IGF 2022

Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group

Virtual Meeting #69 | 21 February 2023

Summary Report

I. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

The meeting was moderated by the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) co-facilitator Markus Kummer and attended by representatives of 14 DCs (Annex I). Zhenye Pan represented the IGF Secretariat.

Prior to adopting the agenda, the DCCG agreed to extend the deadline for the Annual Report submission until 5 March 2023. It was reminded that those who do not submit the report by the new deadline would no longer be listed as an active DC. However, the Secretariat was asked to reach out to each DC who had not submitted a report to make sure that they would be aware of the consequences and give them a last opportunity.

II. Review of individual DC responses for GDC Consultation

The DCCG reviewed the template questions sent to DC members in last December to collect their individual inputs into a coordinated response to the Global Digital Compact (GDC) Consultation (Annex II under DCCG Summary Report #68). No final submissions from individual DCs had been sent to the DCCG, although a few signaled their ongoing engagement with the process.

Key Point Raised:

- The DCCG acknowledged the various challenges for stakeholders to engage in the GDC process, including the current global crises, such as the war in Ukraine and the humanitarian crises in Turkey and Syria) and the overlapping obligations from the semantic "deep dive" consultations led by Sweden and Rwanda in their capacity of co-facilitators of the GDC process. As a result of these extended and overlapping timelines, stakeholders might not be ready for giving final thoughts on the GDC Consultation at this point.

- However, it was stressed that the time before June/July 2023 would be a critical phase for non-governmental stakeholders to engage in the GDC Consultation process in order to strengthen the multistakeholder engagement in the outcome of WSIS 20+. In fact, many DCs had been alert to the significance of the GDC Consultation as a milestone on digital cooperation in Internet governance.

- It was further emphasized that non-governmental stakeholders should make their presence felt and their voices be heard to maintain the bottom-up, multistakeholder process of the IGF community. They should therefore seize the opportunity to engage with the Consultation as early as possible.

- The following procedure of the DCCG input for the GDC Consultation was agreed upon: The deadline for individual responses from the DCs was extended until 5 March 2023. The responses will be compiled into a document, which will then be shared among all DCs to

comment. The final draft will incorporate these comments and be submitted to the Tech Envoy before the deadline on 31 March 2023.

III. Main ideas/structure for the first draft compilation

It was broadly agreed that a common "chapeau", a global narrative that describes the collective purpose of DCs, would be an important element of the draft. However, individual submissions from the DCs addressing additional topics should also be welcomed and made possible. Additional topics can be an opportunity for DCs to advocate for their areas besides the seven thematic areas by means of the group submission. And it was further emphasized that a group submission would be advantageous for enhancing the recognition of these additional topics. Several DCs expressed their intention to support the DCCG submission on the GDC with their own contribution.

Key Points Raised

- Concerns regarding the change of the concept from Internet governance into digital governance were raised. It was highlighted that such a move might risk losing the achievements made during the WSIS process in 2005 which established multistakeholder cooperation as key principle of the Internet governance framework.

- Current challenges related to Internet governance have become much more sophisticated, involving geopolitical tensions among governments, which make the Internet more fragmented. The point was made that multistakeholder participation was therefore needed more than ever.

IV. Possible intersessional event in May/June

- The DCGC discussed the proposal to hold an intersessional event in May or June. It was suggested that such an event could be held in conjunction with the second MAG meeting in 2023 on 28-30 June in Geneva. Several objectives of the event were highlighted:
  - Help raise the awareness of the broader IGF community including the Leadership Panel and current MAG members regarding different DC activities, allowing them to understand DCs' contribution to the strengthening of IGF; 2)
  - Convene various bodies including DCs, the Best Practice Forum and Policy Networks and encourages transparency, mutual stocktaking and learning;
  - Project a forward-looking and strategic vision of IGF regarding the direction of intersessional tracks in future IGFs.

There was broad consensus among DCs on in support of this proposal. The format of the event was open to further discussion.

Next steps

- ➢ An intersessional event proposal will be submitted to the first MAG meeting in Vienna in March.

V. Blueprint for DC governance framework

This session reviewed the agenda item in the January 2023 meeting in response to the DCCG request for individual DCs to share their internal governance framework with the Secretariat as a process to draft a framework for all DCs based on certain common principles.

Key Points Raised

- Creating requirements that are too specific in drafting the framework may be a move away from the self-forming and self-governing structure with individual creativity. It was agreed that it was important to respect the voluntary nature of member engagement and maintain the bottom-up approach.

- Outcome-oriented DCs still need broadly accepted criteria to gain credibility and the respect by the broader IGF community. Some DCs, including the IS3C, already have common principles such as the rules for recommendations targets of the DC's outputs.

- The accountability of DCs and incorporating DCs into the IGF process remain open questions. These issues are relevant to the IGF output and extend beyond the one-sided action of DCs. They will need to be addressed at the upcoming MAG meeting in Vienna.

Next steps

➤ The Secretariat will examine existing charters and internal governance framework of each DC and draft a template of DC Charter to be shared with the group, subject to public comments.

VI. AOB

- It was agreed that it would be necessary for the Secretariat to have an updated list of DC co-facilitators.

- There was agreement that there should be a more formalized relationship between the MAG and the DCCG. Traditionally, a MAG member would serve as a co-facilitator in DCCG meetings. It was felt that there should be a formal MAG "liaison" to the DCCG, with a "deputy liaison" to stand in as necessary.

- The DCCG discussed and endorsed the 2023 Report Overview (Annex II). The document was drafted by Wout de Natris and collected workplans for the year of 2023 from individual DCs to advance DCs' better integration into the IGF process. There was agreement to present the report to the MAG meeting in Vienna. The DCCG called on all DCs to contribute to the document.

Annex I

List of Participants

Coordination Facilitators		
Markus	Kummer	

Participants		
Maarten	Botterman	DC on Internet of Things
Mark	Carvell	DC on Internet Standards, Security, and Safety Coalition
Frédéric	Cohen	DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
Olivier	Crépin-Leblond	DC on Core Internet Values
Avri	Doria	DC on Summer School of Internet Governance
Amado	Espinosa	DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
Stefan	Fischer	
Saptarshi	Gargari	
Kritish	Kushal	
Smriti	Lohia	DC on Internet and Jobs
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Muhammad	Shabbir	DC on Accessibility and Disability

Secretariat Support		
Zhenye	Pan	

Annex II: DCCG 2023 Report Overview

Link to the live document: **DCCG 2023 report overview - Google Docs**