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Hi people, I very much agree with the synthesis of recommendations made by Jimson, and took the liberty to do a little revision (original recommendation number in parenthesis):

1. (rec. 37) That governments on equal footing should increase their active and sustained participation in the work of the Government Advisory Committee of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers in the management of the critical Internet resources under the purview of that Corporation.

2. (rec. 54) That on need basis, government, business, civil society, technical and academic community should evolve and engage on processes of inclusive cooperation on diverse global public policy matters pertaining to the Internet.

3. (rec. 55) That efforts be made by governments to increase awareness of diverse global public policy matters pertaining to the Internet especially in the developing and least developed nations through existing intergovernmental mechanisms.

4. (rec. 63) That all countries including developing and least developed are encouraged to evolve national multi-stakeholder mechanisms to address current and emerging regulatory and policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

5. (rec. 51) Recognizing capacity gap in addressing Internet public policy matters in developing and least developed countries, appropriate support mechanism should be enabled to bridge the gap.

6. (Rec. 83) That the CSTD, in line with its mandate,* convenes a yearly forum where all governments on equal footing can discuss and provide recommendations on public policy matters pertaining to the Internet with the participation of the business community, the technical community, the civil society and the academic community.

(*) Per http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/CSTD-Mandate.aspx: "The Commission was established to provide the General Assembly and ECOSOC with high-level advice on relevant issues through analysis and appropriate policy recommendations or options in order to enable those organs to guide the future work of the United Nations, develop common policies and agree on appropriate actions." It is different from IGF which does not produce policy position and recommendation/s for collective implementation unlike the CSTD whose outcomes are channeled through established UN structure, ECOSOC and then the General Assembly.

Regarding the topic brought by Parminder (AI), and recognizing the relevance of including it in our dialogue on enhanced cooperation, I would extend it to include the governance of algorithms in general, which are currently in full swing in several sectors of activity, with unexpected or even harmful consequences as described in current literature.**

(**) Doneda and Almeida, for example, provide an overview of these issues here:
http://online.qmags.com/IC0716#pg63&mode2
Of note is also the book by mathematician Cathy O'Neil, "Weapons of Math Destruction."