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>> MARKUS KUMMER: One minute left. Okay, it's almost top of the hour. Let's wait two more minutes or so. Could I write to begin we ask all party participants to add the Dynamics Coalition they represent next to their name. It makes it easier for the secretariat for preparing the minutes.

Would you also add the location because that was one issue that came up. You may have read it in the chat. It was away from the Dynamic Coalition set from working out the data about time slots, who is representing whom at what time. It will be good to have the location of each participant. I would kindly ask you to add behind your name the Dynamic Coalition you are representing and also the location from where you are talking.

>> ANRIETTE: Could you please enable us do so? So far, it's not possible to change your name or affiliation.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Give me a second.

>> ANRIETTE: Thank you. It's helpful for preparing the notes.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I'll put in the agenda behind the chat, but really, behind your name in the list of participants. That makes it easier. He will need to leave after 45 minutes. He would like to have a slot in participation. Yes, we can do that. The agenda is up in the chat.

I also sent out an email this morning and received from Flavio from the strategy working group who would like the DCs to participate in webinar to discuss the implementation of Sao

Paulo principles of multistakeholder corporation. I suggest discussing that on under any other business and we take the suggestion higher up in the agenda, but let's start with adoption of the agenda. Can we approve it as proposed and with that amendment that we have any other business on this note from Flavio and we discuss also the participation, but we put that then technically under any other business, but we anticipate it and I suggest when we, after the first substantive agenda item, preparing the first DC webinar in March. With that, can we adopt the agenda about the handout?

>> DR. RAJENDA: Thank you Markus. I requested for the agenda item under the working group strategy which Flavio fits under as well. Again not on the agenda. I requested to have it on there last week.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Same topic. Important to discuss to.

>> DR. RAJENDA: Important. A lot of discussion. A lot of input will be required. We discussd it in the subgroup.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay with that, can we then go through the preparation of the first webinar in March? I suppose the raw agenda, you are the mastermind behind the webinar. Rajendra shared so far what I have worked on.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Thank you Markus, and thank you for the wonderful, everyone's support and everyone. So one of the things that we wish to do to webinars to connect with various Dynamic Coalitions. Start working together to understand, have a better understanding of each, and also focus on the topic.

First one that we have picked up local for economic benefit. Set out one confirmation to be a speaker. I hope more will show up. I encourage you all to please write down the whole idea of that topic. A.I. is changing sectors, every sector. How do we realize full focus of the A.I. for humanities benefit, what the issues are, and how do we address that. Takes regulation, frameworker equity. So I would encourage those DC list grouping nominate the speaker for host this on the 27th of March. Tentative we have planned.

This will be our first webinar in city. I hope they will discuss take that, come with recommendations going forward to light on the issues that we need to address. That's where we are, Markus, at this point in time, send out a note. I have one speaker. I hope more will respond. You on the call, request to you have a look at it and come back to us so we can plan it.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. Has her hand up.

>> Yes, I need some clarification. I do think I have got the email invitation from Roman for the 27th of March with the

DC list of that, sorted themselves first theme of the IGF, I think got the email where you suggested topic you've just been talking about.

So far, I was thinking that we will meet on the 27th and there, besides with all of the Dynamic Coalitions that have sorted themselves to the subgroup. Whether we follow that subject or any other subject, so the process isn't yet clear for me and I would like to ask for clarification.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: One of the things that is that since A.I. is the topic, majority of people we believe should have another topic, we can do that too. Not the issue. Whole idea was that topics for which there could be more galvanization of various DCs. A.I. is something we're all looking at. Interested. That is where we look at, can we use A.I. governance for global humanities benefit. That is what it is.

If the majority of DC we should change it, happy to do that. First time, and I think very good that you asked this. This will also tell us on how really is Dynamic Coalitions come together to work with the issues, how do we streamline the process. Webinar is one way to bring more people to IGF because they will look at quality of the discussion we do and the kind of people that show up.

>> JUTTA COLL: If I may continue. Shouldn't we then first reset the four themes for the webinar?

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Ask Dynamic Coalition, better if they find governance for humanity or other three. So far, only decided subthemes without knowing what under the respective subthemes will be the topic. So it's a first time that I hear about that topic, governance for global governance for humanity. I would add on that, Roman can ship teams last idea. Ask for questions in the group. Not first time. Last year also this was an area for us. There's nothing new ideas. Time lapse may be off on mine, but Roman can validate what I'm saying.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Most important thing was to kickstart this idea and really thank Dr. Rajendra for this leadership in this regard. So yes, definitely, this first topic of the first webinar was introduced quite a while ago, so description did not really change. This is what this is what people were commenting on google doc.

Some amendments are taken into consideration. So thie idea this first webinar with DC it indicated in any email can be this pioneers for this first series, but I hear you and I think that might be right after this meeting, we should have three email threads for other groups to start choosing the

topic for the next webinars in April and May, maybe early June.

If we don't fit April and May for the three remaining webinars, so but I hope we can allow this first one be a little bit more improvising of Dr. Rajendra since we need to start. So now it's just nine days from now. We can have only one speaker and one more director, Dr. Rajendra and basically we need at least three or four other DCs to confirm.

I do think that the duration might be decreased to one hour depending on the amount of speakers, so this might be just a pilot project. It doesn't stop us from starting discussing three remaining webinars.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. I see Wout has his hand up.

