

IGF 2024

Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group (DCCG)

Virtual Meeting #81 | 31 January 2024

Summary Report

I. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda of the DCCG meeting #81 was adopted as proposed.

The call was moderated by the DCCG co-facilitator Markus Kummer. The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

II. Updates from the Secretariat

Key points raised:

- Participants were invited to take part in the [First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting](#) taking place from 27 to 29 February 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The draft agenda will soon be published on the IGF website.
- Participants were informed that intersessional work proposals will be submitted and selected by the MAG in February. The Policy Network on AI has already been rechartered.

III. The Role of IGF Dynamic Coalitions

Key points raised:

- DC members were reminded to always speak on behalf of the Dynamic Coalitions, and that they are not entitled to speak on behalf of the IGF, the IGF Secretariat or the UN. There should be a specifier when making statements or announcements (similar to the specifier used by National, Regional and Youth).

Next steps

- **The DC Charter will be revisited to include a specifier, providing clarity on the DC position within and its relationship to the IGF. This objective will be included in the 2024 work plan.**

IV. Introduction of the new DC on Gaming for Purpose (DC-G4P)

Key points raised:

- The coordinator of the newly established [Dynamic Coalition on Gaming Purpose](#) (DC-G4P) introduced the mission and vision of the DC. Other DC members are welcomed to join.

V. IGF Dynamic Coalitions 2024 Work Plan

Key points raised:

- The suggested [IGF DC 2024 workplan](#) was introduced by the IGF Secretariat, indicating IGF-related objectives, as well as objectives related to Internet governance processes. Some activities will be conducted on an DC-individual basis, while others require collective input.
- DC members were encouraged to review the suggested IGF DC 2024 work plan and provide comments directly in the [Google document](#), if any.

- A DC member volunteered for the initial drafting of the DCs input to the planned MAG response to the [CSTD WSIS questionnaire](#), which the MAG working group-Strategy is preparing, to ensure that the role and contributions of DCs are covered in the response.
- DC members discussed the strategic objective, which suggests developing a proposal for DC's integration in the IGF 2024 programme for the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group's (MAG) consideration. The following points were made:
 - When agreeing on the format of DC's integration into the IGF 2024 programme, there should be a variety of modalities to reflect the diversity and different needs each DC may have.
 - Many members mentioned the importance of organizing physical events at the annual IGF, as a focal point to keep and bring the community together. Besides the annual IGF, DCs have been urged to also participate at regional IGFs.
 - As an alternative to individual DC sessions, it was suggested to provide space to DCs for Day-0 events. However, it was noted that sidelining individual DC sessions to Day-0 events would undermine their contribution to the overall programme of the annual IGF meeting.
 - In order to bring more attention to DCs' work, individual session slots could all be scheduled in parallel with no other competing IGF session. While this new suggested slot allocation in the programme would have to be approved by the MAG, it was noted that this set up would challenge DC members, who are involved in more than one coalition, to attend DC sessions scheduled at the same time.
 - The suggestion to allocate a restricted number of individual DC sessions on a competitive basis was rejected by some members.
 - The Secretariat would not have the financial nor the human resources to organize a physical DC event ahead of the annual meeting. However, a virtual IGF 2024 Dynamic Coalition Event Day prior to the week of the IGF could provide a space for all DCs to hold an individual DC session instead of at the annual meeting. Outcomes from the virtual events could feed into the development of a DC main session.
 - The suggestion to hold (hybrid) lightning talks, as well as to organize a joint DC village booth resonated well.
 - Some DC meetings could be allocated in a bilateral meeting room, such as to hold their (physical) annual meet up.
 - Some members mentioned the importance of holding fully virtual IGF sessions.
 - The suggestion to organize a joint DC event at the IGF 2024, combining and bringing together individual DCs, was partially well received, noting that some DCs would still need their individual session.

The moderator, in his summing up of the discussion, noted that there were different views held on some of the issues under discussion. However, he also concluded that there was a convergence of views on some issues.

- There was a strong desire of the DCs to be part of the common effort to strengthen the role of the IGF and it was felt that the MAG should be reminded of the importance of the DC as a key component of the IGF ecosystem.
- A common thread was the diversity of the DCs. There is no one size fits all and the DCCG emphasized their grassroots character and their bottom-up nature. These basic characteristics of the DCs need to be preserved.

- There is a common wish for a better integration into the main programme of the IGF.
- One way of achieving this objective, could be a thematic integration. In order to achieve this, the MAG could, whenever engaging in a thematic discussion, go through the list of DCs and check whether there was any DC dealing with one particular issue. If so, the respective DC could be included into the programmatic discussion and the core group responsible for the preparation of the corresponding main session.
- The DCs remain strongly attached to the need for an individual session at the annual IGF. However, they signalled some flexibility in this regard and one objective should be to aim for the greatest impact of the DC's work.
- One possibility mentioned could be the presentation of a DC's findings in a different format, such as a main session. In such a case there might not be a need for a separate DC session.
- However, the individual DC session at the annual IGF was the only time of the year for DCs members to get together. This might take place in a hybrid setting, in a smaller format, maybe also on day zero. While the DCCG signalled some flexibility, there was no agreement on what would be acceptable to all.
- There was a strong call for hybrid meetings for all sessions throughout the annual IGF meeting, including lightning talks.
- While it was acknowledged that much progress has been made in making the IGF more accessible, the DCCG maintained that accessibility should remain a priority for all components of the IGF.

Next steps

- **An additional objective to update the DC Charter, providing clarity on the DC position within and its relationship to the IGF, will be added to the work plan.**
- **The IGF Secretariat will make the 2024 Work Plan accessible.**
- **The DC member to share the initial draft of the DCs input to the planned MAG response to the CSTD questionnaire, including the deadline for DCCG input. The WG-Strategy plans on submitting their response on 23 February, latest.**
- **Based on the meeting notes, the DCCG will present a potential DC's integration in the IGF 2024 programme to the MAG during the Open Consultation Day on 27 February.**

VI. Any other business

Key points raised:

- A DC member presented in his individual capacity a proposed IGF theme that he submitted previously in the IGF 2024 call for input.
- The transcript of the DCCG meeting #81 is available [here](#).

Next steps

- **A Doodle Poll will be sent out to the DCs suggesting meeting slots for Tuesday, 20 or Wednesday, 21 February.**

Annex I

List of Participants

Co-Facilitators

Markus	Kummer	Co-Facilitator
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Participants

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Olivier	Crépin-Leblond	DC on Core Internet Values
Muhammad	Shabbir	DC on Accessibility and Disability
Olivier	Crépin-Leblond	DC on Core Internet Values
Nikolis	Smith	DC on DNS Issues
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Kenneth	Merrill	NTIA
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Amali	De Silva Mitchell	DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
Eleni	Boursinou	DC on Open Educational Resources
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Maarten	Botterman	DC on the Internet of Things
Judith	Hellerstein	DC on Accessibility and Disability
Yasmin	Curzi	DC on Platform Responsibility

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