

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