

IGF 2023
Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group
Virtual Meeting #70 | 23 March 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 12 DCs (Annex I). Zhenye Pan, Eleonora Mazzucchi and Anja Gengo represented the IGF Secretariat.

Prior to adopting the agenda, the meeting dedicated a one-minute silence to the passing of Gerry Ellis, a dedicated member of the DCAD. He was remembered as a strong advocate for issues of digital accessibility in DCAD and a number of other DCs as well as a gentle individual always ready to help others.

II. Feedback from MAG Meeting in Vienna

(a) General Feedback

The Secretariat announced that the themes and subthemes of IGF 2023 had been determined. The overarching theme is “**The Internet We Want – Empowering All People**”, and the eight subthemes covers the following: **AI & Emerging Technologies; Avoiding Internet Fragmentation; Cybersecurity, Cybercrime and Online Safety; Data Governance and Trust; Digital Divides and Inclusion; Global Digital Governance and Cooperation; Human Rights and Freedoms; Sustainability and Environment**. The point was made that the subthemes can assist the MAG with evaluating workshops and participants following the appropriate sessions.

Key Points Raised:

- The Call for Sessions for all intersessional groups including DCs begins on 1 April.
- Two crucial factors were of focus of the Workshop Proposal Form for IGF 2023. The first was diversity including gender balance. A minimum of one speaker is required to be of a different gender than the rest of the speakers. The second was the format of the sessions: At least a moderator and two speakers should be onsite in Kyoto. There was consensus in the room that the in-person requirement was important.
- Alisa Heaver introduced herself as a current MAG member working for the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy in the Netherlands. She is also the Netherlands’ representative to ICANN’s GAC. She participated in the DCCG meeting on a trial basis while considering accepting the role as a MAG co-liaison.
- A question was raised on the accessibility of the Workshop Proposal Form for people with disabilities. The point was made to the Secretariat that emphasis should also be placed on making the Form accessible.
- The issue of language interpretation in the sessions was also highlighted. English should be the working language of all sessions and other languages should only be used if interpretation is provided.

(b) MAG liaisons to the DCCG

The MAG agreed to formalize the process of designating an official liaison to the DCCG, as recent DCCG meetings had shown the need for a more formal relationship with the MAG. The point was made that two MAG liaisons would be helpful if one of them was unable to join a DCCG meeting.

(c) Proposal to hold an intersessional meeting

Approved by the MAG, the objective of the proposal was to hold a half-day (three hours) deep-dive conversations on a better integration of the intersessional work among the DC, NRI, BPF, and PN into the mainstream of IGF. It was emphasized that there was a need for a well prepared agenda for the event. It would also be instrumental to have the assistance from the MAG or MAG liaisons. The date is likely 10 July 2023.

Key Points raised:

- It was stressed that in-person participation of at least several DCs would be important to allow better collaboration between MAG and DCs.
- It was reminded that the intersessional event would be an opportunity for DCs to raise awareness of their work, including those to be presented in the IGF 2023, demonstrate how it positively intersect with the IGF mission, and identify constructive components to foster collaboration across the IGF ecosystem.
- The efforts of the DCCG to promote the visibility of DCs was recognized by members and it was understood that the broader IGF system increasingly showed interest in the work of the DCs. Messages from the DC work would also be considered by the Leadership Panel so long as the messages were made concisely.

Next Steps

- A steering committee consisting of the DCCG, the IGF Secretariat, and representatives of intersessional work will be established to prepare for the agenda of the intersessional event.

III. Contribution to the GDC

The deadline for the GDC Consultations had been extended to 30 April, which would create additional opportunities for participation. Mark Carvell mentioned six DCs had submitted their responses to the DCCG, which was appreciated but insufficient for developing a coordinated thematic input given the total amount of submission received.

