlock generated attempts to agree on definitions of DNS abuse and proactive industry initiatives to actually address abuse, or required DNS community cooperation to contribute to enhancing trust on data and information online. The IGF 2022 session will discuss the importance of ensuring adequate access to DNS data to develop evidence-based solutions, enhance accountability and better understand the role of the DNS on building and maintaining and ecosystem of online trust.

The DC-DT is one additional forum contributing to the evolution towards positive outcomes in the DNS industry, such as development of innovative industry programs to combat DNS abuse (see Learning from industry best practices in "[Moving past the definition deadlock to address DNS Abuse](#)"). The role of the IGF's DC is crucial to enable multi stakeholder conversations and rally relevant actors to actively engage in conversation and collective identification of both challenges and opportunities for action.

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## **DC on Digital Health**

The Dynamic Coalition on Digital Health ([DC-Digital Health](#)) was initiated in April 2022. The DC is not just timely but critical to showcase and enhance the role of the Internet and the Internet of things in digital health. This will aim to boost the adoption of digital health to make healthcare affordable, effective, and outcome-driven, with patient centricity as its overarching theme.

*Goals:*

- o Galvanize stakeholders from across the globe in digital health through this dynamic coalition on a single platform.
- o Engage global stakeholders and grassroots organizations to address the critical issues for the success of digital health across developed, developing, and underdeveloped economies.
- o Showcase the implementers at the annual IGF and disseminate the information needed to boost the adoption of digital health.
- o Work with clinicians and allied health professionals besides the healthcare managers across the private and public sectors to boost the adoption of digital health.

*Key deliverables in the past six months since the inception:*

1. We are conducting a global study on 'State of Digital Health 2022' and are releasing the preliminary findings at IGF- Ethiopia
2. DC-Digital Health lead will be present in person at IGF 2022 in Ethiopia.
3. IGF- Digital Health co-hosted the Global Digital Health Summit, Expo & Innovation Awards in New Delhi. This summit gathered the best global minds to discuss various aspects of Digital Health.
4. We drafted the pledge ' Digital Health for All by 2028', released by the Union Minister at the Prime Minister's office, Government of India, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in New Delhi. The same has been presented to Dr. Tedros, Director General of the World Health Organization and the Chairman of the Board WHO Foundation.

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## **DC on Gender and Internet Governance**

The work of DC-Gender and Internet Governance ([DC-Gender](#)) seeks to build and amplify the voices of marginalised communities including women, gender and sexual minorities, and women and marginalised genders with disabilities in the Global South (particularly India and South Asia). Many constituencies we work with are disproportionately affected by the digital divide, including gender and access gaps in digital technologies, systems and spaces.

Aligning with Commitments 1 and 5 to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals which seek to leave no one behind and place women and girls at the centre, we would like to contribute our learnings and experiences to rethinking how we can:

1. ensure that the voices of gender minorities from the Global South, their needs and realities can be meaningfully represented in the Global Digital Compact;
2. reimagine digital inclusion centering women, girls and marginalised genders;
3. promote gender parity by addressing gender discrimination and gender-based violence in digital spaces; and
4. ensure that the GDC addresses issues around digital inclusion, digital access, and the digital gender divide as they impact gender minority communities in the Global South.

### *Key achievements and outcomes in 2020-2022*

DC-Gender aims to ensure gender perspective is included in the key debates around internet governance issues, such as privacy, access, freedom of expression, content regulation, among others. The coalition prioritised 'bodies and data' in our work as data was one of the primary Internet Governance Forum themes in 2020.

1) We conducted a consultation in Kolkata (India) with activists, researchers, practitioners, and lawyers who work directly on GBV, sexuality and/or digital rights — or with communities of women. We dived into research on digital tech including facial recognition, CCTV cameras, drones, and GIS mapping, and some concerns around them; and started to evolve a position on what could be a nuanced response to the use of digital tech in the context of women's safety and 'safe city' initiatives in general.

2) We conducted a two-day webinar on digital GBV, which largely intersected with the theme of 'bodies and data'. The webinar explored issues including privacy violations, platform accountability, legal framings, and feminist notions of sexual consent and data protection.

3) At DC-Gender's session at IGF titled 'Future Unclear: data and bodies in the post-pandemic times', speakers from India, Pakistan and Brazil explored issues including: data, privacy and boundary management; gendered implications of data collection by apps; and feminist values for building trans-feminist futures.