>> WOUT de NATRIS: Are you working with or involved in the IGF Policy Network on A.I.? I just wanted to check because also started their work. So it would be good to include them if you have not done so already.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Not happy to have done so. Happy to do that.

>> JUTTA: I wasn't aware it's related to the group sorted themselves to the first one of the four themes for the IGF. So now, there is a relationship between a topic that came from last year and group that formed themselves on another basis. Just looking at do we belong to trust and building trust and resilience or do we belong to the corporation whatsoever.

That is why I was wondering how did that come together and if we set up the four themes for the four webinar, probably Dynamic Coalition would sort themselves no another way than they did when they just sorted themselves to the four subthemes.

That's my point. I do think we need clarification on that process because probably others like me didn't feel up to say I would like to be a speaker just because they didn't know that there was this relationship between subtheme and the theme that shall be discussed in webinar.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Please, Rajender.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Glad you brought this up. Whole idea, once we started, we realize what is part of the process so when the next webinar is moving, we will have a better understanding, but starting point is the first start of the agenda. Learn all of these things.

Like I think with time lapse, we had the theme decided last year. We had the theme last year. Subsequent webinars, people start working on this. Think you start somewhere in March. Keep pushing that.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I agree with Roman. I think once we agreed on the idea of having webinars, it's better to really to move on and questions we are trying to achieve. In a way, trial around for the sessions we have in Norway, also want to attract people from outside smaller DC community to tune in and show the broader IGF community that DCs substantive collaboration and can produce something.

Has to be the ambition for producing an interesting session that is of interest to the broader community. I was a little bit worried when I saw tentative slot of two hours. I thought we had agreed last call one hour was largely enough. It's very difficult to keep attention span this day and age for more than one hour. Already, one hour is more than TikTok generation is used to. Anything between three minutes is already a lot.

I think one hour. If you can find a few good speakers and I like also Anriette's suggestion, bring this to the Policy Network on A.I. and make a really interesting session. And as Roman said, pilot project. We can adjust as we go along.

Last year, clustering worked very well but also very much driven by the availability of speakers and getting adequate diversity in the session. Not so much driven by substantive connection of DCs to the themes. Here we have the opportunity to spend more time on finetuning the clusters, see which DCs want to join the cluster.

>> Wout de Natris: Determine length. More importance of the relevance of the topic than we do within exactly 60 minutes, 75 or 90, totally with the right content, et cetera, nobody will mind especially if we want to have some sort of comment section and have the opportunity to get people into the community.

Second comment is on the PN AI. We should be involving them but other way as well. We know what work is being done on AI They may be able to ask us for contributions to their work. That has never been achieved so far. We're seen as equal partners. We always advocate them as equal partners. I think that is important to have a look at.

There's a third one I now remember, I forgot about, I'll get back to it when I think of it.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. I think equal partners or not, I think Policy Networks are driven by the MAG and are supported by a consultant provided by the secretariat. The connection among the intercessional work has always been a weakness of IGF. It's not -- not blaming anyone here. All in their own silos and everyone here can make an effort to show

we're really actively connecting. I think that's something
positive.

     As to the length, I think we have to advertise it also in
advance. Is it 60 minutes or 2-hours ession? Yes, if the
interest is here and people stay on, fine, but people will
drop off because they have other commitments.

     I think one of the metrics of success is also can look at
how many people actually stayed on at the meeting. I'm not
religious on that, but it's just based on the experience and
most webinars tend to be just one hour, maybe 90 minutes, but
2 hours would be extremely long. We need to have clarity to go
in with.

     Anything? Avri has a question in the chat.

     >>AVRI: Roman, can you maybe send out the table with the
clusters, latest table we have, so that each DC can see where
they belong to.

     >> ROMAN CHUKOV: Not beautiful. Just data. So maybe to
make it more understandable, I should categorize them around
these four webinars. Let me work couple of days on this and
maybe consult so we can propose this several topics for the
next webinars and those preliminary DCs to be put in each of
these columns.

     We'll spend 19 minutes on this has been the topic. I
really hope that we can just give it a green light to go and
see how this first pilot series works out and then already
adjust because, for me to, this is performance and this can
really help to raise visibility about DCs' expertise of the
larger IGF community.

     Give it a try and if we all collectively understand that
it as a failure, we will definitely come back and reshape the
thing, but if the things work out smoothly, we can just
upgrade them to make sure that the process is understandable
for everyone and that everyone can equally participate and
understand how to do it.

     >> MARKUS KUMMER: Please send out raw data before
beautifying amendment. Great if you can beautify it.

     >> ROMAN CHUKOV: I already sent it.

     >> MARKUS KUMMER: Resend it. Thanks. I think I take it
that we agree to move on with that.

     >> WOUT DE NATRIS: I have a hand up. Next week, haven't
announced it, perhaps shift back one week extra to have more
time to prepare and also announce it. Announce the date now
and still have a week extra to come up with content because at
this moment, only one speaker, and yes, it will be good to
have these date first week of April, last week of April,

second week of May, something. Last week of first week of June. So we have four dates in place and everybody knows about it and what we have to work towards. So I would say that shift it back one week extra so that we have time to prepare. Thanks.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. We have announced it but I think we can, without much harm, that will bring it back to the first week of April.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: I'm okay as long as people feel so we can do that.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Set a MAG meeting in April. That would be what, shall we fix the date now and then? Roman from the secretariat point of view, do you have any constraints?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Sorry. Got distracted. Send in raw material to everyone. Everyone should have received it. You asked about the second webinar date?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Not to postpone the meeting. Actually, said for next or make the comments that we may still need some time for better preparation. And also, that's good point for advertising it.

