Comments received from Secretariat

**Furthermore, please find below the comments made by the MAG during evaluation to help you further refine and update your proposal:**

**<Improve gender and geography balance and work on a clear options for remote participation**

**Missing SDG Goal**

**good subject..**

**if more diversity of stakeholder group representations would be great.**

**It is not clear what specific issue this workshop addresses and how various stakehoders can learn from it.>**

**Content of the application**

**Title:**

ICT4D: Connecting CS roles on access, finance & knowledge

**Workshop Format:**

Break-out group discussions

**Duration of workshop:**

60 minutes

**Moderators:**

In Person: ArseneTungali

Remote: Akinremi Peter, Renata Aquino Ribeiro

**Rapporteurs:**

Sarah Kiden

**Current speakers (feel free to add your name and/or put “confirmed” in from of yours if applicable)**

Valentina hvale Pellizzer (Europe - Southeast Europe)

Gurstein, Michael (America – Canada)

Kane, Cissé (Africa – Europe)

Mueller, Milton (North America)

SCHOMBE, BAUDOUIN (Africa – DR Congo) - **Confirmed**

Bollow, Norbert (Europe - Switzerland) - **Confirmed**

Malcolm, Jeremy - Confirmed

Sylvia Cadena (Australia) - **Confirmed**

**Please describe why you have selected each of your proposed speakers and/or provide a description of how stakeholder perspectives will be represented: \***

These proposed speakers have been contacted and selected based on their engagement and interest in the group (IGC). Most of them are drawn from the civil society group with some coming from the Academia (university lecturers) and technical community.

They come from various backgrounds and regions: two from Africa (one currently living in Europe), two from Europe, one from Canada, one from the USA and one based in Australia.

Norbert Bollow is a co-convenor of the Just Net Coalition which aims at making Internet governance more equitable and democratic, in particular in regard to the interests of developing countries and segments of society which are often marginalized. He will speak about the problem that complexity, if left unaddressed, will lead to corporatocracy. He proposes to enhance governance through problem-solving logic to integrate contributions of knowledge from diverse perspectives.

Jeremy Malcolm is Senior Global Policy Analyst at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. He will focus his remarks on issues of access to knowledge, including the regulation of data flows and international intellectual property rules and enforcement practices.

Sylvia Cadena from Australia will discuss around issues related to access to finance for the civil society. This will help bring different perspectives on the workshop to benefit participants.

**Please provide a concise description of the Internet Governance issue that your session will explore, and its relevance to the 2016 main theme, "Internet Governance Forum: Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth" (max 250 words): \***

This session is presented on behalf of the Internet Governance Caucus (IGC), which is one of the groups advocating for the interests of civil society actors within the Internet Governance arena.

Access, finance and knowledge are critical factors of sustainability and development. Stakeholders in the internet governance and economic development need to play more assertive roles and devise new strategy of enabling inclusion through access provision, knowledge replica and distribution; and financing ICT for Development. The role of civil society in this context is complex. This workshop will consider a mapping of the spaces where CS does engage and should engage in the three areas of focus for the workshop: access provision, financing ICT4D and knowledge distribution.

Therefore, civil society needs to have a critical discussion on how they could better involve in the financing of ICT4D and access provision. Also, in what way and capacity can civil society help bridging digital divide through knowledge distribution and capacity building?

Harnessing and reviewing the roles of civil society in Internet Governance and economic development would better help advance and connect civil society participation in the discussions of ICT for development especially Internet governance and its sustainability.

In brief, the workshop is going to identify the challenges and look to existing best practices and approaches as well as processes and institutions that have addressed part or all of the focus area of the workshop. The output could be a summary of the challenges to connecting CS orgs and players in the complementary areas of access, finance and knowledge as well as and most importantly some actionable ways forward.

**Provide the name, stakeholder group (Civil Society; Government; Intergovernmental Organization; Private Sector; Technical Community), and organizational affiliation of workshop proposal co-organizer(s): \***

Analía Aspis, University of Buenos Aires & IGC co-coordinator

Arsene Tungali, Rudi International, IGC Co-coordinator

Sarah Kiden, Uganda Christian University, Academia

Akinremi Peter Taiwo, civil society, Compsoftnet Enterprise, Nigeria

**Describe how you plan to facilitate discussion amongst speakers, audience members and online participants (max 250 words): \***

Based on the adopted format, the moderator will give a short or brief presentation of the session topic and what is expected of the groups and the outcome of the session.

Panelists will make short presentations, each one of them discussing one aspect of the workshop to give a heads out to participants before the group discussions.

Then there will be a break out of the participants into groups (finance, knowledge and access) with the main speakers (serving as facilitators) assigned to each group to review and discuss "connecting the roles of civil society."

The onsite and connected remote hubs to the groups will be able to ask question and contribute effectively to the discussion. A reporter will be chose from each group and will report at the end of the group meetings to the whole group. Finally, the session rapporteur will make a conclusion on the discussion.

With our remote participation plan, we will be able to facilitate contributions from remote participants allowing them to contribute to group discussions. We will use a form of webcast (depending on the available platform), different hashtags (specific for each group and different from the main one) on Facebook and Twitter.

**Describe your plan for online participation**

We will call forremote participants from our network as many of our group members won’t be able to travel to the IGF. We will have our online coordinator (Remote coordinator who will also welcome comments in Spanish) and we will encourage our workshop participants to use Twitter and Facebook to share what’s going on in the session.

A hashtag will be chosen (tentatively, #IGC2IGF) and promoted online and using flyers/posters at the venue to encourage people to follow discussions using that hashtag. Our Online Moderator will be posting and re-tweeting everything with that hashtag for more coverage.

**Please write your proper agenda: \***

**Introduction**

Short presentation of the session topic, expectations from the grous discussions and the outcomes of the workshop by the Moderator.

**Panel presentations**

Here it is more of a problem analysis: What are the negative effects of civil society not being sufficiently well-connected, especially in relation to access, finance and knowledge, to ICT4D actions. How do these negative effects come about?

Our main speakers will briefly introduce a specific area of focus for the workshop:

* Sylvia Cadena to present on access to finance
* Norbert Bollow to present on issues related to access provision
* Jeremy Malcolm to present on issues related to knowledge distribution

Our main panelists will be joined by some of our other speakers (after they confirm participation) to cover other areas not raised but also facilitating group discussions.

**Group breakout session**

Three groups will be formed, each focusing on one aspect of the workshop. We will use the available space in the room to carry these discussions with less noise. A rapporteur will be selected from each group to give a synthesis of group outcomes in the next step.

**Reconvening**

We will be hearing from each group rapporteur. This session will be followed by a Q&A time where each group will be completed or challenged by the other and receive feedback.

Their reports will be handed to the Session Rapporteur for compilation and production of the final draft of our workshop results.

The expected outcome of the workshop will be more of solution proposals for making civil society better connected to ICT4D actions in terms of access, finance and knowledge.

**Closing remarks**

By the Moderator who is also IGC Co-coordinator.

**Based on which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?**

The topic of this workshop is directly relevant to all SDGs, as none of them can be achieved without providing local people with access to information and knowledge and to the decision-making processes, or without integrating the knowledge contributions from local civil society sources, or without adequate financial allocations on the basis of the resulting insights, which Internet technologies can facilitate.

However, for the sake of keeping the discussion focused speakers and workshop participants are encouraged to focus on goals 10 (reduce inequalities); 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure); 17 (partnerships for the goals) and CS role.