

## IGF 2023

### Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group

#### Virtual Meeting #71 | 18 April 2023

#### Summary Report

### **I. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

The meeting was moderated by the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) co-facilitator Markus Kummer and attended by representatives of 10 DCs (Annex I). Zhenye Pan represented the IGF Secretariat.

Prior to adopting the agenda, two announcements were made:

- Zhenye Pan will no longer support the Dynamic Coalitions as his internship contract with the Secretariat would reach an end by 21 April. However, he would be willing to continue providing freelancing support. There will be an official replacement from the UN Junior Official Programme at the Secretariat.
- A new Dynamic Coalition – DC on Open Educational Resources (DC-OER) was introduced. It was proposed at the ministerial roundtable at the 2nd World OER Congress in 2017 and has undertaken to support Member States in implementing UNESCO recommendations since 2020. It has five areas of focus: capacity, policy, sustainability, inclusiveness and international cooperation. The DC-OER expressed that it was a great honour to be part of the IGF DC. It was recognized that their participation would strengthen the network of DCs.

### **II. Feedback on draft DC Charter**

The meeting reviewed the draft DC Charter which reflected the feedback received from the last DCCG meeting. It was informed that the text of the second draft included three fonts in facilitating further discussions: 1) Normal font represents descriptive text such as the history of DC; 2) Bold font represents existing principles that have been agreed upon among DCs; 3) Italic font represents the text open for discussions. It was emphasized that the aim of the Charter was to produce a model charter that would contain basic elements to enhance the commonalities of DCs and the cohesion among them as a collective group. Members were invited to send written comments and hold a live discussion.

## Key Points Raised:

- There was much support for the document that was seen as being part of the shift in the position of DCs within the IGF ecosystem and underpinned the mission of DCs. It was suggested that the Charter should be introduced to the Leadership Panel as part of the DC process.
- The Charter required no formal approval process other than approval among the DCs. Once approved in a consensus process among all DC members, the Charter can be introduced to other bodies such as the MAG.
- Different views were held on Membership Governance (Part III of the Charter). The following points were highlighted:
  - The differentiation between “full members” and “observers” may risk trapping participants in certain categories. Other approaches may be taken to recognize more active members in an informal way such as setting up a coordinating team within a DC.
  - Full members and observers need clearly defined criteria. It should allow people to be moved from one category to another. More time would be needed to further this discussion.
  - “Observers” and even “ad-hoc” members are common in some DCs. These categories can inform a DC’s participation statistics and give individuals the freedom to be more active when they are interested in a sub-topic.
  - Differentiated statuses can help explain to those considering joining a DC that they are not expected to be active participants. However, a DC still relies on active members. Membership can involve “observers”, “interested experts”, and “stakeholders”, with the third term being the most active.
  - An open mailing list allowing anyone to join a DC can be uncomfortable for some members as it might involve a conflict of interest from an anonymous participant. It was suggested including a registration process in a DC mailing list.
  - The smallest common denominator could be a statement emphasizing that DCs are free to decide how to organize themselves.
- Other proposed requirements such as holding a certain number of meetings a year still need further discussion.
- One recurring question was how to design a validation process of DC outcomes. Such a process should include a request for comments to any text or report produced by a DC.

## Next Steps

- A reworded document, taking into account the above discussion, will be circulated and all DCs will be invited to send written comments on the draft DC Charter.

## **III. Follow-up on contribution to the GDC**

Mark Carvell presented a draft joint submission to the Tech Envoy's online consultation on the Global Digital Compact. He emphasized that the focus of the draft was the role of DCs in the GDC process instead of a convergence of individual DC inputs. It aims to inform the Tech Envoy, co-facilitators of the GDC, and others leading the process that DCs seize an opportunity to play a significant role in the GDC. Mark introduced the five parts of the draft, which includes a

summary of the linkage between DCs and the GDC, two phases of consultations undertaken separately at the IGF 2022 and between January and April 2023, a list of DCs intended to submit their responses to the GDC corresponding to specific thematic areas, and additional thematic areas proposed by individual DCs.

The draft intends to send a message to the Tech Envoy and GDC facilitators and leaders that DCs are channels for specific thematic areas on the GDC as they have the experience and profound expertise in those areas. It was emphasized that individual DCs can still submit their full response in detail.

### **Key Points Raised**

- The draft was commended for its comprehensive chapeau on the strengths of all DCs collectively.
- It was suggested including a short preamble before the first section of the draft to speak assertively of the experience of the DCs which have over the years gained a great understanding of the complexity and importance of multistakeholder processes.
- Ethics and human rights are important principles which should be added to the GDC

### **Next Steps**

➤ All DC members can continue commenting on the joint document or requesting to be included in the list of DCs in the document as willing to make individual submissions to the GDC by 24 April. The draft will be finalized and submitted within the 30 April deadline.

### **IV. Use of IGF logo**

It was reported that the Secretariat had given to understand that there was more flexibility with the use of the IGF logo. While DCs are not entitled to use the UN emblem or the letters UN, they are free to use the IGF logo provided they include a disclaimer on their website clarifying that the views are only the views of the DC concerned, not of the IGF.

### **Key Points Raised**

- It was felt that it is important to clarify the relationship of Ds with the UN. A better explanation would be that DCs operate under the IGF, which has been convened by the UN Secretary-General.

### **Next Steps**

➤ The Secretariat will publish clear instructions on the IGF website to minimize any ambiguity regarding the use of the IGF logo.

## **V. Intersessional Event**

The meeting reviewed a concept note for the proposed intersessional event (Annex II) that had been prepared by the Secretariat. The event will be held on 10 July as part of the second Open Consultation and MAG Meeting. The aim is to form collaborative working groups among DCs and other IGF components such as the BPFs, PNs, and NRIs to showcase how their work contributes to the sub-themes of the IGF 2023 with the aim to identify potential opportunities for collaboration. The Secretariat will provide continuous support to the collaboration process.

It was emphasized that former procedural discussions on enhancing the intersessional work were not effective, and that turning the focus instead to an output-oriented discussion with the objective of providing input to the MAG meeting may generate more interest. All members were encouraged to sign up using the registration form (Annex II) attached to the concept and to circulate and promote it among their networks. It was also hoped that this concept note can be brought to the attention of the Leadership Panel and attract some level of engagement from them.

### **Next Steps**

➤ All DCs are encouraged to fill out the registration sheet for the intersessional event.

## **VI. AOB**

- Next meeting will be held on 17 May at 13:00 UTC) for 90 minutes.
- More frequent DCCG calls may be considered given the active discussion on different agenda items.
- Zhenye Pan was thanked and commended for providing his support to the DCCG on behalf of the Secretariat.

**Annex I**  
**List of Participants**

**Co-Facilitators**

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**Participants**

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Anriette	Esterhuysen	DC on Summer School of Internet Governance
Stefan	Fischer	Internet Society German Chapter (Guest)

Alisa	Heaver	ICANN (MAG liaison)
Judith	Hellerstein	DC on Accessibility and Disability
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### Secretariat Support

Zhenye	Pan	
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## **Annex II**

Intersessional Event Concept Note Link here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Os2oloxDOtMqXSJL3rtKump8ohz\\_sVIC08BpVbFwKBQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Os2oloxDOtMqXSJL3rtKump8ohz_sVIC08BpVbFwKBQ/edit).

Event Registration Form:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v0gwQ6xvoAbQHtM8bpFqzP7fjtJv6s5NZRNU-t3XHWg/edit#gid=0>