

IGF 2021
Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group
Virtual meeting 53 | 13 May 2021

Summary report

Conclusions and action items

- DCs to review the [document summarising input from the survey](#). Deadline: **24 May**.
 - Consolidated document to serve as basis for further discussions.
- Further activities to be undertaken to collect input for the DC paper (e.g. 1:1 discussions with DCs, survey for MAG members and the broader IGF community). Details to be shared at a later stage.
- DCs generally welcomed the idea of being involved in the IGF 2021 preparatory phase and organising some activities to reflect on this years' focus areas. Discussions on this issue to continue (including with the MAG).

Meeting focus

1. The 53rd meeting of the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group (DCCG) was dedicated to discussing (a) ongoing and upcoming work on the Dynamic Coalitions (DC) paper, and (b) the coalitions' contribution to IGF 2021. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Markus Kummer and attended by 16 participants.

DC paper

2. Ms. Sorina Teleanu, IGF Secretariat, gave an overview of the input submitted by DCs in response to the [survey](#) launched on 22 March. Out of 22 active DCs, 14 have contributed to the survey and provided substantive input. This input has been **summarised in an overview document** which highlights key findings (around issues such as DC activities, membership engagement, governance mechanisms, DCs contribution to IGF processes, etc.), as well as a series of considerations and potential recommendations to serve as a starting point for further discussions.



- [DC survey: Summary of input](#)

3. Building on the survey's findings, the following points were discussed by meeting participants:

- One of the issues that will require further discussions relates to the finding that **some DCs seem to have as main activity their meeting at the annual IGF**. It was explained that this has been a concern in the past too, when some members of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) found it not to be fair that DCs are given an automatic slot at the annual IGF meeting based on the assumption that they are active throughout the year. To address this issue, consideration may be given to

defining some tighter criteria for DCs to be granted a slot at the IGF meeting, i.e. having proof of intersessional work. **What constitutes intersessional work and how to assess whether DCs undertake such work** would be something for DCs to define and agree on together, while acknowledging that some level of flexibility is needed, given that DCs are very diverse. Issues that could be considered in such an assessment include activity on the mailing list (how often discussions take place, how many members contribute to the discussions, etc.), whether the DC has regular calls, whether it produces papers/documents, to what extent the coalition has achieved some of its goals, etc.

- One challenge that seems to be common among many DCs is related to **member engagement**. It was suggested during the discussions that it would be useful to have some **expectation management** – in terms of what it means to be a DC member – agreed among all DCs. Since it is a general rule of the IGF that Dynamic Coalitions have to be open to any individual or organisation joining the respective list, there is no mechanism so far that allows DCs to act when members are inactive. A point was made that there is a difference between the activity of DC members and the activity of the DC as a whole, and, as such, two questions would need to be explored: (1) What constitutes active or inactive members? (2) How to 'measure' the activity of the DC itself?

4. In terms of **next steps in developing the DC paper**, DCs have **until 24 May** to review the survey summary document and provide additional comments. These will be integrated in an advanced version of the document, to serve for further discussions. In line with the [work plan](#) and [timeline](#) discussed earlier in the year, additional input for the paper will also be collected through 1:1 discussions with DCs and a survey for MAG members and the broader IGF community. More details on these additional activities will be shared later on.

DCs contribution to IGF 2021

5. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair, informed meeting participants about the [issue-driven approach for IGF 2021](#) and the intention to invite DCs, Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Policy Networks (PNs) and national and regional IGF initiatives (NRIs) to reflect on the focus areas from their perspectives. She then spoke about the **online preparatory phase** and the idea that IGF intersessional activities would also contribute to this phase. Noting that the MAG respects the coalitions' autonomous and independent nature, and does not wish to impose anything on them, Ms. Esterhuysen said that the contribution of DCs to these IGF 2021 elements would be very much welcome, considering the coalitions' richness and diversity. DCs were then invited to consider the following two issues:

- Would DCs find it useful to be invited to reflect and provide perspectives on the IGF 2021 focus areas, for instance during the preparatory phase? If so, in what way could this be done (e.g. organise online discussions, send written input)?
- Would DCs be interested in organising online events during the IGF 2021 preparatory phase?

6. DCs **generally welcomed the idea of being involved in the IGF 2021 preparatory phase** and organising some activities (e.g. a joint session) to reflect on this year's focus areas. This, it was said, could help raise the visibility of DCs, while also enabling them to be more

involved in the overall IGF process. Ms. Esterhuysen will bring this issue back to the MAG, to develop a more concrete proposal that will then be discussed and further shaped together with DCs.

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7. The discussion on potential DC dispute resolution mechanisms was postponed and it was suggested that it be taken up in the broader context of discussing governance issues as part of the DC paper.

List of participants

Coordination facilitators		
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Kummer	Markus	
Participants		
Lidia	Best	DC on Accessibility and Disability
Mark	Carvell	DC on Internet Standards, Security and Safety
Amy	Crocker	DC on Children's Rights in the Digital Environment
Avri	Doria	DC Schools of IG
Eileen	Cejas	Youth Coalition on Internet Governance
Olivier	Crepin-Leblond	DC on Core Internet Values
Anriette	Esterhuysen	MAG Chair
Elliott	Mann	Youth Coalition on Internet Governance
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Michael	Oghia	DC on the Sustainability of Journalism and News Media
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