

IGF 2022
Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group
Virtual meeting #62 | 14 June 2022

Summary report

1. DCs reflected in the EGM report

On 30 March – 1 April 2020 an [IGF Expert Group Meeting \(EGM\)](#) was held in New York to consider how the IGF can contribute to advancing digital cooperation and implementing proposed initiatives in this area. The [report coming out of the meeting](#) included several references to Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), such as:

- *The MAG should commission BPFs and PNs and encourage DCs to focus on issues related to the main themes of the annual meeting.*
- *Modalities should be identified to strengthen the work of Dynamic Coalitions, including procedures and responsibilities to IGF stakeholders; guidelines for participation and deliberation; and quality standards for the work they produce. This would help to validate the work presented by DCs and facilitate their contribution to IGF outputs.*

Key points raised

- The EGM had an overall positive outcome, but it does not provide a blueprint for action as such. The report recognises DCs as important parts of the ecosystem. Some of the issues it raises have also been tackled by DCs in the paper it published last year. The EGM report would be seen as an invitation for DCs to build on the work they started last year.
- DCs need to identify action points from the EGM that they could follow up on. These could include issues related to: DCs interactions with the overall IGF community; DCs contribution to developing the programme of IGF meetings; an overall strengthening of the role of coalitions within the IGF ecosystem; DCs engagement in the development of multi-year strategies for the IGF; how DCs could engage with the Leadership Panel, once formed.
- On the point in the EGM report about quality standards for DC work, it was noted that DCs have discussed this issue in the past and it was agreed to refrain from imposing quality control, as this would be difficult to enforce. The current approach is for the community to be the ‘judge’ of DC work.
- On the point in the EGM report about the MAG encouraging DCs to focus on issues related to the main themes of the annual IGF meeting, it was noted that this could be seen as part of an overall inherent tension between bottom-up and top-down approaches. Having the MAG provide directives to DCs would be against their nature and not something DCs would easily accept. But coalitions could look into how to foster closer relations with the MAG and feed into MAG work. For instance, when the MAG sets priority areas, DCs could analyse them, identify issues they work on, and signal this to the MAG.
- DCs would also benefit from a discussion on how they (could) fit into future activities within the IGF and the broader Internet governance ecosystem. For instance, can they

build stronger linkages with the MAG, the Leadership Panel, and the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology? Can they contribute to the processes related to the development of the Global Digital Compact? If so, how?

Next steps

- DCs to continue discussions on how to follow up on action points from the EGM report.

2. Respecting the DC principles

DCs are required to follow three basic principles of inclusiveness and transparency for carrying out their work: open membership, open mailing lists and open archives. Following up on a discussion at the previous DCCG meeting, the IGF Secretariat has conducted an assessment of the extent to which DCs abide by these principles.

Key points raised

- Following rounds of exchanges between the IGF Secretariat and DCs, most DCs now abide by the principles related to open membership, open mailing lists and open archives. Some are still looking into fixing some issues related to their mailing list.
- One point raised during the Secretariat's discussions with DCs was related to the principle of having DC mailing list archives open to the public. Some DCs were concerned that this could pose privacy challenges. While this was recognised as a valid concern, it was noted that MAG's mailing list follows the same principles. If DCs as a group have a concern, they may want to raise it with the MAG and call for a reconsideration of how this principle is applied overall within the IGF.

Next steps

- The Secretariat will continue to engage with DCs to ensure the principles are followed.
- A way forward on the issue of open mailing list archives would need to be agreed on in another DCCG meeting, where more DCs are represented.

3. DCs at IGF 2022

In response to the call for session proposals, 19 DCs have submitted requests to hold sessions at IGF 2022. In addition to individual sessions, DCs will also have to start discussing whether they want to host a main session, and, if so, start planning it.

The Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition (IS3C) presented a letter they intend to send to the MAG chair (and, possibly, the IGF Secretariat), calling for the MAG to facilitate more opportunities for DCs to interact with experts and present their outcomes at IGF meetings. Points raised during the discussion on the letter included

- A request for the MAG to allocate more time to DCs at the annual meeting might be received with reluctance, considering that there are already concerns about DCs receiving their session slots 'automatically', without a MAG decision.
- The suggestion for a mid-year event would probably get more traction.

- It would be worth discussing how DC outcomes (where these are produced) could be made more visible within IGF meetings.
- It was suggested that the DC revise the letter so it is built around more general terms and touches on principles rather than outlining very specific requests. Leaving the details open for discussion might be more useful.
- Overall, issues related to DCs presence at the annual IGF meeting would be appropriate to be raised at the upcoming IGF Open Consultations and MAG meeting (July 2022).

Next steps

- DCs to hold another meeting before the July Open Consultations. The Secretariat will share a poll to agree on a meeting date and time.

Annex

List of participants

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