In 2021, DC-Gender prioritised 'gender, social and digital inequalities during the pandemic' in our work, which was one of the primary IGF themes in 2021.

1) DC-Gender's session at the IGF was strongly intertwined with a question that was integral to IGF 2021: How can we understand and address the links between digital inequality and social and economic inequality in the context of the COVID pandemic to strengthen gender-equal, rights-affirming digital policies and internet governance? Civil society speakers from Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and North America delved into multiple aspects of this issue: privacy and increased surveillance due to contact tracing apps, online education and gender, how digital tools mainstreamed gender, and the ongoing shadow pandemic of online violence.

2) We conducted digital literacy, skills and capacity building workshops with grassroots communities of women and queer persons in India, including 20 women domestic workers and 9 queer and trans informal workers who were disproportionately affected by COVID, to help build their digital resilience. The participants in our workshops became community trainers in their own standing who trained 300 more community members in local languages.

In alignment with the IGF 2022 theme of 'resilient internet for a shared, sustainable and common future', DC-Gender's work in 2022 centred voices of structurally silenced communities.

1) We organised CommsLab South Asia in a hybrid format - a programme that supported LGBTIQ+ activists in South Asia (Bangladesh, India and Nepal) with reimagining rights advocacy and organising in a manner that is both healing and empowering to handle these volatile times during the ongoing pandemic. With healing justice as the focus, the programme was designed with an understanding of the needs of and challenges faced by the community and organisations working with them in the region.

2) We conducted workshops with marginalised communities of trans sex workers in Kolkata who were deeply affected by loss of livelihood, stigma and discrimination during the ongoing pandemic - to help build their digital resilience in navigating online spaces for work, accessing essentials, and sexual expression, freely and safely. The workshops equipped 19 trans sex workers with digital security information and skills, and strategies against online GBV, harassment and abuse. The participants went on to train 96 other community members.

3) Before IGF 2022, in line with its theme of a shared, sustainable and common future, we are going to conduct GIGx (gender and internet governance exchange) workshops with women, queer and trans persons working with communities of or on issues impacting women, gender and sexual minorities. The workshops will demystify ideas around internet governance, help understand data governance in

relation to gender and sexuality, and explore how we bring our issues - gender, sexuality and social justice into internet governance.

4) The DC-Gender session at IGF will be a round table of regional group speakers from Asia-Pacific and Africa and is titled 'Who's watching the machines? New tech, gender, race & sexuality'. The session will explore the intersection of advanced technologies, gender and sexuality, human rights online, especially freedom of expression, and marginalised communities. It will bring together researchers, practitioners, and people working on digital rights and freedoms to share and discuss the impact of advanced tech on different communities, and what needs to be done to course correct.

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## **Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles**

The Internet Rights and Principles Dynamic Coalition ([IRPC](#)) based is a network of organisations and individuals working to uphold human rights in the online environment and to root internet governance processes and systems in human rights standards.

The dynamic coalition sets out to promote and provide a space for multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration and aims to be an umbrella platform for facilitating collaboration on human rights issues in the Internet Governance Forum process.

- *IRPC Activities and Outcomes (2018-2022)*

The IRPC's main output document is the *Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet*. Launched in 2011, it has been fully translated into 12 languages and its 10 broad principles are available in 27 languages. The Charter's 21 articles and 10 principles articulate existing international human rights law and norms while applying them to the online context.

The Coalition's outreach work also draws on the Charter, which acts as its foundational document. Through the Charter, the IRPC has supported rights-inspired initiatives and has engaged in collaborative work with other dynamic coalitions, civil society networks, universities, political representatives and civil servants, and the technical community, to raise awareness on the need to implement rights-based frameworks for the online environment.

Over the past few years, the coalition has been discussing access and protection of the rights of minority groups, such as migrants and refugees and the new challenges of emerging technologies in a bid to tackle the digital divide and reduce inequalities.

As part of its commitment to ensuring that human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international laws and

norms are fully protected throughout the process of technological development, the coalition has been highlighting the need to put in place more efficient and transparent regulations to tackle online abuse.

The IRPC has been also reflecting on the relationship between AI and international human rights and legal standards. In light of Article 4(b) of the Charter, the IRPC has helped bring to the IGF main agenda issues at the intersection of human rights, emerging technologies and environmental sustainability.

The coalition has organised several sessions at IGF and NRIs, has partnered with several projects and initiatives, and is a founding member of the new Dynamic Coalition on Environment.

