

IGF 2022
Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group
Virtual Meeting #68|18 January 2023

Summary Report

1. DC Consultation Input on GDC

This meeting mainly discussed the drafting of the DC consultation input on the Global Digital Compact (GDC) led by the Tech Envoy for the United Nations Secretary-General. The task of the draft was an outcome of the IGF 2022, where the Tech Envoy explicitly encouraged the DCs to participate in the UN process by providing input on this platform: [Submission of Inputs for the Global Digital Compact – v4 \(un.org\)](#). There is broad agreement that a collective input provided by the DC community will be valuable and enhance the visibility of DCs as an essential IGF mechanism.

The meeting was moderated by the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) co-facilitators, Markus Kummer and Jutta Croll, and attended by representatives of 10 DCs (Annex I). Zhenye Pan was introduced as the new Secretariat support of the DCCG.

Mark Carvell presented the template that had been sent out to the list for consideration last December (Annex II) to collect responses from individual DCs and consolidate group efforts on the input.

Key Point Raised:

- The Tech Envoy recognized at the IGF 2022 DC Main Session the important contributions DCs have made to the IGF ecosystem and UN initiatives such as the GDC. According to the Tech Envoy, the DCs will also play a role in the implementation once the GDC is fully developed by Member States through its delivery of the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024.
- DCAD raised the issue of accessibility and asked how it could be woven into the seven thematic areas (connectivity, Internet fragmentation, data protection, human rights online, accountability for discrimination and misleading content, AI regulation, and digital commons). Accessibility was part of all those areas and should therefore be included into all of them.
 - A suggestion was made that individual DCs are a voice of the issues they promote, and that DCAD can make a proposal that accessibility not to be treated as a separate issue or an afterthought. The issue could also be added as a generic point in the compilation draft.
 - It was further supported that the DC collectively can push on individual issues and be a voice in this forum or others.
- The meeting also discussed the common narratives to be included in the compilation, including the role of DCs in strengthening and transforming the IGF or the IGF-Plus model into one that is more strategic and output-oriented. The DCs, being independent of IGF funding but increasingly integrated into the visibility within the IGF profile, could thus gain more recognition. The point was made that the DC model has the potential to become a device or a tool for developing investigation and policy recommendations for Internet and digital policy issues.

Next steps

- 20 February 2023 was set as a deadline for individual DCs to provide input. A compilation of all the inputs received will be circulated at the beginning of March.

- The first draft will be discussed by the DCCG at its next meeting with a date to be determined by doodle poll between 21-27 February. Zhenye Pan will send out a poll for the determination of the exact date.
- The compilation draft will be finalized by mid-March and submitted ahead of the deadline set by the Tech Envoy on 31 March 2023.
- Mark Carvell was tasked to prepare a first draft in collaboration with the co-facilitators and the Secretariat.

2. DC Governance

The question was asked which DCs had internal guidelines for procedures on governance. It would be helpful to make these available to all DCs. This was an issue also dealt with in the report on DCs that was developed in 2021 and is available on the IGF website:

https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/186/18940. One recommendation to be explored was to develop a blueprint for DC governance frameworks, to serve as a source of inspiration for DCs that want to develop such frameworks.

Next steps

- All DCs' that have internal governance frameworks are invited to share them with the Secretariat.
- The IGF Secretariat can serve as a repository of all the documents

3. AOB

- 2023 timeline of MAG meetings: Open consultation/MAG meeting: 8-10 March, Vienna; 28-30 June, Geneva.
- It was recalled that there was a proposal to organize an intersessional event as a stocktaking exercise in May or June. Such an event would allow DCs to raise their profiles and showcase their work. Further exploration of the details on this topic can be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

Annex I
List of Participants

Coordination facilitators

Jutta	Croll
Markus	Kummer

Participants

Mauricia	Abdol Tshilunda	DC on Youth Coalition on Internet Governance
Mark	Carvell	DC on Internet Standards, Security, and Safety Coalition
Amy	Crocker	DC on Children's Right in the Digital Environment
Nicolás	Fiumarelli	DC on Youth Coalition on Internet Governance
Judith	Hellerstein	DC on Accessibility and Disability
Maureen	Hilyard	DC on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy
Minda	Moreira	Internet Rights and Principles Coalition
Sivasubramanian	Muthusamy	DC on Core Internet Values
June	Parris	DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
Umut	Parajo Velasquez	DC on Youth Coalition on Internet Governance

Secretariat support

Zhenye	Pan
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Annex II

Draft Questionnaire for Compilation of GDC Consultation Input

1. On which of the 7 proposed thematic areas for the Global Digital Compact would your DC like to submit an input setting out a) core principles; and b) stakeholder commitments, for inclusion in the DCs collective submission to the Tech Envoy?
(2500 characters maximum on each thematic area)

2. Does your DC propose any additional thematic area(s) for the GDC not stated by the Tech Envoy which are relevant to the work of your DC?

If yes, please provide the rationale for the additional thematic area, supported by core principles and stakeholder commitments.
(2500 characters maximum).

3. The Tech Envoy stated during the DCs Main Session at IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa, that the DCs have the potential to contribute actively both to the GDC's development and to its implementation following the UN Summit of the Future in 2024. What do you think the DC submission to the Tech Envoy should say with regard to the role of the DCs generally in the GDC process? (max 750 characters)