>> ANRIETTE: Postpone one week to Thursday 3 of April if that works for Dr. Rajendra and you, Roman, as well.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: In terms of efficiency. Need to say we have been postponing it from the beginning of February. That's why it was critical to keep it in line with our expectations to have four webinars to do at least one in March. If the majority thinks we need to give it another week, I'm fine. It can be like 10 or 11 of April easily.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: We're thinking more 3 of April.

>> JUTTA: Just proposed.

>> DR. RAJENDRAL: Third is fine for me. I'm traveling.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Go for the 3rd. Give us time, also better time to advertise it.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Problem, DCs indicated in my email to respond to the speaker on already proposed description by Dr. Rajendra in the next email thread which I respond to. Two weeks will be more than enough for us to have a premeeting with all the speakers and discuss the run of show and have enough time also my colleagues to spread the information using all the channels to promote it definitely.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: We have agreement on that. It is set. We go for 3rd of April.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Agree on time. We put it -- what time should we put it?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: What time did we have originally?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 27th. 4:00 p.m.

>> JUTAA: Yes. I think so.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Should be 4:00 p.m.

>> AMRITH: What time zone?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 3:00 p.m. UTC. 3:00 p.m. UTC is more or less in the middle for all the time zones. How we planned to achieve the maximum attendance.

>> AMRITH: That will be then 5:00 Geneva time. Yes.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: We switched.

>> JUTTA: We switched to summertime.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Enable all parts of world to equally participate this as we do care about this.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: 3, 1500 UTC. Yes, okay.

>> Judith HELLERSTEIN: 1500UTC, 1600 for Geneva time.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: No.

>> JUTTA: Summertime. We have summertime then, 2 hours difference.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: You then become UTC minus 6.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Plus 2.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Plus 2. UTC plus 2. Sorry.

>> JUTTA: At the end of March. Last weekend of March, we switch.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: We switched already.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay. With that, we can then close this agenda item. We have a webinar in the pipeline on 3rd of April, 1500 UCT. And with that, we can then go back to the participation. Any other business. Amrith requested, he has to leave soon. Over to you Amrith.

>> AMRITH: To clarify, discussion past 2 weeks regarding gathering data on participation as well as location of members hoping to join these DCCG meetings as well as how to foster increased participation.

I understand right now, at the moment, DC community has a lot of activities IGF coming up. Important to consider this talking about all of these implementation and importance of like Sao Paulo guidelines which aim towards fostering participation from like weaker groups; in this case, DCs not act toughly participating at the moment. This is definitely something that is important to consider and just as Roman discussed, it's also important that we foster participation from all groups.

So in this task, the way that would be most affected is that we consider all the locations of people that are participating. We get a better idea how these times are actually affecting each DC and each group overall.

I saw the main comment that came up regarding this, that secretariat group has to join a specific time, timing based on all of them. I would like to clarify. We have not had involvement. Looked into potentially implementing platforms that are not, play the forms Slack, for example, where active participation from the DC members or participants isn't required. They don't have to join these meetings at the live times if they're occurring.

For example, as Stacie mentioned, can chair DCT joining 2:00 a.m. Just an example of how certain individuals have to join very late times. For example, working on a proposal, I had to join meetings at 6:00 a.m. Not to say that this is just something that I'm experiencing. It's just a fact that when we have these live meetings going on, which involves all DCs participating, and working towards guidelines or tasks that are mutual among DCs, important we foster participation from all DCs.

Understand a topic that been mentioned before. I was just wondering, clarify what the document you are referring to. I believe we responded to a document that was first created in 2021 regarding DC participation being an issue.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I sent out a link to the document, yes, on the IGF website.

>> AMRITH: Possible to post it in the chat. I'm not sure I was able to find it.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: We have the document as sent out to lengthy email and we agreed on the last call that we would revisit this document which is airtight IGF Dynamic Coalitions, digital practice and issues to explore. It doesn't offer solutions where it just raises, it just raised issues and it identifies the issues where DCs may wish to have further discussions and signaled a few of them.

And one of them was also I think one issue brought up what is to do with Dynamic Coalition, one of the issues discussed. Should we provide mechanism to retire end of their project ininactive. And it is on DC section. Roman, can you find the link easily and send it on the chat?

>> JUTTA: We have the chat.

>> AMRITH: It was just posted, yes. As a clarification, this has been an issue raised, been put in the picture, I would just like some clarification. Has there been any initiative being taken towards ideas being proposed towards how we can address that? I believe at the moment, there's no initiative. Has there been any potentials how he could potentially address increased participation from these

currently enacted DCs rather than outright retiring them at the moment?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: We have not found a solution. We have issues and we are sharing and Avri has a comment in the chat.

It clearly that, by and large, it's also have to look at the geography. Majority I think of the participants live in time zones that are closer to the European region.

And that fact of life, and then you have to also be aware of the secretariat support, and so far, the IGF meetings all take place in time zones closer to UTC.

