



Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XXIV

Summary Report

5 February 2018

1. The twenty-fourth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG), the first of the year, took place on 5 February 2018. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Currently representing the Government of Mexico on the MAG, **Israel Rosas was welcomed in his new role**, replacing Avri Doria whose term on the **Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)** is expiring. The agenda of the DCCG meeting (**ANNEX I**) focused on taking stock of DCs' participation at the 2017 IGF, joint work in general over the past year, and what activities coalitions could consider taking on collectively in the course of 2018. The Webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here: <https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=67e7c5f110c8f3389551359be348bda4>
2. The meeting began with a review of **DCs' face-to-face session at the IGF** (summary available [here](#)), in which coalitions had covered their joint main session, individual slots allocation in the annual meeting schedule, and possibilities for future substantive collaboration with one another. Reflecting on the [main session](#), Markus noted that while it was agreed the session was successful in terms of content and quality of discussions, DCs also felt that the attendance had been disappointing. To have a more concrete take on the attendance, the Secretariat said it would provide coalitions with an estimated number of participants in the session, relative to the number of participants in sessions within that same timeslot. Markus also remarked that it had been suggested that the DCs might consider adopting a different format or approach should they decide to co-organize another main session in 2018. It was also noted that Tatiana Tropina, the moderator who had helped make the last two years of main sessions successful, had indicated that it might be better to look for a new moderator, in order to avoid repetition and routine.
3. It was emphasised that part of the importance of DC coordination and the meetings DCs have been regularly holding together is ensuring coalitions are integrated and given full opportunity to participate in all IGF activities. To that end, it was suggested that **DCs take part in one or more of the [MAG working groups](#)** active last year and likely to be active in 2018. In an overview of the existing groups, the Secretariat stressed that although MAG-established, these groups are open to all participants and that non-MAG members may act as co-facilitators. The working groups on a '[Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF](#)' and on '[IGF Improvements](#)' might be of particular interest to DCs. On the former, coalitions would have the chance to help shape some of the ideas

around how the IGF can commit to specific tracks of work or themes for multiple years, and what those tracks should be. Given their thematic focus, DCs could propose issues of long-term relevance that would help strategically place the IGF in future digital policy debates. DCs could also contribute to the MAG's annual discussions on intersessional planning outside these working groups and propose, for instance, themes for Best Practice Forums (BPFs) or main sessions. It was generally noted by some that DCs would have an easier time contributing to other IGF activities if there was more coordination among those activities, as in, for example, common synchronized timelines and deadlines for the work of DCs, BPFs and the 'Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s)' (CENB) initiative. Similarly, participation would be easier if there were a single resource of information on these activities. The Secretariat took good note of both these points.

4. Discussing a possible **joint DCs main session in 2018**, coalitions strongly agreed that they would like to request such a session again from the MAG. In their coordination meeting at the IGF, DCs had expressed interest in organizing a future main session around a common theme, with a 'topics mapping exercise' helping to identify areas of commonality. It was noted that such a theme could, and perhaps should, relate to the overarching theme selected by the MAG for the annual meeting. The mapping exercise itself could be undertaken by the Secretariat with support from the DCs. Some DC members also expressed appreciation for how the format of the joint main sessions to date has highlighted the uniqueness of DCs, in that it showcased the rich variety of issues they cover. A possibility this year might be for DCs to converge on a common theme while making explicit and highlighting what each particular DC's contribution to the theme is. Regarding formats, one member suggested DCs hold an informal 'pub style' discussion a day before the main session, the findings of which would then be presented in the more formal main session setting.
5. DCs widely agreed that this year **the bar for obtaining individual sessions in the annual meeting programme should be higher**, and more in line with the criteria pertaining to workshops. It was suggested that DCs submit session description forms to the Secretariat, with some similarity to the forms submitted by IGF workshop proposers and with some session requirements or parameters potentially also being the same. It was stressed that such a process would not evaluate the content of DCs' sessions but rather only be used to ensure organisational preparedness, and make available as early as possible the information on the sessions DCs plan to hold. As with other common procedures adopted by DCs over the last two years, on open archives, open membership, administration of mailing lists, etc., these would represent jointly agreed standards DCs should meet or uphold when organising their sessions at the IGF. It was further noted that with the gradual introduction of innovative session formats into the annual meeting programme, formalizing their session descriptions early on could give DCs the opportunity to propose non-standard formats themselves, and think strategically about how to make their sessions as attractive as possible.
6. It was agreed a **next DC coordination call should take place in approximately one month, in early March**, with discussions continuing on the DCs mailing list as needed.

Annex I

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Agenda

- I. Taking Stock of 2017**
- II. Integrating DCs in IGF Activities, incl. MAG Working Groups**
- III. DCs Main Session in 2018?**
- IV. DC Sessions at the IGF**
- V. AOB**

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