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Session Title:
Unpacking the Global Conference on CyberSpace 2017 - Charting a forward course

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15.00 to 18.00

Session Organizer:
Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University Delhi in partnership with *Global Partners Digital*

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Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):

Unpacking the Global Conference on CyberSpace 2017 - recap and reflections of the Conference and its outcomes.

Charting a forward course: Learnings from the GCCS 2017. Capturing lessons learned and how to build on them for the next Conference.

If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:

N/A

Please describe the discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):

See below some of the reflections and lessons learned identified by discussants:

- A true commitment to multistakeholderism and meaningful engagement for all stakeholders is needed for future GCCSs. That commitment needs to be holistic, and happen before, during, and after the conference, in the implementation of the outcomes.
- It's important to build upon achievements and commitments taken in previous conferences.
- It's key to foster an inclusive environment that's conducive to advance the conversation on global norms and global cooperation in cyberspace. At the moment, these conversations seem to be more government dominated. The GCCS is a useful space/process in which to progress these discussions in a multi-stakeholder manner.
- The geographic diversity of delegates in the conference was a positive aspect, but there were challenges with regard to inclusion and meaningful participation. Diversity should also encompass diversity of stakeholders and sectors, rather than just gender and geography. Further, workshops and panels should include representatives from across stakeholders groupings.
- There are problems with motivated actors taking over the space occupied by legitimate actors, especially in civil society
- The agenda of the conference should be developed and agreed among stakeholders. The mechanisms for inviting participants should be agreed among stakeholders and be transparent and predictable.

Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs):

Some of the participant suggestions regarding potential options for the future include:

- Evaluating whether the GCCS process is still viable/valuable, or has run its course
- Finding a host and ensuring buy-in from them at the earliest so that the processes can be set up and learnings from past iterations incorporated – processes need to become more clear, transparent, inclusive, creative
- Working as a multistakeholder group inter-sessionally to assist host governments
- Attempting to creating focused, forward-looking agendas to ensure the sustainability of the conference
- Civil society needs to collaborate to arrive at positions and points of agreement, while preserving diversity of the opinion
- Ensuring a commitment from future hosts to meaningful multistakeholder engagement from agenda setting through to the structure of the sessions to the drafting of the Chair's statement and or other outcomes.