

# CSTD working group on the improvement of the IGF

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# IGF Mandate

- IGF 5 year mandate
  - Expired 2010
- UNGA decision 2010 to extend IGF mandate
- CSTD WG to look at improvements of the IGF
  - CSTD WG originally only gov representation
    - Not multistakeholder
    - Composition changed after much feedback
      - 5 tech, 5 business, 5 civil society, 5 Intergov orgs

# Non-gov representatives

## Technical and Academic Community

- Ms Constance Bommelaer (Internet Society)
- Ms Samantha Dickinson (APNIC)
- Mr Baher Esmat (ICANN)
- Ms Nurani Nimpuno (Netnod)
- Mr Oscar Robles-Garay (NIC México)

## Business Community

- Ms Marilyn Cade (mCADE)
- Mr Patrik Faltstrom (Cisco Systems)
- Mr Jimson Olufuye (ITAN)
- Mr Christoph Steck (Telefonica)
- Ms Theresa Swinehart (Verizon)

## Civil Society

- Mr Izumi Aizu (Tama University)
- Ms Anriette Esterhuysen (APC)
- Mr Parminder Jeet Singh (IT for Change)
- Ms Marilia Maciel (Fundação Getulio Vargas)
- Mr Wolfgang Kleinwächter (University of Aarhus)

# First attempt

- Switzerland chair (Frédéric Riehl)
  - 2 two-day meetings (feb & mar)
  - Questionnaire circulated – open to all to respond
  - Some mean the IGF is more or less fine as it is
  - Some want to change the IGF radically
- To produce a report with recommendations
  - to the CSTD in May 2011
- Failure
  - “Chair’s summary” submitted to the CSTD
- Request for an extension of WG
  - CSTD approved extension

# Second attempt

- Hungary (Peter Major) chair
- Determined to produce results
  - With specific recommendations
- 3 three-day meetings
  - 31 Oct – 2 November 2011
  - 11 – 13 January 2012
  - ~8-11 February 2012 (TBD)
- Aim to produce a report to CSTD
  - May 2012

# Meeting this week

- **Twitter #CSTDWG (on #IGF)**
  - For those of you sad enough to want to follow this
- **Shaky start**
  - Discuss individual proposals?
  - Base discussions on chair's report?
  - Base discussion on long list of specific recommendations?
- **A few new participants, some missing**
  - (50% of govs missing, only 1 missing from the other stakeholder groups)
    - These are gov reps based in Geneva
- **And they complain that some are not engaged in the process!**

# Progress?

- Managed to agree on broad areas of consensus
- Huge step forward in my view!
  - Discussed different areas of the IGF with specific recommendations
  - Some trying to remind group to stay away from micromanagement
- More convergence than expected
- But it ain't over 'til the fat lady sings...

# Funding – a core issue

- Currently IGF solely based on voluntary funding
  - Most suggested improvements require additional funding
- How increase funding?
  - Let's get money from the UN!
  - Let's increase the voluntary funding!
- Tech & business believe in increased voluntary, UN-independent funding



# Funding – the reality

- The IGF is not a regular programme, therefore not eligible for UN funding
- The total UN budget has decreased
  - 3% budget cut across the board
- Chances of getting any money from the UN very slim!
- Process long and complicated...
  - ...at least 2 years!

# Next steps...

- Two more meetings
- Chair wants specific recommendations
  - Report to CSTD in May
- Best case scenario?
  - Some good general recommendations
  - Allow the IGF to continue to evolve
- Worst case scenario?
  - Where to start....?

# Many other parallel developments

- IBSA proposal

- India, Brazil, South Africa

- [http://www.culturalivre.org.br/artigos/IBSA\\_recommendations\\_Internet\\_Governance.pdf](http://www.culturalivre.org.br/artigos/IBSA_recommendations_Internet_Governance.pdf)

- Russia-China+ proposal

- International code of conduct for information security
- <http://blog.internetgovernance.org/pdf/UN-infosec-code.pdf>

- Indian proposal

- a UN Committee for Internet-Related Policies (CIRP)
- <http://digitalrightswatch.org/?p=12753>
- Pretty good analysis by Sam Dickinson: [bit.ly/ryqlqN](http://bit.ly/ryqlqN)

# Thank You

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# References

- **CSTDWG**

- <http://www.unctad.info/en/CstdWG/>

- **Contributions received**

- [http://www.unctad.info/en/CstdWG/WGIGF\\_Contributions/](http://www.unctad.info/en/CstdWG/WGIGF_Contributions/)

- **Tech / academic community response**

- <http://www.unctad.info/upload/CSTD-IGF/Contributions/M1/ITAC.pdf>