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Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group
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Summary report

Conclusions and action items

- DC paper work plan and timeline endorsed.
- Mr. Adam Peake, MAG member, to present the DC paper work plan at the upcoming MAG meeting (on 9 March). Support to be provided by Ms. Teleanu.
- Work on the survey for active DCs to start in the week of 8 March, as per the timeline. Ms. Teleanu to develop a first draft (with key questions) and solicit input from the DCCG.
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Meeting focus

1. The 51st meeting of the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group (DCCG) was dedicated to discussing the work plan for developing the paper on DCs. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Markus Kummer and attended by 18 participants.

Key points raised

2. Ms. Sorina Teleanu, IGF Secretariat, presented a draft work plan for developing the DC paper. The proposed plan includes several tracks of work, such as a survey for active DCs, discussions with past DCs, basic desk research to develop a general overview of DCs, possible interviews with DCs, surveys for members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) and the broader IGF community, and the development of recommendations/guidance. The process includes several stages in which input and feedback will be sought from the DCCG. The MAG will be kept informed of major developments. The intention is to have the final paper ready by the end of October 2021.



[Work plan for DC paper](#) (it also includes the terms of reference for the paper)

3. During the discussions, it was suggested that the paper should also look at the issue of **DCs funding**:

- Whether and how DCs have been able to secure funding to cover some of their activities (e.g. management, administrative costs, potential remuneration of consultants).
- Whether funding challenges have been among the reasons why past DCs have stopped working.

4. In relation to the issue of funding, the following additional points were made:
- Most DCs are largely based on voluntary work by their members; this work is sometimes 'subsidised' by the members' primary organisations (who allow them to dedicate some of their time to DCs). Some DCs have also been able to secure funding for activities such as the publication and translation of their output documents, but fundraising is usually challenging.
 - Suggestions were made to look more broadly at **how DCs have managed to produce their outcomes (with or without funding)**.
 - It was said that DCs funding and sustainability should also be examined in the light of the future of the IGF and how DCs could contribute to it with more targeted and impactful outcomes.
 - At the same time, attention should be paid to making sure that sponsorship does not lead to DCs being captured by the sponsor(s). A suggestion was made to explore the option of having the IGF Support Association (IGFSA) or a similar structure to collect and distribute funds to DCs (thus guaranteeing the neutrality of funding).
5. Participants made several additional suggestions on issues to be covered by the paper (some of them already covered in the work plan).
- The **governance structures** of DCs and how they operate (for instance, are they driven by one or several organisations, or are they more loose structures?).
 - The **differences between DCs and Best Practice Forums** (BPFs) and other IGF workstreams.
 - The **collaboration of DCs with various IGF groups** (e.g. youth, parliamentarians).
 - The **relations between DCs and NRIs** and how they can contribute to each other's work. (For instance, it was suggested that the IGF Secretariat could facilitate a process through which DCs would proactively reach out to NRIs that discuss their focus issues and offer to contribute to those discussions.)

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6. Participants endorsed the proposed work plan and timeline, with the acknowledgement that certain elements might be subject to change if the need arises throughout the process.

7. The following action items were agreed:

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