

Invitation to IGF workshop (Pre-IGF event)

“Technical standards, law-making, and other governance instruments and metrics for a measurable impact of multi-stakeholderism”

Monday 21 October 2013, 16.00 – 18.00, Room #6 Uluwatu 7

The mantra of “multi-stakeholder participation” is often repeated, but is so far little measured or assessed. Why is multi-stakeholder participation a better approach to Internet governance? Can we measure or assess the effects it has in the normative standards discussion and adoption, from technical standards to law-making processes, including non-binding instruments, behavioural usages and other kind of regulations governing online actions of Internet users?

Measurement and assessment of the impact of multi-stakeholder participation is vital to the future integration of the model into ‘hard’ standard setting, ‘soft’ political governance and law-making discussions.

This workshop, organised by members of the European Internet Science Network of Excellence (EINS FP7 Consortium, www.internet-science.eu) will examine scientific frameworks for measuring that impact and assessing its outcome, with emphasis on technical and legal regulation bodies such as:

- ICANN and the management of gTLDs;
- IETF and the creation of privacy-enhancing standards;
- ITU and the making of standards for cyber security and network management;
- Intergovernmental Organizations (OECD, CoE) and Internet Governance Principles, Frameworks and soft law instruments ;
- Regional and National Internet regulation and policy making;
- Global, Regional and National Internet Governance dialogues (WSIS, IGFs)

The workshop will be split into two panels, exploring these two dimensions and how they are intertwining:

- Multi-stakeholder participation in law making (discussion moderated by Meryem Marzouki, CNRS & UPMC Sorbonne Universités)
- Multi-stakeholder participation in technical standard setting (discussion moderated by Chris Marsden, Sussex University)

The workshop will conclude with international academic panellists who are experts in the Internet science approach to assessing and measuring network influence, both within Internet standards and regulation, and more broadly within human and other network types.

List of speakers:

- Amelia Andersdotter, Member of the European Parliament
- Sebastian Bellagamba, Internet Society
- Anne Carblanc, OECD ICCP Division
- Rafik Dammak, ICANN NCSG Executive Committee Member
- Tamas David-Barrett, Oxford University
- Anriette Esterhuysen, Association for Progressive Communications (APC),
- Alice Munyua, Kenya Internet Governance Steering Committee
- Jeremy Malcolm, Consumers International
- Jan Malinowski, Council of Europe, Information Society Department
- Erika Mann, Facebook (tbc)
- Michael Niebel, European Commission DG CONNECT
- Alison Powell, London School of Economics
- Tomoko Watanabe, International University of Japan
- Meredith Whittaker, Google Research

Remote participation will be moderated by Ben Zevenbergen (Oxford Internet Institute).

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