**IGF 2021 Main Session Template**

1. **Title** *How Can We Achieve a Multilingual Internet?*
2. **Date** 8 December 2021; 1535 – 1705 CET
3. **Duration** 90m
4. **Associated Programme Themes**

Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity

1. **Brief Description/Objective**

The ability of Internet users to engage online in their own language is a key element of meaningful universal connectivity.  Building upon previous work at the IGF, including the Best Practice Forum on Local Content, as well as the ongoing work of the Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA), this Main Session will explore the role of local content development and Universal Acceptance of domain names as key drivers for a multilingual Internet.

1. **Policy Questions**

* What does “meaningful connectivity” mean?
* What is a “multilingual Internet”?
* Why is the Internet not presently “multilingual”?
* What are the barriers to achieving a multilingual Internet?
* What are examples of policies that have overcome those barriers?
* What are any recommendations for next steps to achieve a multilingual Internet?

1. **Session Agenda**
2. **Co-Moderators**

* Sylvia Cadena, Head of Programs, APNIC Foundation
* Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) - Web Foundation

1. **Speakers**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau | | |
| Ram Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Afilias  Renata Tupinambá, journalist | | |

1. **Rapporteurs**
2. **Plan for participant engagement/interaction**
3. **Facilitators**
4. **Desired results/output. Possible next steps for the work**
5. **Annex Documents and Sources**
6. **Links to SDGs**