>> AMRITH: Sorry to interrupt you there. What we didn't have to share. Asynchronous meetings, people wouldn't have to necessarily join in on that at these times. Get an idea what happened at the meeting, issues with face. Have transcripts, summaries shared weeks after the actual meetings occurred. It involves members that couldn't actually join or representatives from DCs that couldn't join. Left out the picture of what is currently ongoing at these meetings or like mutual works, the work that is being done by these DC groups.

This was an issue that we faced before co-chair Catherine was asking for transcripts. Due to the fact that wasn't available. Wasn't able to get the necessary information. She couldn't join. Transcript, have we looked into Asynchronous meeting platforms where individuals could join. Understand what is currently ongoing with DCCG planning meetings without having to necessarily join at these outlandish times such as 2:00 AM for example.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: We have transcription of each ` meeting and meeting summary, you can have literally every word discussed during the meeting thanks to partners from Caption First, also doing live captions right now. We have them updated on the website section.

>> AMRITH: Actually, document that I used to gather some of the data and very thankful for the captioners here. Issue is that these transcripts are released more than 2 weeks after actual meetings occur. I've been observing when the last meeting transcript was released. It was around 2 or 3 weeks after the meeting itself in that case.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: That is something that can be corrected easily. I think.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Not the case. Raw file we receive right after the meeting, so Captions First would send it right now. So absolutely no problem to send it to the DC at least right after the meeting. Problem solved?

>> AMRITH: In that case, those want to incorporate their

ideas what's being discussed at these meetings wouldn't have voice being heard. Just to clarify that, I've seen that some people have mentioned mailing list isn't asynchronous platform. Doesn't accommodate what we're trying to work towards. We want to have a place where voices can be heard and it would be not be considerate to think a mailing list alone would be enough to accommodate all voices.

Seen there's a lot of issues ongoing amount to a lot of threads. As a result, views and comments from individuals gets lost in these emails list. Raised comments about webinar and how we could work towards strategy. Not forget we have a platform. We need a more effective platform such as Slack. Slack, just an idea being thrown around. Slack would effectively allow individuals to partake in these discussions without having to join at these times. Even if the transcript released, get their comments on some of the discussions ongoing.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I'm not familiar with Slack.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Also recent kind of newcomer to the DC space, I see that's not easy to innovate and move things quickly. So you should understand that the community has been here and evolving for several years. I also see probably like I wanted to introduce the idea of webinar and run as fast as possible, this is the reality.

So again, every time we alternate timing of the meeting, so this time, it's more or less afternoon. Next time, more or less morning. So it is already the case that some of the teams, members of different DCs can participate in different meetings and different time zones.

We always do have real live transcript after the meeting. If there is some delay in posting to the website, it can be sent right after receiving it to the list. Not a problem.

What else? Regarding using new platforms, this is something which needs to be addressed within the secretariat. It's not really quick because we need to have this account, we need to register, pay for it, need to have all of this agreement how to use it internally, and also, we need to make sure that all the community members will really use it, which is not the case.

Among innovations already brought into little subgroup, which use to coordinate the activities on the Dynamic Coalition booth. Sometimes it serves for quicker communication. Once anyone asks for this or that document, or again, to reshare the meeting notes or link for the meeting.

Try to be agile, try to be flexible, but I do not think

that now we are, I'm an innovator myself, look at what's happening in this space, I cannot consider it in critical condition. It's still normal as we will definitely evolve to be more and more inclusive.

    >> AMRITH: Add onto it. I understand we have platforms in place and I do agree a lot of inclusivity going on. I agree you guys are working towards ensuring many people can join. I see space for improvement. So for example, Whatsapp current platform being used, consensus that many members can partake in this Whatsapp group and share that accessibility for these DCs and their voices heard.

    I haven't seen any involvement from DCs, many DC groups on that whatsapp group shared to me by one of our co-chairs. Issue is that it's not very easy to join. From my end, Whatsapp not a very accessible platform and not often use for the place for communication and active planning. I feel that there are more effective platforms that can be used. I agree this does take time unless we actually consider it. There is no space for us to actually move towards direction of increased inclusivity unless we actually address the fact there's a need for reform. That's basically my point.

    >> MARKUS KUMMER: We definitely can consider other options. I think there are few suggestions in the chat. Whatsapp, not everybody likes Whatsapp and not everybody has access to it. That's a fact. That's more or less the whole world uses it I think so it was a fairly logical and quick solution to find. It was fairly effective signal was mentioned as an alternative in the chat. Point made, Slack is not cost neutral and Anriette had a suggestion, knows of a free platform.

    >> ANRIETTE: Could I speak? Hand my hand raised for ages. After me, few people as well.

    We are running out of time. I wanted to respond to this. Firstly, I think we do need to acknowledge that there is marginalization of people in certain time zones. I want to say that because definitely true. I understand people's frustration. Being in the central African European time zone, I know I'm one of the privileged, but I am aware of this.

    Secondly, I think we should rotate meetings more. Secondly, this is not just an issue of platform. I think even if we use -- very familiar with Slack. There's a very good alternative, Mattermost. That's an open-source alternative.