- *Recent outcomes and current activities:*

2021 marked the 10th anniversary of the Coalition's *Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet*, and the IRPC dedicated a few events to celebrate and reflect on the 10 years of the publication of this document.

Since 2014 the IRPC has been an observer to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) at the Council of Europe. As part of its observer status, the Coalition has attended the CDMSI Plenary meetings.

IRPC continuously engaged in multistakeholder dialogues at global, regional and local IGFs and digital rights conferences, including APriIGF, EuroDIG, UK IGF, SwissIGF, RightsCon, and IGF Ghana, and supported several initiatives such as the launch of the *CODES Action Plan for a Sustainable Planet in the Digital Age* at the UN's Stockholm +50 meeting.

In 2022 the IRPC participated in the YOUthDIG Webinar, a youth pre-event of EuroDIG on *Internet Rights and Principles: a human rights and technical perspective*; and joined the organising team for EuroDIG's Workshop 1 *From commitments to action: Assessing the effectiveness of pan-European policies and regulations for the green digital transformation*.

The coalition participated in the FRA Research meeting on Human Rights, co-organized by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and the German Ministry of Justice; and attended the online event on Freedom of Expression and Political Speech, organised by the Council of Europe.

The IRPC also participated in the Digital Constitutionalism Network Conference 2022 at the Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS) in Bochum, Germany. Student participants presented a Wikipedia entry they created about the Charter and other human rights documents. A database of more than 200 of these so-called *Internet bills of rights* documents has also been updated for the conference.

The coalition held a session entitled *Human rights in the digital age: The Human Rights Charter* at the third annual Ghana School on Internet Governance (GhanaSIG).



The IRPC co-organized an in-person workshop, *the Quantum Constitutionalism Workshop: Law and Governance for the Quantum Age*, in Bremen, Germany, bringing together researchers from different disciplines (such as computer science, law and political science) to develop a research agenda focusing on the future rollout of quantum technologies such as quantum cryptography and the impact these might have on human rights.

The IRPC is joining the IGF in Ethiopia with its annual meeting *Access and participation as enablers of digital human rights* and the Townhall Session *Safeguarding human rights with a free and open internet*. The IRPC is also participating in the DCs Main Session *Our Digital Future: How IGF Dynamic Coalitions support the Global Digital Compact*.

- *Other IRPC activities:*

The IRPC teamed up with Digital Rights Nepal for the Nepali translation Charter which is now ready to print. The coalition also worked on the Japanese translation of the 10 Principles and the Georgian and Catalan translations of the Charter are also underway.

After recent efforts to make the IRPC website more environmentally sustainable the IRPC is currently working to improve the accessibility of its website.

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## **Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition**

The Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition ([IS3C](#)) works to achieve one main and practical goal: to make online activity and interaction more secure and safer by achieving more widespread and rapid deployment of existing Internet standards and ICT best practices.

Three IS3C working groups started their respective thematic work in 2022:

WG1: Security by design – Internet of Things;

WG2: Education and skills;

WG6: Data governance.

The working groups will present their tangible outcomes in the form of a report or interim paper at the IGF in Addis Ababa.

- *Security by design – Internet of Things*

Researchers in WG1 are currently comparing the legislation or policy documents of 22 jurisdictions with the following aims:

- i) to review current security-related IoT initiatives and practices and assess the degree of readiness of existing technical and management solutions that affect the design of systems with built-in security by default;
- ii) to develop a coherent package of global recommendations and guidance for embedding security by design in the development of IoT devices and applications;
- iii) to compare certifications schemes.

WG1's report will be presented at the IS3C session on 1 December during IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa.

- *Education and skills*

The principal aim of WG2 is to identify gaps between the knowledge and skills of young graduates entering the cybersecurity sector and the expectations of the organisations that employ them. In its first phase, the working group conducted interviews and issued a globally disseminated survey on:

- i) how countries and institutions are addressing this challenge;
- ii) how good practice could be promoted and replicated elsewhere.

WG2 has succeeded in identifying some of the gaps that exist between the competences of young graduates embarking on a career in the cybersecurity sector and the expectations of organisations and institutions seeking to employ them. In the course of the study, the working group has identified a set of key transversal and professional skills where more focus is needed, and gathered a range of suggestions and good practices that could be replicated elsewhere.

Based on the findings, seven recommendations have been formulated. These range from improving diversity in the cybersecurity sector to setting up a collaboration hub to get education and industry talking more to each other as well as to other stakeholders involved.

