Dynamic Coalition On Gender Integrating Women's Rights at the IGF Space

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Report

Gender Dynamic coalition

The Gender Dynamic coalition has undertaken 2 specific activities in the framework of the IGF: the gender report card and the Gender and Internet Governance Rountable. The following section of this report accounts for the discussions of participants in the Gender Dynamic Coalition and their assessment of the activities undertaken as well as the general gender dynamic of the IGF 2013 in Bali.

Gender Report Card Review

http://www.genderit.org/node/3890/

Highlights:

• Every single workshop report filled this in and said to what extent gender was integrated.
• As part of the reporting process – if you do not report, you cannot re-apply for subsequent years and part of accounting process
• 89 workshop reports
• found that in terms of numbers of participation – fairly equal numbers of women and men participating at IGF, but does not translate into speakers or substance of discussion.

Thematic areas where Gender was mostly included:
• internet, governance and development
• security, openness and privacy.

Gender was included mostly as a theme Internet governance for development. Ideally, we want gender to be MENTIONED in more spaces.

And almost all participants are women – were the gender focussed. If Gender was discussed was that where there were more women or not?

Asked for improvements – how can IGF integrate gender more?
Most logical link seems to be around HR, and that where it was not raised – maybe there is a connection and not super related and not sure how to raise it – we need to do more capacity building around gender and ICT issues.

We need to rethink for the next how we identify women = gender, not inclusive enough

Discussion:

For next year – if we can have report much earlier, can give recommendations much earlier. Maybe for the next year is one, is to get the reports. You're assuming here, think we're probably hampered by the fact we will have to wait for reports from all the workshops to come up before we do, you know, a consolidated report. But if we could have that much earlier, we might be able to influence and give recommendations to say this is what the findings are, and depending, right, three or four recommendations that say in this area there's women, in these areas, you know.

I think when I went to the gender report form, there were no option for just saying no. Like gender was not expressed or it was no because it's not relevant, I think is already bias. I guess sometimes they don't raise gender issues because there's no one to talk about it or no one who has seen you or no one who has seen the gender perspective.

I had the impression that there was more women in sessions that were called "social affairs" .

We should see where women are a lot and why, I still has to with the social and the technical stuff is mostly populated by men.

Look at, in a more qualitative way – how we want to move forward.

We're probably hampered by the fact that we have to wait for gender reports before making an analysis and recommendations. Maybe we could do interviews or surveys with people who have done a lot and those who haven't done anything, to find out why.

Directly talking with stakeholders or groups.

Attention to the IGF daily: I think there's a fair representation of gender, proportionally representing gender issue. They do reviews of sessions daily.

At the very least when we are preparing workshop proposal to suggest a gender or sex balance in panels.

One of the things I think about is the difference of the way women were participating and they themselves were seeing connections, if they had participated in hosting a regional IGF.

We're worried about the tech.

At the very least when developing workshop proposals, just as there's insist tense on multi-stakeholderism, I don't think there should be necessarily insistence on sex or the gender, that is one thing, but what could be some things that are suggested to help them connect the dots when developing workshop proposal so they are bringing in these ideas

I hate gender checklists in one sense, but they are useful for some people if it's difficult for many of us to make the connections.

So that is like at the regional and local levels, what could be some ideas as we're working in a multi-stakeholder process to help those mult stakeholders bring gender issues on board and also here that goes beyond counting, which I know we were trying do. But it's harder to get the other detail. It's easier to count

Recommendations and action points:

1)   On the Gender Report Cards
1.   Have the report out much earlier to be able to give recommendations: with 3 of 4 very specific recommendations to coming out of the report to give enough time for the MG to address those recommendations.
2.   Have the option on the gender report form an option to say no. A comment as noted that the question can already seem bias in its current form.

2)	Addition to the Gender Report card as a tool
1.	Develop a way to see in why women are more present in some thematics or workshops.
2.	Do interviews or surveys with workshop organisers that have done a lot, or not much in terms on gender integration
3)	On workshop proposals
1.	Tools implemented in the workshop proposal process to make organisers think about the integration of gender

On Regional & National IGFs

Latin America:

So in Latin America we saw some amazing interventions from Columbian women who had lowed the previous IGF. And those though there were many women at the Latin American regional IGF, we struggled, it's one thing to be present as women, and we're not very much interested in counting heads, though it's a necessary sort of step, what really interests us are the issues and interconnection of issues

Africa:

In IGF Africa there's not notion of gender reporting, and it's not required. This requirement is not there for regional and national IGF.

Capacity building workshop with regional and national level of IGF organisers to explain how to run a gender report card process.

Do a gender mapping of IG activities itself in the organisations in IGF committees.