    Even if you use asynchronous platform, you still need to have decisionmaking process. There's no reason why, at the moment, we cannot circulate the agenda and have agreement that

we use the mailing list for people who cannot attend in person
to respond using clear subject line saying my input on agenda
item X, this is what I want to say. The chair and Roman can
then make sure that those inputs, even if they center the
mailing list, it's an old-fashioned system that actually if
you use it well, it works.

I'm not opposed to new platforms. I understand where
Roman is coming from. Idea of community is difficult to
introduce new platforms unless people have said. Whatsapp is
also not great.

My recommendation is, one, we rotate meeting times. 2, we
actually try to use the mailing list to very deliberately give
people voice at community meetings. Thirdly, wanted to point
out that DC coordination, participation in it is voluntary.
Many DCs not here because, to them, what is important is what
is happening inside their DC. Not to be part of the DC
coordination group. I think we have to give people their space
as well.

If you look at the terms of reference of Dynamic
Coalitions participation in the coordination group is not at
the moment a requirement, that's something to reflect on
changing. To expect more of make it a requirement. Generally,
principle of DCs has been there are self-organized and that's
not obligatory to participate in the DC coordination
activities.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. My apologies not giving you
the floor earlier. Seem to have problems seeing who has their
hand up right now.

>> ANRIETTE: Judy, I was next and then Dino.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Judith Hellerstein for the record.

This problem of time zones, something that is all
international organizations. And with the added thing here,
can solve it, unlike other organizations when they have people
spread around the globe, secretariat staff is based in Europe,
and that is an issue that is different problems.

I also want to make sure that any platform that is used
is accessible for persons with disability because many, not
all platforms are. One of the main reasons we had switched to
Zoom was that Webex was not accessible. We need to make sure
all platforms are accessible to disabilities. Sometimes
that's not the case.

I think we should focus more on these meetings and on,
gathering making decisions as opposed to discussing these time
zones. These issues could be discussed in an email by all in
the chart on Google doc. If you want asynchronous, Google doc

is the best platform for the asynchronous. Owned by Google,
best one for the asynchronous spreadsheets. Documents more for
disabilities. Spreadsheets also a problem, sort of what we
have to do.

Anriette decided to make coordination meetings obligatory
for one of the members of group, another way to make sure that
we retain active DCs. Maybe we need to change the terms of
reference in that point. I don't know. But thanks so much.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you, Judith. One of the issues
which is for discussion, we haven't decided to make it
mandatory. Precisely where the gaming participation list comes
into it. That should be an incentive for them to participate
and be seen as active members.

We have tried, and this document which was actually for
Anriette, a way as MAG chair asked me to work with active DC,
come up with a document, provide a platform for further
discussion. I have tried to go through it but always gets
derailed by discussing other things.

We have to prepare the meetings and whatever, or somebody
comes up with an urgent concern like here to time zone issue,
and then we discuss time zone issue. That's where we are.

>> DINO: I want to confirm my support for what Anriette
and Judith said. I don't think whatever platform we may find
can substitute for our direct participation. This is just
reality. I been working for the UN for 25 years and issue of
time zone coordination is a daily issue. I think just a matter
of organizing ourself to make sure rotational basis we select
some time zone, accommodate anybody so nobody feels like
marginalized. I don't think it's worth engaging which app is
better than other because, again, alluded to in the past, no
app is 100% secure. There are vulnerabilities, security risk,
privacy risk, on any app we choose. Tried to select or find an
app that this perceived to be more secure than the other, I
think a waste of time from my point of view and my experience.

Third comment is even if there will be as envisioned a
perfect app that would allow for this direct involvement, I
personally already have many apps I use. Microsoft Teams and
Zoom and Whatsapp and Signal, whatever they may be. I think it
would just add to the burden of trying to follow things. That
as I aalluded to before, I think at a certain point, direct
involvement, direct engagement, as we're doing today, is the
only meaningful way to resolve something. Otherwise, it will
end up being something inevitably put aside and will not allow
us to be meaningfully involved. Thank you. Back to you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Time zones that we shared,

rotate time slots for our meetings is already a practice we
have. Question is what slots are ones that are acceptable by
all. I think we had usually morning slot in Europe and
afternoon slot in Europe, but then morning slots are not very
popular with colleagues in the US. I think it was set for I
think 11:00 UTC morning slot. Afternoon slot usually around
what we have now. Next meeting again would then be morning
slot, which would be 10:00 or 11:00 UTC.

        >> JUTTA: If I may, I just remember that during my
three-year term in May, we had the meetings in the morning, in
the afternoon, and every second week, I had a meeting around
midnight. So it worked well at that time. More than 50
members of the multistakeholder advisory group. I do think we
could do it in a way we did that over three years of MAG
meetings.

        >> MARKUS KUMMER: Current MAG doesn't do that any more.
        >> JUTTA: We did it three years. I remember most those on
the MAG, it worked quite well. Of course, it wasn't easy to
get up every 2 weeks late in the night to have these meetings,
but in the end we could do that. And I agree with, at one
point, we need meetings where we are all together and not only
working on digital tools. Definitely they can support our
work, but I'm not sure about the accessibility of Slack, for
example. I do know that you can achieve a certain amount of
accessibility but it's not really a tool that people with
disabilities are able to use like with some people because of
time zone or some tool we are going to use. It's not like it's
so easy.

