

Organization: Cybersecurity Association of China

Country and Region: Asian Pacific Group

Stakeholder Group: Civil Society

Input to the Call for inputs for 2020 and taking stock of 2019

● Feedback on the 2019 IGF in Berlin

Cybersecurity Association of China (CSAC) is a non-profit social organization in the field of cybersecurity which was founded in 2016. Since the year of establishment, CSAC had participated in relevant activities of the IGF. It was the first time our organization had held a workshop at the IGF annual meeting to discuss the topic of personal information protection in 2019.

Generally, the Berlin IGF was an excellent one. The reception, venues, meals and accommodation were pretty good, and the staff was very friendly. The designing of three major thematic tracks and the whole agenda were substantial and covered most of the topics. The discussion of some events was lively and some speakers' opinions were wonderful. Additionally, the remote connection was convenient and stable, which guaranteed the successful speech of our speaker from India.

Some improvements for the 2019 IGF include: (1) some meeting rooms were too large, since there were many events held at the same time period, it was stressful for organizers to have enough participants. Could it be possible to allow organizers to pre-select meeting rooms in future? (2) There was a certain degree of repetition between some activities in terms of discussion contents.

- **Suggestions for the 2020 and future IGF**

CSAC put forward the following suggestions for consideration:

Firstly, continue to focus on the theme of Data Governance, especially to carry out worldwide collection of best practice in personal information protection, and to share these practices at the IGF annual meeting, so as to improve protection ability of different parties.

Secondly, more attention and support should be given to the Asia Pacific region in terms of agenda setting, organization form and registration, etc. The Asia Pacific region had a large number of Internet users and high activity in ICT innovation and information service usage, more people should get involved in the IGF. However we noticed that the participants from this region had not

exceeded 20% of the total attendees over the past consecutive years.

Thirdly, it is suggested that more representatives of civil society in China (especially mainland) should be considered to get involved and contribute more in IGF-MAG related work. And we also suggest the IGF to interact and communicate with internationally Internet-relevant activities & events held in various counties and regions.

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