Asia:

Asia IGF, there was nothing on gender or women's rights.

Asia IGF – but report we did get, from Bytes for All, was that there was nothing on gender or women's rights in the Asia. Where is next one? And it was pointed out in a meetnig that it should be.

Asia Pacific IGF is a male dominated affair. - ANJA – lot of academia involved. Perhaps composition of groups. Next year in Hyderabad. There is a good opportunity to change things for next years regional IGF.

Anja at a 2 day event where panelists were only men, on cybersecurity.

The Indian IGF did not happen this year. But events on IG had a very male dominated environment.

Indonesia IGF: There was space to speak about women's rights.
for first time ever, with space to talk about women's rights in internet governance in Indonesia, but there are other policy makers. HRC from several countries, it is also interesting, we had a meeting, where I got a lot of lessons learned, that the commissioners have their own community and space to talk about the internet which informs their role and position. They want to have high level discussion about commissioners to talk about internet rights, gender and women's rights.

How actually does APC WRP monitor from the preparation from each IGF - for example, we are facing, how ms. Internet Bali can happen and we did not know before. There are local organisers, how we can work from the very beginning of IGF so that something like Ms. Internet is not really visible because it puts back our progress as women and internet rights.

Recommendations on Regional IGFs

1.	 Include a gender assessment in the requirements for regional IGF reports.
2.	Organise a capacity building event for regional IGF organisers for them to include gender report cards in their events.
3.	Do A gender-mapping of regional and national IG organisers.

Future Gender Dynamic Coalition Activities

Discussion:

Having a "Gender-Internet" Ambassador, Getting support from Gender advocates in local organising committees

We should have someone that is our champion, I do not want to risk at another IGF to have another miss. The only way is to look a t women who makes a difference and that can champion our cause.

Have internet ambassador – women that make the spaces that they are taking up internet policies issues, that represent women and gender and internet rights.
We start demonstrating with the content – local and regional level – have a champion in the region? We do not want to diminish women – we do not want to be women confronting women.

Where we can also have local organisers – who are the gender and internet governance advocates. Make sure we have their support and input at the organising level.

Developing a media strategy

We need a media strategy for the IGF and for people coming to the IGF. A strategy that would include some kind of media presence, (bring women journalist to IGF?)

This is something worth considering for taking the level of discussions or pushing for more gender approaches is to also include media representatives who are already interested or who could at least explore the issues more in the context of internet governance.

Otherwise it stays in the confines of the discussions. If you want to mainstream the issues of Internet Governance and looking through the lens of gender, without media it is really difficult. It is an investment that is really worthwhile. Future strategies that incorporate some kind of media presence and include media members in capacity building.

Report card
where do we want to take this, and who will take this further.
APC lobbied in the MAG to get this agreed.
It is in the form on the igf website – a few questions within the form. After that, we thought the data would be extracted as part of IGF's regular assessment.

But it was NOT.

Interested pushing the gender report card in pushing the agenda: Anyone in this room who is very interested to further develop the gender report card as a concrete activity and strategy for the gender dynamic coalition, not just the global IGF but to push it to be integrated into regional and national IGFs.

- Mishi
- Françoise
- Valentina
- Caroline

Interested in developing a media strategy:

- Gaya

Mapping people, Gender champions:

- Nnenna

Assessment of on how gender has been integrated in this year's IGF

Discussion:

Civil society's participation:

I find, I listened to very very good speakers, women speakers, but they were not connecting the two issues.

So they were expert in their field, because I didn't seeing a connection, they didn't spell out the issue of gender. Except more concentrated when we talk about civil society

The civil society groups did a great job connecting rights, sexual rights, gender rights and women's rights.

But a lot of experts in technical fields were not connecting enough to issues of gender.

I think the civil society group did a great job. Whatever was anything connected with rights, to make sure that gender, sexual right, women's rights have been on the spot. In a very constructive way, not just an isolated voice

Indonesian civil society groups – in a constructive way made women's rights voices present in multiple sessions throughout IGF.

Go and see from grassroots level, who is really doing great work in terms of access, women's rights, and FOE and bring them in. Do not want to keep it limited as to who can afford to come here. Whose ideas, work, could be acknowledged by this action.

On the governments participation & multistakeholders

Betsy: Part of what I have observed is when it comes to a lot of government priorities, people tend

to choose things like surveillance over like a gender panel or something like this.

And so what I am trying to explore is more along the lines of what we have been discussing, how to integrate those things and not ghettoize gender in its own kind of separate category.

Who are the champions within government on gender. Us department Person suggesting to catalyse people who are gender champions in the government sector.
- Kenya
- Sweden
- Brazil
- Egypt: (2 participants this year)

We can't say Egypt women has a full group of women and not be impressed when that government is one of the most repressive governments currently in the world. Or the U.S. government is behind surveillance, things like the NSA, blatant in your face sort of we're going to see what you are doing and we have access to data, et cetera, and we clap because they organize a round table on gender.

