CSTD Working Group on improvements to the IGF
Summary of the 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting

31 October to 2 November Geneva
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Outline

• The Working Group (WGIGF)
• Mandate
• Assessment of previous meetings
• 3rd Meeting 31 October to 2 November 2011
  - challenges, expectations and schedule,
    work documents used, structure and
    modalities of the work
  - Main topics
  - Discussions
  - Progress
• Conclusion

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The Working Group

• Established by ECOSOC (Res. 2010/2) endorsed by UN GA in 2010 (A/65/141)

• Composition: 15 member states; 6 IGF-organizing countries; 2 WSIS organizing countries; (23) 5-5 representatives of academia/technical community, civil society, business, international organizations (20)

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Mandate

Invites the chair of the CSTD to establish, in an open and inclusive manner, a working group, to seek, compile and review inputs from all UN member States and all other stakeholders on improvements to the IGF in line with its mandate as set out in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, and report to its next substantive session in 2011 with recommendations as appropriate.

[to give recommendations for the improvement to the IGF without changing its basic features: multi-stakeholder character, not a decision taking forum]
Assessment of previous meetings

- Montreux - 24-25 February 2011
  we identified relevant questions
  we agreed on a questionnaire
  and we received responses

- Geneva – 24-25 March 2011
  compilation of responses and
  recommendations 125 pages
  summary of responses/recommendations
  20 pages

- Informal consultations in Nairobi and Geneva

- Multi-stakeholder approach
  trust and confidence
  ability to cooperate
3rd Meeting in Geneva

• What are the challenges we are facing?
• Expectations and schedule –
  - list of recommendations based on consensus with conditions of implementation: timeframe and responsible
  - list of recommendations with divergent views
• the work document: summary of responses/recommendations 20 pages
  UN_WGIGF2011d13_recommendations_en.doc
• How are we going to proceed?
  UN_WGIGF2011d12_structure_en.pdf
IGF 1.0 results

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

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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

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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
• Cooperation with regional and national IGFs
• Multi-stakeholder participation
• Cooperation with other international events
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
WGIGF 3rd meeting: agreed main topics

A. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings;
B. Working modalities including open consultations, MAG and Secretariat;
C. Funding of the IGF;
D. Broadening participation;
E. Linking the IGF to other related processes/mechanisms/bodies.
WGIGF 3rd meeting: Discussions

• Points of broad agreement for each item
• Guidelines for drafting recommendations
• No debate on details
• Items A, B and D discussed
• Item C – letter to UN DESA about participation of UN funding
WGIGF 3rd meeting: Progress

- Item A, B & D
  - points of broad agreement
  - consensus on summary of discussions by Portugal

- Item C
  - points of broad agreement
  - consensus on exploring funding by UN

- Item E
  - to be discussed during the 4th meeting
WGIGF 3rd meeting: Conclusion

• The WGIGF worked in a constructive manner with increased mutual trust
• Made measurable progress
• General debate on Item C to be completed
• Discussion on Item E during 4th meeting in January 2012
• Drafting of recommendations
WGIGF 3rd meeting: Conclusion (cont’d)

• 5th meeting – if needed – end of February 2012
• Chair’s summary and recommendations for CSTD 2012 Session in May
• Draft resolution on WSIS follow-up to be approved by ECOSOC
• Resolution of ECOSOC to be endorsed by GA of UN at the end of 2012
Thank you for your attention

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