DYNAMIC COALITION ON COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY (DC3)
2023 YEARLY REPORT

1. Background info about the DC3

The IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3) as a multistakeholder group, fostering a collaborative analysis of community networks (CNs), exploring how such initiatives can improve and expand connectivity while empowering Internet users. During the past eight years, the work of the members of DC3 has been fundamental as a platform where stakeholders can discuss and define shared principles, norms, rules, and programs that have been shaping the evolution and use of Internet connectivity via CNs.

2. Activities conducted in the past year

a. Activities within the IGF

During the DC3 session at IGF 2023, we launched the Official 2023 Outcome "Community Networks: Building Digital Sovereignty and Environmental Sustainability", which is a compilation of five papers.

The theme for the 2023 session was chosen by consolidating inputs from the DC3 community in a consultative process via the mailing list.

The IGF session of DC3 gathered several of the contributors to the annual outcome, as well as specialists from various stakeholder groups, who presented case studies, provided different aspects on the connection between community networks and human rights, and discussed new avenues of cooperation on CNs. The session was jointly moderated by Dr Luca Belli and Dr Senka Hadzic.

Speakers at the session were the following: Atsuko Okuda (ITU Asia-Pacific), Raquel Gatto (CGI Brazil), Amreesh Phokeer (ISOC), Pedro Vilchez (guifi.net), Carlos Baca (Rhizomatica), and Nils Brock (DW Akademie).

b. Any outputs produced and/or research/studies conducted

The DC3 annual outcome "Community Networks: Building Digital Sovereignty and Environmental Sustainability" contains the following papers:

"Community networks as drivers of digital sovereignty and environmental sustainability", by Luca Belli and Senka Hadzic.

"Economies of setting up localized network infrastructure for rural settings of G20 countries: CR Bolo, a case study from India", by Ritu Srivastava.

"Can environmental practices foster community networks sustainability?", by Bruna Zanolli, Nils Brock and Sarbani Belur.

"National Community Network Schools: Capacity building as a strategy for building local meaningful access solutions in community contexts", by Carlos Baca-Feldman and Adrián López Angulo.

"Internet Access, Freedom and Empowerment of the Tea Tribe and Adivasi Community in Assam in India: An Initiative in Community Network", by Osama Manzar and Dr Syed S. Kazi.

The volume has been edited by Luca Belli and Senka Hadzic.

c. Activities outside the IGF

A meeting was held at RightsCon 2022 in Costa Rica. There has been participation at regional forums and events, most actively with Anatel (The Brazilian telecom regulator) and their newly formed Working Group on Community Networks.

3. Updates on internal processes

The new mailing list (updated in 2022) has been the main communication platform.

4. Priorities/objectives for the following year

DC3 aims to engage at gatherings beyond the annual IGF. A potential venue is NetMundial 10+ which is likely to take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil in May 2024.