        >> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you and Anriette has an action
plan already. Enabling comments. That's, I think, a very
constructive one, sent the agenda out a little bit more in
advance and allow for input into the agenda, or maybe also
Google doc. Rotate time zones. Yes, we do that already. But
as she prepared time slots using the strategy time slots could
work based I think earliest time slots 6:00 or so UTC and
latest one is 9:00 UTC. I think we should also align ourselves
a little bit what is done within the community.

        The recordings of the meetings and transcripts can be
made available really just within 2 hours after the meeting.
That's not an issue and it doesn't need to be edited. We can
make the raw transcript available there. Not perfect, but they
are good enough to be shared with.

        >> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Judith Hellerstein for the record.
From the NRI call records meetings, but doesn't put the
transcript up on the, doesn't put recording on the website, so

send a link out to people who request it. So maybe there's some kind of, they don't want the actual recording of the meeting on website and they send it out privately to people, but you could check with the secretariat on that. --

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yes. Transcript, I don't know whether NRI calls or actually DC calls. We have live transcripts.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Transcripts are up, but the actual recording of the call is not up, so maybe that's different. I don't know.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Well, we have to make in advance, we have to ask for agreement that everybody agrees that they agree with the meeting being recorded. That's standard procedure. Do you have your hand up?

>> WOUT de NATRIS: I think, Marcus, back to why we are discussing this. Main reason is that we went from having individual DC slots 2 years ago to 10 last year and four this year, and some sort of fair division about people representing DCs that are very active and ones never show up or maybe even not submitting any report or something.

So I think that if we keep that in mind, it should be quite easy to come up with some sort of division. And yes, we have time difference and that allows for some people not being able to be present. Shift the time, that change.

Another indication that Roman could very easily look into. Are DCs active? Any activity during the year? Are there any submissions in any form to the IGF website? And finally, have they submitted yearly reports?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yearly report, that is checked.

>> WOUT de NATRIS: Three or four items are checked, you're participating in the IGF.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: May I interrupt? You are jumping ahead again. Very much, all of these issues that are in the paper I'm trying to revitalize.

>> WOUT de NATRIS: Trying to get us back to that. Discussing time zones and moving far away what we're actually discussing, access to valuable limited time at the IGF.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Right. That was one of the -- I mean, there are very few basic requirements that are enforced by the secretariat so that the DC qualifies as active DC and one of them is to submit annual report of activity report. That is being checked by the secretariat. If they don't do that, get removed into unactive part. Other criteria precisely where we start security discussion, accountability discussion. Other issues came up, always get derailed by the discussion on the time zones, which is not the first time, but yes, we can

improve on that and making this one the first step in the
right direction is to make the transcript immediately
available.

And we can also look at time slots and Anriette's
suggestion to look at slots. Get back to us. See where people
are happier with those.

I think I would like to close the discussion on this
subitem on any other business here and go back to our main
agenda at this stage. Next agenda next item was back to the
main session. IGF, how was it worded, Roman?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: (No response)

>> MARKUS KUMMER: One we also discussed, should we, once
again, apply for a booth at the IGF. I think based on the past
experience, that will be an excellent idea. It was a
successful experiment at the booth we had and it worked much
better than anticipated.

Chat again on time zone. Support for the booth. Yes,
Robert. Agenda. And I think I would assume this is a given
then. Then we have the, again, started the discussion on the
main session with webinars. They would prepare for the four
sessions we have. Then for the DCs, collaborative sessions,
workshop group, and also have a main session.

One question that came up today in the May meeting was
what if MAG meeting, what if the MAG decides to have a main
session on one of the main themes, which is, in theory,
possible, but we're not there yet. And I think our answer to
that is that we maintain, we want a separate session, but I
think there was a need to be open to see how, in theory, we
might have to collaborate also with the MAG on the main
session.

These are my few introductory comments. Are there other
comments? I see comments that are not related comments in the
Whatsapp group. Yes.

>> ANRIETTE: I checked in with the secretariat after the
MAG meeting. Reiterate what you just said, DCs can orient the
four subthemes. DCs should already consider, at a later stage,
possibly collaborating with the MAG on some of thee. We don't
know what main sessions will be available. Also DC main
session. And other thing I learned that might be relevant,
that the DC and subtheme sessions proposals need to be ready
and final by end of April. That does give us some time, but
not that much time, because when I say end of April, then we
need to have speakers and well fairly finished proposals,
which will then be reviewed. And by May, end of April is the
deadline for those session proposals. Thanks Markus.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. Yes, we did not submit proposals and Roman said that in the email. Somebody asked. I think it was Wout asked him. Not bound by the deadline, but one stage we have to come up with a proposal and end of April. Sounds far away, but it is not. You're right in pointing out urgency that we actually should start getting operational on the themes.

>> JUTTA: I had raised by hand. Hoping we get four slots for workshops organized, business-based webinars by the Dynamic Coalitions and main session organized by Dynamic Coalition. I do think recommended that we link that together. When we are talking about the themes that are being addressed, by the issues being addressed prepared for when the webinars, and then have these workshops, that is also somehow related to what we suggest for Dynamic Coalitions' main session. Should not be completely separate. It should be interlinked what we are doing there. I.