The outcomes and recommendations will be reported in a paper to be presented at the IGF entitled '*Closing the gap between the needs of the cybersecurity industry and the skills of tertiary education graduates.*'

2023 will be a year of consolidation and collaboration, to build on the findings of the work conducted so far. Achieving the United Nations' sustainable development goals by 2030 calls for a major effort from every citizen, every organisation. WG2 will continue to strive towards building the bridges across sectors, and promoting education and skills as one of the keys to a better, more secure and sustainable future.

- *Data governance*

WG 6 will support the development of a global review of data security, identifying emerging trends, sub-topics, and best practices in this area. The working group is

currently undertaking a mapping exercise before developing recommendations for a data security framework. Activities include:

- i. Mapping data security frameworks and regulations;
- ii. Developing recommendations for how governments can better respond to data security challenges.

- *IS3C's work programme in 2023*

In addition to WGs 1 and 2 launching the second phases of their work programmes, new IS3C working groups planned to start in 2023 are:

- Procurement and supply chain management;
- Procurement standards priority list;
- Consumer advocacy;
- Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)
- Quantum computing and post-quantum encryption.

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### **DC on Internet & Jobs**

Dynamic Coalition on Internet & Jobs ([DC-Jobs](#)) was formed in 2019. Its objective is to create jobs across sectors and geographies through a multi-stakeholder, ecosystem approach of connecting, coordinating, activating, training, and enabling; and to help people realize the human resource and entrepreneurial potential of the Internet across the globe.

The work of DC-Jobs is multi-dimensional and via multiple platforms:

a) Within the IGF, we host the sessions and come out with an annual report – Internet & Jobs; preliminary findings are released at the IGF annual forum with recommendations for policy-makers and stakeholders.

b) We co-host and work with other events and organizations to spread the message about the work we do.

c) Work with other IGFs – As of now, we are working with DCE to do a bit to achieve the overall goal of sustainability and responsibility for internet usage.

- *Key deliverables:*

- The DC-Jobs 2020 annual report incorporated various facets associated with the internet, employment, and entrepreneurship and made recommendations, based on the primary research (via a survey), to leverage the internet's full potential.

- In 2020, the DC-Jobs, IGF, co-hosted the 7 th Government Industry Dialogue, India, working with various ministries and the federal think tank of the Government of India.
- In 2021, the annual report of the IGF was based on the access and role of the internet in bridging the divide between education and jobs by leveraging the tools of the internet.
- In 2021 IGF, DC-Jobs hosted a panel discussion on the role of the internet in creating jobs, the impact of COVID-19, and the way forward.
- The 2022 report (Internet & Jobs-2022) would cover newer dimensions to bring some actionable insights for the stakeholders in the Internet Ecosystem.
- The DC-Jobs has been actively engaged in the DC-E because it considers internet usage driven by sustainability. The DC-Jobs will release the Sustainable Automation and Responsible Internet Usage report at the IGF-2022.
- DC-Jobs team will be present in person at IGF 2022 in Ethiopia.

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## **Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries**

The Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries ([DC-PAL](#)) has over the past 2-3 years focused its work on bringing together insights in order to support meaningful discussion around the place of public access in libraries in the context of wider digital (inclusion strategies). This work has centred around the creation, consultation on, and delivery of two major reports:

### *1) The Role of Libraries in National Broadband Plans and Policies.*

This [report](#) explores the place of libraries both in digital and broadband strategies as prepared by governments, and then looks at how this has played out in practice. It is based on a study of available plans, and interviews with libraries in relevant countries. It is complemented by a specific focus on [libraries in digital skills strategies](#). We know that this report has been a valuable resource in the preparation of digital strategies on the ground, in particular stimulating and enabling libraries to engage in these processes.

### *2) Impacts of Public Access to Computers and the Internet in Libraries*

This report aims to support stronger reflection in public access initiatives on the impact that they can have, as well as to enable public access advocates to engage

in discussions around how to integrate public internet access into broader policy initiatives. The report also includes a consideration of the methodologies available for evaluating impacts, in order to support the spread of the practice. The report was published in [draft form](#) in 2021, and a final version will be published in advance of the IGF, and disseminated to stakeholders and libraries.

We are currently working to bring together evidence about how public access features in the work of Universal Service and Access Funds (USAFs), in order to provide ideas and guidance for libraries and USAFs alike. We anticipate that a draft of this work will be ready to share next year.

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### **DC on Schools of Internet Governance**

Schools on Internet Governance (SIGs) have been around for over a decade. Having started with the European School on Internet Governance (EuroSSIG) in Meissen Germany, the schools have spread around the world. Though different in numerous ways, the schools all go under a similar name and have much to share with each other.

