IGF 2.0

Reflections on the tasks of the CSTD Working Group
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Outline

• IGF 1.0 overview: results and concerns
• IGF 2.0 improvements
  - structure
  - financing
  - reporting
  - streamlining
• CSTD WG on the improvements of the IGF
• Conclusions
IGF 1.0 results

• Multi-stakeholder approach - trust
• Flexible – self organizing
• No resolutions or decisions
• Non-binding
• Inclusive
IGF 1.0 concerns

• Unequal representation
• Not streamlined
• No reporting – no impact
• Development
• Cooperation
• Financing
• MAG composition
• Secretariat
IGF 1.0 Dilemmas

- Maintain flexibility < --- > streamline
- Non-binding nature < --- > decisions
- Balanced multi-stakeholder approach
- Inclusiveness < --- > obstacles to participation
- Cooperation < --- > competition
- Voluntary contributions < --- > regular budget
- MAG composition < --- > elections
- IGF < --- > other WSIS related activities
- Existing topics < --- > emerging issues
- Independent secretariat < --- > integrated secretariat
IGF 2.0 - Flexibility vs. streamlining

• Thematic tracks
• Self-improving mechanism
  - workshops grouped
  - feeder workshops
  - main sessions
• Further actions
  - synthesis to increase efficiency & impact
  - ICT tools to orient participants to select from program
• Different knowledge levels
  - prerequisites - to be reflected in program
  - resources – to be indicated
IGF 2.0 - non-binding nature vs. mandatory decisions

• IGF 1.0 – non-binding: forum to exchange ideas, source of information, no mandatory resolutions/recommendations

• IGF 2.0 = IGF 1.0 achievements + new approaches based on multi-stakeholder consensus

• Conclusion: recommendations, statements rather than mandatory decisions
IGF 2.0 - balanced multi-stakeholder participation

• Specific roles - reflect multi-facet character of IGF
  Treaties, standards – international organizations
  National framework – governments
  Trends, standards, studies, capacity building –
  technical community/academia
  implementation - business community

• Cross cutting issues

• Harmonization – legal framework
IGF 2.0 - inclusiveness

- Disability
- Language
- Developing and least developed countries
- Remote participation
IGF 2.0 - cooperation

- Cooperation possibilities – streamlined pre-forum site on-site events
- Multi-stakeholder participation
- Funding possibilities
IGF 2.0 – MAG

- Selection vs. election
- Voluntary or remunerated members
- Balanced representation
  - multi-stakeholders
  - developed and developing
  - regions
  - gender
- Accountability
- Guidance
- Reporting
- Outreach
IGF 2.0 – WSIS Connection

- Cooperation vs. competition
- Enhanced cooperation between IGF and WSIS secretariats
- Policy versus projects
IGF 2.0 – Secretariat

• Independent vs. integrated within UN system
• Cooperation with regional and national IGFs
• Improved information channels
  - website
  - publications
  - information material
IGF 2.0 – Topics

• Main topics
  - IG for development (IG4D)
  - Emerging Issues
  - Managing critical Internet resources
  - Security, openness and privacy
  - Access and diversity
  - Taking stock and the way forward

• All or specific topics
• Balanced approach vs. emphasis on specific topic
• Balanced panels vs. expert panels
CSTD and WG on the improvements of IGF

• Commission on Science and Technology for Development – UN Commission
  Reports to Economic and Social Council of the UN – (ECOSOC)
• Working Group created by General Assembly of the UN
• Members: 23 states
  (15 selected member states of CSTD + IGF organizing states
  + WSIS organizing states)
  20 representatives (5-5 business, civil society, technical community/academia, international organizations)
• First phase - establish questionnaire, compile responses
  - discuss options for improvements
  - failed to give recommendations (lack of time)
• Second phase - continue discussion on options
  - give recommendations
IGF 2.0 Conclusion

• Self improving nature of IGF
• Discussion on improvements – inclusive for all stakeholders
• Recommendations – Working Group on the improvements to the IGF
• Implementation – timeframe and responsible