Do think the main basis for everything that we want to showcase at the intergovernment governance, we want to discuss this, is based on the intercessional work that the Dynamic Coalition are doing throughout the year, so that should be guiding us to what is these four workshops as well as towards the main session. And I do think we need to go in that direction and have that ready by end of April.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Correct. As I said, there is not much time. And I think whether we should be able to find teams, volunteers, willing to push one of themes, I think we already have Rajendra does a lot of heavy lifting. Can't escape us that.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: I'll be there.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I wonder, Jutta, whether we could volunteer you again. You did a fantastic job last year. Volunteer you again.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Along with Jutti will do it if you have to have two, three or four people.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: four sessions.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Four sessions for the four clusters preparing main session.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: DCAN can help out as we did last year. Put us down.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay, we have Jutta again and Judith as core team. Anyone else willing to volunteer?

>> DINO: Included my name is the chat.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Dino, Jutta, Rajenda, and Judith core team preparing main session.

>> Avri already volunteered in the chat.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Excellent. With that, is there anything else we need to discuss at this stage for the main session? Do we need to give deadlines about when you think you could come up with the first draft?

>> ANRIETTE: I suggest before face-to-face MAG meeting that week of 14 April.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Definitely, yeah.

>> ANRIETTE: what is a good date? When is your next meeting? 2 weeks time?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Normally within 2 weeks time. Yeah.

>> ANRIETTE: Next meeting first of March, of April, shall we say 31 March as a deadline?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Also be a few days ahead.

>> JUTTA: I won't be able to two days. Conference in Brussels 30 and 31 of April. No chance.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Avri suggested first of March deadline for the draft.

>> JUTAA: Okay.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Meeting could be Wednesday the second.

>> JUTTA: Could work for them me.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Webinar on the third?

>> DR. RAJENDRA: Webinar as well.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Is there an impediment to having the meeting on the 2nd?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Why so quick. Usually four weeks. Why not in 2 weeks?

>> JUTTA: Keep the deadline. We have the draft before the first meeting.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: can we do it email? I don't know. If second of April is convenient for everyone, at least do it and we could it have final arrangements also discussed about the next day webinar. This would be very convenient.

>> JUTTA: Meeting of the organizing group April 2 and next meeting of the DCCG in four weeks' time.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: I'm good.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: I'm confused. Not DCCG meeting 2 of April. Other meeting?

>> JUTTA: My suggestion. Make it easier to find a time slot.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Core group maybe even. No point to wait that long. That can be arranged within next week if everyone is available to start the things earlier.

>> JUTTA: Hands up with Laura and Avri. Hear from them first before we decide.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Wout?

>> WOUT de NATRIS: Thank you. I would suggest that we send out a message as soon as possible making sure who wants to be in which group on under which theme so that is clear. And also, perhaps get more people in the core team who are not present right now know about this proposal.

I would say ask Roman to send out this message straightaway with very tight deadline saying this is your chance to be on the represented panel and one of the work is workshops. And otherwise, tough luck.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Laura?

>> LAURA: I was actually going to ask about that. I think I don't know if we want also this sessions or like DC sessions on the subthemes to fit actually main session. Then we really need to start working on who is going to be organizing those sessions based on the themes.

And for now, I'm sorry because I couldn't attend last meeting. Kind of lost. I need to report back to the coordinators of DC journalism, how it looks like participation in the IGF considering happening very soon.

For me, very confusing like how do we actually fit in. Normally, we also took advantage of separate sessions and our own session without -- now I'm looking. Okay, how we jump in with where like Dynamic Coalitions can be incorporated with what topics. How can we corporate? Easier for us to report back to the coalitions, say this is how participation will look like, do we want to fit into one of these subthemes and kind of organize, commit to organizing or coordinating one of these sessions and how can we coordinate main DC sessions.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Point well taken.

>> AVRI: Basically the whole thing, when do we start, looking more core team -- I didn't turn on camera. I probably should.

We probably should start immediately. We should probably start immediately where creating ourselves for drive docs that everyone said they're on the team, starts putting in their ideas of this, we can then add the names of everyone that wants to speak and do it.

I think we can do a lot without waiting for a starting gun meeting that the secretariat arranges for us, because I know how difficult that can be for them.

We can also, one of the things that you get in terms of asynchrony from the drive, is many people can be working on the document. At the same time, can converse while they're working. They can also actually have a video chat while in the

document if they wish. All of that ability for core team and others to just jump in and start doing it as opposed to waiting to start until we can schedule a meeting and have ourselves properly regimented and just get started with the documents.

Any one of us can start the documents. I'm more than happy to start the documents. All of us started drive documents. Don't need to wait to fit in the secretariat's workday. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you very much. Appreciate your enthusiasm and your dynamism. Let's get started. Do we need leads for each of the themes or can you sort yourselves out?

>> AVRI: Let us sort ourselves out.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Very much in favor of bottom-up coordination. We plan. Don't really need to organize meetings as such. I would suggest meeting of core team on second of April, which will be open also to otheor participants. Would that make sense so we can keep track?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Time zone for this meeting?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: That's also a good question. Now we have East Coast and India as the extreme, I think.

