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A common feature of all these is that they would normally take advantage of the economy of scale of working through some other body such as a trade association or civil society caucus. And what's that body for Parliamentarians, I hear people asking - well that's their Government minister and his officials.

Roland Perry

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Baudouin SCHOMBE show details Jan 24

to governance, me

Hello,

Overall, these are interesting proposals. To this, to make an impact in the African context, it would be desirable to involve the African Union, ECA and the regional and subregional organizations to positively influence policy makers (government, parliament .....)

Baudouin

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to governance, Charity, me Dear All,

This link has a list of organisations within the Pacific that deal with ICT:

http://www.forumsec.org.fj/pages.cfm/economic-governance/ict-2/

and having said that the list is not an exhaustive list but they contribute in one way or another to the ICT strategy within the Pacific. It does not include Civil Society except for one.

Kind Regards,

Sala

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#### to governance

I think having ideas, information, opinion, analyses, definitions of issues flowing from the centre out to the regional, country, local levels will be relatively easy. The challenge and where the attention should be put IMHO is on how to ensure that there is a useful, content rich, informed flow the other way. And that this flow has a meaningful impact, that is from the local, regional, country levels to the central "IG"/"IGF" focal points.

The regional event I had an opportunity to attend (n Hong Kong) was extremely rich in content and so on (although perhaps being a bit limited in geographical coverage). There was a lot of very useful activity in including in identifying and defining issues of relevance from an IG perspective but I gather that the results from this were not as completely effective as they might have been in flowing from that event into the IGF itself.

# **CSTD Q2-Format of IGF meetings**



#### Marilia Maciel show details Jan 24

to governance

Obs: question 1 is a general "setting the scene"

Summary of the contributions during the consultations:

- Continue and reinforce the openness of the meeting, for instance:
  - No accreditation
  - Multistakeholder participation
  - o Participation on equal footing
  - o Bottom-up organization (dynamic coalitions and workshops)
- Develop a template for the proposal of workshops. It would make evaluation of the proposals easier and would allow limiting by default the number of speakers.
- Stricter evaluation of the workshop proposals. Reduction of the number of panellists
- Participants should be able to give feedback and evaluate the workshops they attended online
- Two first days of the IGF dedicated to workshops and the two last days dedicated to main sessions, best practices fora, roundtables
- Wrap-up workshops that would summarize discussions carried out in several workshops and forward an input to the main session
- The IGF should focus on public policy issues and controversial issues, rather than technical details and innovations

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to governance, Roland

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to governance, Jeanette, Roland

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With respect, while I agree that a different structure might be better, I was asking if the protocol permits the running of a "UN meeting" without a "main session" in each [very strictly 3-hour] time slot.

In other words, while the rest of us can have workshops to any timetable we like, the UN-organised aspect of the IGF has to be two 3hr Main sessions a day.

But it's interesting how the focus of the IGF has changed from "main sessions with a few associated workshops", to a "workshop-driven conference with a few associated main sessions"; and if we can keep the total number of workshops under control, formalising this might be a useful exercise.

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Roland Perry

# Working methods of the IGF, in particular improving the preparation process modalities

- Improvement of the website
- Seek the inputs of national and regional IGFs regarding the issues to be discussed in open consultations, especially the agenda. MAG could do it?
- Foster periodical meetings with the participation of the organizers of national and regional IGFs
- Set aside a budget for inviting speakers to main sessions. Invitations to speak based on expertise, not on who's already attending IGF
- Identify key global policy areas that require attention early in the year. Create working groups around these areas. Share background material and discuss them in sessions throughout the year (thematic meetings). Discuss them in an in-depth way at the IGF.
- Organizations that are part of the IG ecosystem could be invited to share a one-page document regarding their suggestions on specific thematic issues. This will improve the inputs that go into the IGF and this is important if the IGF is expected to serve as a clearinghouse
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## Lee W McKnight

to governance, Roland

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to governance, Lee, Roland

I believe we should, as much as possible, replace physical planning meetings by online meetings.

Planning meetings are very important, as they decisively shape the agenda on the next IGF. Several documents that evaluate the IGF (like the note by the Secretary-general) mention that the agenda of the meeting needs to be more social and development oriented. It is easy to understand why developmental issues are not so mainstreamed, if you take a look at the participants of open consultations. There is a great majority of people from developed countries, who put forward their own legitimate concerns that may not concide with the issues faced in developing countries. The fact that all the meetings take place in Geneva and that developing country representatives have to deal with scarce resources are also obstacles.

One example: last IGF, only 5% of the people who physically attended were from South America. But 25% of the remote participants were from the same region, showing that lack of resources is more significant than lack of interest when it comes to participation.

Of course remote participation should continue to be improved, both in IGF and in prep meetings. We should improve the dynamics to allow remote participants to have more impact on discussions and equal chance to intervene and make their voices heard. While this is not the case, I believe that meetings that take place online are not only more eco-friendly, they are also more efficient and they foster equality among participants. The distance between the nodes is meaningless online.

Other suggestions can be put forward to foster online coordination throughout the year. For instance, the website could encompass a section, in which the several stakeholders could talk among themselves. There is no real space of dialogue among stakeholders. If such a space existed, we could, let's say, be discussing possible framings of NN for the IGF with the private sector. Now we have to wait and play our cards in the Open Consultation, with few people serving as "gatekeepers" of the dialogue.

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Subject: Re: [governance] CSTD Q4-Working methods and preparation

#### In message

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to governance, Roland Roland.

I've also been involved in online planning for...ever: (

It all depends on how structured as Marila suggests.

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And let's not kid ourselves, the 'opportunity' to spend hours and hours engaged in planning an IGF...well I don't think we need worry about rock star kind of numbers trying to 'follow.'

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to governance

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The usual way it's done is by local meetings and subcommittees, then appointing representatives to go to a physical meeting to nail down all the final details. If the IGF manages to find a way to scale these processes into an online environment (for the topic of Internet Governance), the whole world can then use the same tools for discussing other completely unrelated topics. That would be a very empowering result.

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to governance, Roland Different communities have different 'usual' ways.

But yeah cool new tools and old standbys like lists and conference calls can help 'layers' however defined, ie by geography or interest, or other, interact efficiently.

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to governance, me

Hi Marilia, here are my thoughts on the funding issue:

[1] Does IGF follow a certain funding model? I see a lot of government donors from the list so I am assuming only that the funding is for policy innovation. If funding is relied on governments there is a strong determination to prove that whatever program there is

should really work (impact and cost). So I take it that there is a need to define and implement a funding model.

[2] What is the funding needed for? To be more specific on what it is needed for might narrow down a list of organizations to approach. Most of these organizations have probably laid out their plans for philanthropy so we're looking at a few research work needed to check out these organizations.

The institution I work for here in Texas gets most of our funding from federal grants and private donors. We get a lump of our state funding from a title grant that hands out the funds to priority institutions - think of it as an "improvement" grant that includes professional development and partnerships in learning communities. Bottom line is, we have grant writers who write, research and report because most grants are competitive. Here in Texas, educational insitutions use a Texas-design transformation or turnaround model for implementation.

Anyhow, these are just my thoughts on the matter. I'm not sure how the UN does it, but it would be helpful if clarified. Thanks.

Regards, Charity Gamboa-Embley - Show quoted text -

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i would very much like to see who donates what to the igf, just out of curiousity, but some transparency would be nice as well. Rgds, mctim

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