Human Rights & Freedoms

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Since the origins of the Internet, the principles of access and freedom, among others, have been presented as an unparalleled way to uphold human rights.

Internet Governance continues to be held up as a powerful instrument to realize human rights. However, it is also recognised as a source for restricting human rights and curtailing freedoms.

With the overarching theme “The Internet we want – Empowering all people” human rights and freedoms shall be addressed appropriately in this year’s IGF program.

Human rights must not be played off against each other, therefore we need a balanced approach and can built on the intersessional work of Dynamic Coalitions and Best Practice Forums

- Dynamic Coalition on Children’s Rights in the Digital Environment
- Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values
- Dynamic Coalition on Gender and IG
- Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles
- Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability
- Dynamic Coalition on Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected
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Objectives of this presentation at the more general level

• To provide a good overview of what work is going on and has been done within the different IGF communities.

• To highlight opposing positions and tensions in order to find a holistic approach to human rights without prioritizing one over another.

• To emphasize the importance of finding a balance for societies across the world.
Identify (new) threats to human rights evolving f.e. from censorship or shut downs and unregulated developments in technology such as Artificial Intelligence.

Explore new strategies to promote human rights in the digital environment.

Assess what lessons have been learned and what conclusions can be drawn from failure and success stories in regard of human rights and freedoms.

The overall objective is to create synergies between human rights advocates and those who develop services in order to establish a human rights by design approach to Internet Governance based on the principles of privacy by design, safety by design, and accessibility by design.
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Annex: Ressources

- **DCAD Accessibility Guidelines**
- **DC Children's Rights: Children's Dignity and Children's Rights in the Digital World**
- **DCCIV: Focus on Freedom from Harm**
- **DC Gender: An Internet for #YesAllWomen? Women's rights, gender and equality in digital spaces -- Gender Report Cards IGF 2020.**
- **Charter of Human Rights & Principles for the Internet**

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