I think we should be aware of what governments do and which is the politics of the governments. Then a public officer will never be completely free to be a person except if, you know, decide to not work anymore. And also corporate. Each one has its own agenda.

But this is not a good reason not to have the conversation and dialogue. It will not be easy but we need to have the conversation. Otherwise we will never reach out to the real women and possibly policy.

One part of the problem is that government are not involved in those spaces.
But we not just want women for women, If they are all for women, what does that can do for us.

We should frame this in a multistakeholder dialogue: including corporates and govs. Even though we think that they are not "good" enough.

We should not forget also stakeholders like people in academia.

I would still suggest as we map out champions in the civil society and other sectors to really take a look at governments who are proactive and who really help in the gender issue, like Kenya, Brazil, and like in the Philippines we have a commission for women that we work directly with, we support advocacies for women's rights and all these things.

So the reason simply is because government has the resources. And they are really willing to help in the gender rights and issues, why not. Brazil, Kenya, like I said, to a certain extent, we have a commission. And they provide support from time to time.

the freedom online coalition of governments who come together to look at freedom of expression issues on the Internet policy. So maybe there's no reason why they cannot be, for example, a coalition of governments, while committed to multi-stakeholder processes, to come together on advancing gender issues, for example, or within the different kinds of coalitions.

On Gender in the IGF spaces:

Harder to have women panelists speaking out on women's issues.

Internet freedom including gender framing in our work.

Develop gender and internet governance primers on key issues....

on human rights and cybersecurity, access – something we can plan to do as part of our engagement..

Maybe one of the things we want to do is look at gender as an intersect shunnel anticipation for all the other issues of oppression. We're talking about oppression, not talking about, you know, just how many women there are versus men. That is really not what we want to be doing. Because we won't get anywhere.

We need to articulate more what we wish to achieve: participation diversity, decision-making (influence) about the process of IG, influence on the themes at the IGF with issues that are important to us, media: the publicness of advocacy.

Strategy and security about the local focal point of activism (LGBT in this forum, were having questions in terms of their own security).

In the orientation, make on focused on gender.

Some form of recognition or acknowledgement, and work has to be done with great substance. Many women do not come to IGF does not mean that they are not doing anything in their own country.

Geographical representation:

Looking at gender at a intersectional space that works on oppression, geographical representation of women into account.

conflating issues of women's representation of what we want to do. Someone from the US state dept. – we don't only want women just for women- having women in the room is a tactic

if there are all european or north american women, geographical representation – bigger issue for me than women...

Facilitating more remote participation

Translation in all session!

Intersectionality & Other Dynamic Coallitions:

Reaching out to people with disabilities at the IGF, and integrate in different coalitions.

If we want to turn gender into an intersectional platform to look at several issues with divergent issues, and not fall into that trope of saying, if there are women, it is okay it is fine with other kinds of problematic practices when it comes to the internet.

Can we reach out to – dynamic coalition on people with disabilities – coming to IGF, how to support your participation and ensure more people are coming in terms ... More active participation

We did participate in the internet rights and principles dynamic coalition – how did that participation help integrate issues.

The freedom online coallition is working how to integrate gender better.

What was great about the gender roundtable is that it happen early in the program and the diversity of the discussion was able to frame gender in this IGF.

RESEARCH & MAPPING happening.
These other initiatives -ie ITU gender and broadband...
In Latin America there's a huge Internet rights and actors mapping going on. I'm sure that is being carried out by many different people involved in these areas. It probably has no gender component from the get-go. It might have a gender desegregated data. We might not be able to influence that. But there are these initiatives happening. Been able to influence all those different researchers or knowing that research is looking at gender and try and follow up and get it back will be great for the next IGF but it's not something we all have a capacity of. We can do a lot of mapping and a lot of things but we need to be realistic about our capabilities, focusing on the goals.