There is no other forum where the schools of Internet governance can gather together and work on sharing techniques, curricula, and educational innovations. The Dynamic Coalition on Schools of Internet Governance ([DC-SIG](#)) creates a space where schools can work together, share, and improve the education offered by the schools.

In the last year, the most recent version of the curriculum developed by DC-SIG was adapted for use by the IGF secretariat as a base for its development of introductory courses.

The work of the DC SIG continues in mutual support of new schools and in updating materials to help in the creation of new ones.

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### **DC on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy**

The Dynamic Coalition on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy ([DC-SIDS](#)) held its inaugural Small Island Developing States Internet Governance Forum (SIDS-IGF) on 25-26 August 2022. It exemplified the importance of

partnerships and brought together key stakeholders who drew attention to the Internet governance needs of our normally isolated and underserved communities. These included the UN SG's Envoy on Technology, government ministers from Tuvalu (Pacific), Mauritius (AIMS), and Barbados (Caribbean), as well as the dedicated support of CTU, ARIN, LACNIC, APNIC and ICANN Org staff, PICISOC moderators and other session participants who represented the interests of SIDS Internet end-users.

We see the SIDS-IGF not as an event, but as a process and plan to continue the SIDS-IGF process going forward, including at the Global IGF 2022 during the DC-SIDS Session scheduled on 30 November 2022, with the likelihood of future major virtual and hybrid events, rotating around the SIDS regions.

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## **DC on Sustainability of Journalism and News Media**

Given the extraordinary circumstances during 2020, the Dynamic Coalition on the Sustainability of Journalism and News Media ([DC-Sustainability](#)) launched its [inaugural annual report](#) at IGF 2020 during its DC session on 5 November 2020. DC-Sustainability also participated in the DC main session at IGF 2020, specifically by authoring a [substantive paper](#) that was submitted to the IGF Secretariat ahead of the session, which focused on post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery within the journalism and news media sector. In addition, we actively participated in the DC Coordination Group, and helped update the DC guidelines.

In 2021, the DC-Sustainability hosted a workshop to strategise the ongoing work of the coalition and discuss the links between media sustainability and digital policy decisions, with input from DC members representing Australia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the EU, and South Eastern Europe. Read the entire report [here](#).

The DC-Sustainability also organized and hosted a webinar focusing on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)'s recent review of digital platforms and a Q&A session with Google's Madhav Chinnappa, Director of News Ecosystem Development.

During the IGF 2021, the DC-Sustainability hosted a panel on [Trust Initiatives as the Future of News Media Sustainability](#). For more events during 2021, one of the group's core members, Corinne Podger, wrote a short [guest post](#) - The Dynamic Coalition hub: For public interest journalism research and insights - which summarized the key topics discussed over the mailing list.

This year the DC-Sustainability continued the conversation on the relationship between Big Tech and journalism during the RightsCon2022, with a [session](#) examining several of these efforts to build trust in reliable news sources with a specific focus on their relevance and utility for supporting independent media in the "Global South" and non-English media. The session also addressed how the emergency response to the invasion of Ukraine triggered new forms of collaboration between tech platforms and media support organisations and what lessons have been learned so far.

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## **Youth Coalition on Internet Governance**

The Youth Coalition on Internet Governance ([YCIG](#)) was established with the purpose of bringing the voices of young people to the Internet Governance fora and processes. In recent years, it has successfully acted for inclusion and capacity-building of youth coming from various backgrounds and world's regions. Members of the Coalition are encouraged to participate in local and international events, scholarships, fellowships and job opportunities which are delivered to them every 2 weeks due to bi-weekly newsletter prepared by the Steering Committee.

One of the flagship activities of the YCIG is partnership with the Youth Standing Group, a charter of the Internet Society, in organising IGF Youth Ambassadors Programme, whose goal is to train a new generation of Internet leaders.

YCIG's members are also involved in preparations for the youth part of the annual Internet Governance Forum and in attracting newcomers to actively attend it. This year, Youth Coalition organised 5 thematic working groups, open for anybody to join, which prepared session proposals for the IGF and 9 of them were accepted.

YCIG has also held a series of webinars in months September-November for youth who intend to learn more about the IGF and different aspects of new technologies.

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Information about the current status of all 24 IGF dynamic coalitions is accessible on the IGF website at:

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/explore-dynamic-coalitions>

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