Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group – Virtual Meeting XXXIV

Summary Report

13 February 2019

1. The thirty-fourth virtual meeting of the DC Coordination Group (DCCG) took place on 13 February 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer, with Eleonora Mazzucchi representing the IGF Secretariat. Live captioning was available during the call, with the transcript posted on the IGF's website: https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/6277/1515 The meeting was also recorded and is available for download: https://intgovforum.zoom.us/recording/share/xbtdbWX47il0xnWp7gQw6yeesAneFA2t5 A1giHApzqywIumekTziMw

2. On a pilot basis, and in part to respond to a longstanding request from the DC on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD) for more accessibility-friendly online participation tools, this virtual meeting was hosted on a new platform, Zoom. A poll was conducted at the end of the call to rate participants' satisfaction, which the Secretariat reported to be largely positive.

3. The agenda of the meeting (**ANNEX I**) focused on providing an overview of activities from across the DCs community, reviewing the outcomes and status of discussions in the latest face-to-face and virtual meetings of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), and discussing any possible new ways for DCs to engage with the annual programme this year.

4. The meeting began with short updates from representatives of the individual DCs present on the call:
   - The Youth Coalition on Internet Governance (YCIG) reported that its process to form a new steering committee had been delayed, due to a lack of applicants from the African region. Its representative, Nadia Tjahja, also mentioned that she was invited to speak in the European Parliament and welcomed inputs from DCs for her intervention.
   -The DC on Schools of Internet Governance (DC-SIG) said it was committed to enhancing its outreach across the different SIGs, as well as within the DCs community, while formulating a better taxonomy for what is meant by an 'Internet Governance School' as these schools and programmes proliferate.
   -The DC on Public Access in Libraries (DC-PAL) emphasised that it would aim to forge closer collaborations with other DCs over the course of this year.
   -The DC on Child Online Safety (DCCOS) stated it was looking to consolidate the work within its coalition, in terms of reaching out to its vast network of members, as well as potentially dedicating its 2019 activities to children's rights, to coincide with the 30-year anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

-The Internet Rights and Principles Coalition (IRPC) informed it was working with the City Coalition Initiative, led by the mayors of Amsterdam, Barcelona and New York, and that the initiative was using the IRPC Charter as a basis to raise awareness about digital rights among citizens.

-The DC on Publicness (DC-PUB) shared that its immediate work would centre on mapping and analysing the range of regulations that have had an impact on information provision in the public space, such as the 'Right to be Forgotten' and the 'Network Act'.

-The DC on the Internet of Things (DC-IoT) briefed on its upcoming engagement in the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) where it will hold an open session.

-The DC on Small Island Developing States (DC-SIDS) mentioned a national IGF event had successfully taken place in Trinidad and Tobago, with a further event planned in the Pacific region soon, and that through these events the DC was working to consolidate issues of common concern for SIDS.

-The DC on Domain Name Issues (DC-DNSI), which had just given a presentation to the MAG on its work, reported that it would proceed in examining the readiness of governments worldwide for so-called 'universal acceptance' (the ability of all top-level domains to function in a multilingual manner).

-The DC on Core Internet Values (DC-CIV), meanwhile, said it was currently debating issues related to Article 11 (or the 'EU Copyright Directive'), as well as exploring a potential collaboration with the Global Commission on Security in Cyberspace.

-The DC on Gender (DC-Gender) expressed a wish to work more closely with other DCs in 2019, and announced a new coordinator, Baldeep Grewal.

Finally, a short update was also given by Michael Oghia, who has been active in several DCs in the past, on a potential new DC he and others will propose on Internet and media, focused on the sustainability of traditional journalism in the digital age.

5. Jutta, herself a member of the MAG, then briefed DC members on the discussions held in the most recent face-to-face and virtual MAG meetings. She relayed the positive views held in the MAG on DCs and the reporting out that was done on the success of DCs' work, in particular its main session, last year, while underlining coalitions' shared desire to have more time and visibility in the annual meeting programme. She also informed on some of the programmatic decisions taken, in particular to dedicate this year's programme to three specific themes, 'Data Governance', 'Digital Inclusion' and 'Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience'. Developed narratives on each would be released publicly soon. DCs were encouraged to look at these and explore the links with their own work, also to potentially build on last year's exercise to tie each DC to a set of SDGs.

6. Regarding broader DC engagement in the annual meeting, it was said that many participants come to the IGF curious about DCs and either wanting to know more about how they work, or how they can join a specific coalition on issues that are of interest to them. This pointed to a need for visibility and public information on DCs that, in past meetings, a shared booth in the IGF Village had attempted to fill. It was agreed that either because of low DC participation in the booth, or use of the booth for a polling exercise, this had not necessarily worked well. DCs were invited to consider ways in which their work could be better publicized at IGF, through brochures/literature, the distribution of a common document, or renewed commitment to a booth.

7. The next DC coordination call is set to take place in approximately one month, in mid-March, with discussions continuing on the DCs mailing list as needed.

ANNEX I

DC Coordination Meeting XXXIV
Wednesday 13 February, 16.00 UTC
Draft Agenda

1. Updates from Individual DCs

2. Reviewing Outcomes of 1st IGF 2019 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting

3. DCs in 2019: Engagement in the Annual Meeting & Broader IGF Ecosystem

4. AOB

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