Mark Carvell proposed to develop the coordinated input with a sole focus on a crucial point made among DCs in their current submissions: the role of DCs in the preparatory, development, and implementation phases of GDC following Summit for the Future in 2024, particularly in assisting Member States. Meanwhile, DCs that had submitted inputs to the DCCG were encouraged to submit to the GDC Consultation individually as well. The proposal was agreed by the group.

Next Steps

- All DCs are encouraged to submit inputs to answer the question on the role of DCs in the how DCs can engage, participate, and contribute to the entire GDC process. The new deadline is 10 April.

IV. Status report of DC work

The first item raised was a follow-up on the DCCG 2023 Overview document prepared by Wout de Natris. Due to technical errors, part of the content of the document was erased. The content has been restored and the Secretariat will reshare the document on the DC list. All DCs were encouraged to fill in the document on their work progress for 2023.

Mark Carvell briefly presented on the Thematic Deep Dives series on the GDC, an intergovernmental process led by Member States co-facilitators of Sweden and Rwanda on specific themes. The Thematic Deep Dives will start from 27 March to 14 June 2023. The Co-facilitators would be sharing guiding questions to help focus the interventions. Detailed sessions and links to register see here: [Global Digital Compact: Intergovernmental process led by the Co-facilitators | Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology \(un.org\)](#). All DCs were encouraged to participate in the sessions of their interests, particularly on a deep dive on Internet Governance.

Next steps

- The Secretariat will reshare the document drafted by Wout de Natris on the DC list.

V. Status of DCs (use of UN emblem and IGF logo)

It was clarified that the DCs were not entitled to use the UN emblem or make references to UN/UNDESA. The official guidelines of the use of UN emblem would be shared after the meeting. A further clarification will be shared by the Secretariat on whether DCs would be allowed to use the IGF logo.

VI. Charter of DCs

The Secretariat shared updates on the working progress of the Charter of DCs, whose objectives are developing common principles among DCs, serving as a model for DCs that do not yet have their own charters, and enhancing participation from all DCs. It was emphasized that the Charter was only in its first-draft phase and had yet been approved by all DCs.

The Secretariat highlighted that the draft was inspired by elements from individual DC charters and basic questions pointed out from the paper on DCs produced last year (see Annex II). Main components of the draft included two parts: 1) The organizational history, structure and mission of DCs and 2) Membership governance.

Next steps

- The Secretariat will share the draft of DC Charter with all DCs for further comments and approval.

VII. AOB

A scheduling poll will be sent to coordinate the DCCG meeting in April 2023. It was suggested that the date that would be agreed on for the April meeting be used for the same date for consecutive meetings in the following months.

Annex I
List of Participants

Coordination Facilitators

Markus Kummer

Participants

Laura	Becana	DC on Internet of Things
Mark	Carvell	DC on Internet Standards, Security, and Safety Coalition
Frédéric	Cohen	DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
Jutta	Croll	DC on Children's Rights in the Digital Environment
Dino	DellAccio	UN Pension Fund
Avri	Doria	DC on Summer School of Internet Governance
Stefan	Fischer	Internet Society German Chapter (Guest)
Saptarshi	Gargari	DC on Environment
Tracy	F. Hackshaw	DC on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy
Alisa	Heaver	MAG Member; ICANN
Judith	Hellerstein	DC on Accessibility and Disability
Smriti	Lohia	DC on Internet and Jobs
Minda	Moreira	DC on Internet Rights and Principles Coalition; DC on Environment
Olivier	MJ Crepin-Leblond	DC on Core Internet Values
Wout	de Natris	DC on Internet Standards, Security, and Safety Coalition
Swati	Pandey	DC on Digital Health
Adam	Peake	MAG Member; ICANN
Rajendra	Pratap Gupta	DC on Digital Health; DC on Internet and Jobs; DC on Environment
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“IGF Dynamic Coalitions: Digital cooperation in practice” by Sorina Teleanu: [Dynamic Coalitions report | Full version - Dec.2021 \(intgovforum.org\)](#).