

‘Dynamic Coalitions: Contribute to the Digital Future!’

[90 minutes – Wednesday 20 December, 10.00-11.30 – Room XVII, UNOG]

Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) are some of the IGF’s longest-standing community groups that do continuous work around a chosen theme in Internet Governance, during and between the IGFs. They were first formed at the IGF in Athens in 2006 with the aim of organizing discussion groups around Internet governance themes, both of particular interest to members and with a wider public significance. Starting out with a small number, there are now 17 active DCs whose work has evolved to encompass a range of activities and outputs.

Building on their successful main session held in 2016, DCs have agreed to come together again at IGF 2017 to discuss the topics they cover – from Accessibility and Disability, Internet of Things and Blockchain Technologies, to Child Online Safety, Community Connectivity and Gender and Internet Governance, Publicness and Core Internet Values.

The main session will strive to be as inclusive as possible of DCs’ wide variety of themes and issues. Each of the participating coalitions will make brief interventions. These will be prompted by a moderator who, acting as an ‘agent provocateur’, will ask questions to challenge DCs and stimulate a defense or explanation of the major points in their work. A discussion with participants will follow. DCs will bring into this session substantive output papers, available online as background reading for IGF participants.

Agenda

I. Introduction on DCs and their Role within the IGF [~5 mins]

II. Q&A between Moderator and DC Speakers [~4 mins x 13 DCs, 55 mins total]

III. Interaction with Participants In-Room and Online [~30 mins]

Policy Questions

Policy questions will be wide-ranging and relate to the work of each of the DCs represented in the main session. The issues will be as diverse as the topics to which DCs have dedicated themselves, whether technical, rights-related or related to broader questions of “Internet values”.

Specific questions will be identified by each DC and drawn from the following output papers:

DCAD Substantive Paper for IGF 2017 DCs Main Session (DC on Accessibility and Disability)

IGF 2017 Substantive Paper (DC on Blockchain Technologies)

Community Networks: the Internet by the People for the People (DC on Community Connectivity)

DC Core Internet Values discussion paper 2017: Focus on Freedom from Harm (DC on Core Internet Values)

An Internet For #YesAllWomen?: Women's rights, gender and equality in digital spaces (DC on Gender and Internet Governance)

Input Document for the DCs Main Session at the Internet Governance Forum 2017 (DC on Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected)

Internet of Things Good Practice Policies (DC on Internet of Things)

Zero rating Map (DC on Network Neutrality)

Preview of the 2017 DCPR Outcome: Platform Regulations (DC on Platform Responsibility)

Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries: Summary (DC on Public Access in Libraries)

Open Digital Trade: Background Paper [Full Report] (DC on Trade)

The Charter of Human Rights and Principles for the Internet Educational Resource Guide (v2) (Internet Rights and Principles Coalition)

Chair(s) and/or Moderator(s)

Moderator: Tatiana Tropina, Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute

Panellists/Speakers

There will be one speaker from each of the participating DCs. The designated speakers have been agreed upon within each DC, as follows:

- Mr. Shadi Abou-Zahra, Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD)
- Mr. Benedikt Schuppli, Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technologies (DC-Blockchain)
- Mr. John Carr, Dynamic Coalition on Child Online Safety (DC-COS)
- Dr. Luca Belli, Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3)
- Mr. Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values (DC-CIV)
- Ms. Bishakha Datta, Dynamic Coalition on Gender and Internet Governance (DC-GIG)
- Prof. Christopher Yoo, Dynamic Coalition on Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected (DC-Connecting the Unconnected)
- Mr. Maarten Botterman, Dynamic Coalition on Internet of Things (DC-IoT)
- Dr. Luca Belli, Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality (DCNN)
- Dr. Nicolo Zingales, Dynamic Coalition on Platform Responsibility (DCPR)
- Ms. Esmeralda Moscatelli, Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries (DCPAL)
- Mr. Jeremy Malcolm, Dynamic Coalition on Trade (DC-Trade)
- Ms. Minda Moreira, Internet Rights and Principles Coalition (IRPC)

In-room participant engagement/interaction

The participants will be informed at the outset that questions and open discussion will take place after all DCs have intervened. Participants will be encouraged to put themselves in a 'questions queue' while interventions are in process, by indicating this to a designated person in the room. This person will be on standby to write them into the queue. After DCs have spoken, the moderator will call on the participants in the queue to ask their questions from the floor.

Online interaction

A designated remote moderator will queue questions from online participants during the interventions and feed them into the discussion segment.

Connections with other sessions

DCs have individual sessions in the programme that will help shape their interventions in this main session. The majority of DCs' individual sessions are scheduled before the main session so as to facilitate this.

Desired results/outputs & Possible next steps

This session will be an opportunity for DCs to raise the profiles of new or under-the-radar issues, particularly ones that have been little discussed at the IGF, like blockchain technologies, or are seldom even discussed in the IG context, like increased accessibility for persons with disabilities. New DCs, such as the DC on Trade, will also have the chance to brief on their respective topics and work. After the session, participants should be inspired to take these issues back into their own communities for further discussion.

Feedback in this session will also be valuable in helping each DC determine the future course of its work. Participants may confirm, question or challenge any of the conclusions and assertions put forward by DCs, as well as introduce new ideas that could be formative for their discussions. At the same time, DCs will have the chance to illustrate why engagement in their work is important. Greater membership in DCs and their wider exposure to the IGF community is a secondary key objective of the session.