>> DR. RAJENDRA: No problem from my side. Don't worry about me.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Judith, what is the earliest time acceptable for you?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Judith Hellerstein for the record. I would prefer 1200 UTC.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Make it 1200 UTC. I think 2:00 Europe UTC by then.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: The next meeting of the core team, preparing the main session, correct?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Correct. That will be open. Just a team open-ended core team to prepare the main session.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Ideally, if I understood right, each coordinator of each democratic cluster before the meeting should be refined. I have shared raw material. Allow me a couple of days to try to synthesize something more understandable for everyone so we can understand how people do sign up for this, so that is, let's say, email threads for that group, which both prepare as a webinar as the DC session and annual forum.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Full DC session, DC coordination group meeting, a call on the following week so that we have a call ahead of the meeting. Should we again go for Wednesday? That will be the 9th or Thursday the 10th?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Time zone?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: 9th is better.

>> JUTTA: I won't be available due to another three-day conference in Amsterdam. No option to skip out of the sessions, but it doesn't matter. I don't need to be there.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 15 or 16 April.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: MAG meeting.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Correct.

>> JUTTA: Only day conference goes from Tuesday through Thursday that week.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Friday 11th.

>> JUTTA: Friday, I would be available.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Let's go for Friday.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: What time again?

>> JUTTA: Up to you. Decide it now and just send it out without the poll.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Let's do afternoon time again.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 11:00 UTC time at 3:00 p.m. Maybe can be morning this time.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: 12:00 UTC?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I won't be there. I'll be in California getting ready for passover.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 11 or 12:00 UTC.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Doesn't matter, I'm not going to be there either of those times. 12 might be better for Shabia.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: 12?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I don't need to be in the circle meeting.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Judith's representative. Rest of the meeting, 12 should be fine.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay. We have a plan going forward with the main sessions.

Back to the agenda. Accountability was on the agenda and we don't have much time left to discuss that. Question is where are we with the gamification of the attendance list?

>> REYANSH GUPTA: I can take that one, gamification platform. What I'll do is by the end of this week, groups send out emails to anyone clearly joining the platform. Leaderboard should be next week. Current status, send that email to one first, and send it out to all DC members.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Work in progress. I was going to discuss another on this paper relating to the accountability, but given the advanced time, I don't really think we have that much time to go into detail.

>> REYANSH GUPTA: Thank you for this initiative and work on this. Convinced it is a good way forward. Fun way forward. Thanks.

>> MARKUS KUMMER; And then back to any other business. There was the question on the working group strategy and Wout de Natris been in touch with the group and prepared some documents. Would like to update on that, please.

>> WOUT de NATRIS: Thank you Markus. Try to share my screen so that -- I'm not allowed. Can I do that, Roman?

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: You should be able to do it.

>> WOUT de NATRIS: I can see that now. Share. Okay. You should be able to see the document. Some of you have been there already as you have some comments.

We had a small subgroup, as you may remember, that which we founded last time we met and Avri and Anriette and myself met a couple of weeks ago and decided we go forward with this in plan. As you know, I showed last time six different topics. Go through them quite slowly that the working group strategy has identified to work on.

I've found that there is no hard deadline for them at this moment except for number 2. We submitted text that we agreed upon in the working group as nobody put other comments.

I did see that I took out individual examples of DCs but did point to our overview on the IGF website so there is no disparity between one DC being mentioned and one that is not. So we said that we would contribute to the WSIS 20 meeting organized by the secretary or working group strategy. DCs would be able to participate there online or perhaps even on site.

Other ones, we discussed that we would have people responsible for the different topics and that the first, in my notes, first will be done by either Mark or Bill or by myself. Second is finished and when we get invitation, we have to start working on content.

The third is being run by nobody at this point in time. Sorry, Amrit has number 3 and number 4 what we'll discuss. Sao Paulo guidelines come in and that we're asked to work with them. I think that is just about the same that is being offered in under item number 2 that we participate in a meeting in a webinar that they organize and explain what we do and what our goals are.

Number 5, that is governmental engagement in the upcoming IGF meeting and that Avri leading on that trying to get some input that we can put into the theme and people under what we're doing.

Number 6 is either Mark or Bill or myself. Mark is only back from holiday, have to divide between the two. We've come up with division in our little group and that we will be asking for input probably some time as soon as they're more clear about deadlines and Bill will follow the discussion in the working group strategy so that I know about deadlines.

I think that is where we are at this point in time. I think we've had a very good meeting of subgroup and agreed that it makes sense to make sure that DCs have input on all of the six themes that were identified by working group strategy.

Let me stop there with the content and ready to take questions and perhaps Avri or Anriette could answer them as well if that fits better.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that email I had shared earlier today from Flavio fits into this. Essentially would like the DCs to be part of the webinars to share their internal governance structures. Also an issue raised in the famous paper, which I have always liked to circle back to, something we have, one of the issues suggested should there be a template for DC Governance discussed or share good practice and what good governance structures are. Yes Anriette or Avri, anything to add to that or input into this work?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Nothing to add.

>> ANRI: I don't have anything to add. Good job moving us forward. So I'm thankful to him for constantly taking a lead on it.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you to three of you and Wout in particular for some driving you all forward in particular.

Five minutes to go. More or less exhausted the agenda, or is there anything else on any other business? If that's not the case, I think we do have a plan going forward. Work for Roman to send out transcripts as soon as possible and email again.

>> ROMAN CHUKOV: Absolutely not a problem. Expect it as soon as I receive it from the Caption First team.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: excellent. Okay. So we have again call on second of April. And after this, 11th. Yes. Excellent. With that, I thank you all for your active participation and we say good-bye. Good talking to you.