Recommendations & overall reflections:

1.   Civil Society participation:
1.   Civil society participation: was good and often made links between gender & ICT policy
2.   Activist and Grassroots participation was very little: we need to find a way to include the participation of people who usually can't affoard to come to an IGF.
3.   While supporting the participation of local activists, we have the assess the threats and the security risks that these people will face during and after the IGF.
2.   Geographical representation
1.   On geographical representation: local women's participation must be fostered and supported. Generally the representation of women from the Global South should be fostered and supported.
3.   IGF processes and Gender:
1.   We need to influence decision-making processes within the national, regional and global IGF
2.   Themes: we need to be able to influence the themes in the IGF and identify what are the most critical issues for the gender dynamic coallition: build and framework of principles?
3.   Advocacy: What message would we like to publicly convey in terms of gender rights and feminism?
4.   Develop and orientation workshop focused on Gender
5.   Develop gender and internet governance primers on key issues....
4.   Intersectionality & Other Coalitions
1.   Efforts must be made to collaborate with other coalitions in the framework of the IGF such as the coalition on disabilities
2.   Mapping of Internet Rights and actors to influence gender desegregated data
5.   Governments and multistakeholderisms
1.   Purposely engage governments and corporations in the framework of the oGF
2.   Take a look at governments who are proactive and who really help in the gender issue, and support their advocacy.

Going Forward: What do we want with the Gender Dynamic Coalition?

What can we do as a remote dynamic coalition that is achievable, that is targeted, that has some form of impact?

- a lot of activities have been through a mailing list that only gets quite active during workshops at mission time, then a lull and just before IGF, during IGF, then a lull again.

- Report card.

- Gender Roundtable

- On supporting local women's participation and perspective on advocacy and women's rights in Internet governance, it's so different from Azerbaijan. Last year there were a lot of women that came but they were not engaged throughout the entire period of time and even when they were they were kind of playing hostess than participants of the space. It's a marked difference in terms of levels of engagement, participation, raising of issues.

Discussion:

Kenya – gender commission, related to women's rights groups – high level.
When you come to such a forum. Internet governance is for women on that level, no trickle down. Local women, who form real issues of women have yet to be discussed. Unless we find a forum whereby that local person or local issues is represented in terms of an activity that can actually be looked at like across continents and therefore we can actually say those women can actually come and represent a real gender issue that cuts across continents where women are naturally, the issues of women are actually represented. Otherwise we shall continue talking about IGF and gender issues at this level, and the women at the local level is really not represented.

We have to look for issues that cut across to be able to represent issues – different realities that we bring to this space. But one of the many spaces whereby internet and gender issues are discussed. How to take literacy and access back to t his space where discussions

Thailand - REMOTE PARTICIPATION USEFUL. More grassroots women activists should be included more. Now I can only see middle class women here.
I would suggest that civil society organisations to remotely participate.

Anti, Indonesia - language barriers – very important issue for us. If you mention local women represented here, I see that I would like to highlight that we have to interpreter in each session. This forum is one of our capacity building. For our other indonesian colleagues – languages is one of our challenges.

Academicians – never heard of an academic who were involved in IGF – how can you mention the gov't but what about the academics??? pushing academics – on gender, tech community.

Randy – private sector: Dilemma – human rights and women's rights and Business
Do not know much about human rights and women's rights, but from a private sector perspective, especially in Indonesia – if we develop more and more injecting women into the boardroom or parliament, asking, what can we do once we are sitting in that position. In Indonesia, with parliament or boardroom 11%... within companies – look at projects, why are women more successful- but projecting more money.
Women are producing more and more. How to develop them to produce more money for these companies. But from a HR point of view. - cannot be about numbers.
Make sure that what we are hearing is not just how to get women into the boardroom, how to develop women before they get into that seat. Looking into this.

Fareed, kamacha, lgbt groups in indonesia. One of my problems is struggling with language.

Women in social media – in Indonesia. Media – access and challenge is rare for us and good important capacity building for us.

Kamel: focal point in every country – but also think about security for every person. What will be the impact, and what will happen if we protest against APJII – think about security for local focal point.

We need resources – private company, samples of success stories, champions, data.
Success stories and data
to help mobilise resources for more capacity building and
US gov't does support local activists to come to this meeting every year. The govt to support that people come – huge priority.
Suggestions – not sure if the igf orientation that is new – or any intervention we could make use and say that these are gender issues we are looking at. Very practical – briefing for delegates.

Camil – round table is short.
There are pre-events. Tons of pre-events, one possibility to think about – do we want, to deepen discussions.

I'm also not sure what people who are participating here think about the world summit On the Information Society, our grandmother, how will be participating there. It's certainly a space for deepening the aspects of debate on gender and Internet governance issues.

We should be thinking towards that as well.

Actions points:

1.   We will continue the gender report card as a measuring tool – and recommend it for regional and local IGF. Formed committee.
2.   Assess different IG spaces happening and who are the potential or existing champions to help there – and what we want them to do.
3.   Capacity building for IG – for orientation of WS, for organisers, for media.
4.   Facilitating more regular strategies on IG strategies – and how to do even if not at the meeting.
5.   Who will take this up, what kinds of issues would you like to host this – and not get stuck at women vs. Men
6.   framing – what do we want to do as Dynamic coalition, participation, what kinds, decision making, influencing thematic areas, working with media.