

SUMMARY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION ON IGF 2022 THEMES/TRACKS (24 February)

- **Strong agreement** on the need to have a reduced number of themes – no more than 3 or 4 – and a more focused programme.
- **Very good agreement** on alignment with the Global Digital Compact (GDC). As a UN/global process, this would help ensure the IGF is relevant (“good branding”), connected to the international community, and feeding into current international decision-making mechanisms.
- **Good agreement** on using the components of the GDC (total of 7 in “Our Common Agenda”: *Connecting the unconnected; Avoiding Internet fragmentation; Data use and control by people; Applying human rights online; Introduce accountability criteria for discrimination and misleading content; Regulation of AI; Digital commons as a global public good*) and reducing them to 5 themes eg:
 - Connectivity
 - Fragmentation
 - Trust & security
 - Data governance
 - Emerging tech and cooperation as a cross-cutting issue

The five above could also be further reduced – to 3 themes, for instance – in a manner that continues to correspond with the GDC.

- **Good agreement** on approaching the selection of themes with the question, “What outputs do we want?”
- **Some convergence** around the idea that the Environment, and related issues of climate change and sustainability, are important and should have space in the programme.
- **Some concerns raised** that human rights may not be integrated in the final list of themes.
- **The idea raised** that the themes in the suggested GDC list have been on IGF agendas for many years, and that it would be important to have something new and actionable.

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- **There was a suggestion** to use the IGF policy networks (PNs) to guide the themes. Applying the PNs from 2021 as an example, for a very focused and policy-oriented agenda,

there would be two themes, on the Environment and on Meaningful Access, and sessions on these would be expert-led and result in tangible policy outcomes.

IGF 2022 THEMES - PROPOSED APPROACH <i>(reference to IGF 2022 call for issues)</i>	GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT
<i>Connect All People</i> <i>(Universal Access and Meaningful Connectivity)</i>	Connect all people to the Internet, including all schools
<i>Promote Human Rights and Avoid Internet Fragmentation</i> <i>(Digital cooperation, Human Rights)</i>	Avoid Internet fragmentation
	Apply human rights online
<i>Protect Data</i> <i>(Data governance)</i>	Protect data
<i>Ensure Accountability & Security Online</i> <i>(Cybersecurity and Trust)</i>	Introduce accountability criteria for discrimination and misleading content
<i>Regulate Emerging Technologies, including Artificial Intelligence</i> <i>(Emerging Technologies and Innovation)</i>	Promote regulation of artificial intelligence
N/A cross-cutting. If it could be an element of the overarching theme, it would resolve as this is a visionary concept anchored in all of the above. Alternatively, could be a framework for the high-level leaders track.	Digital commons as a global public good