Swings & Roundabouts

Internet Governance in 2019

Chris Buckridge | RIPE 79 Cooperation WG | 16 October 2019

A Murder of Internet Governance Venues

IGF

Internet Governance Forum

National and regional IG events (around 30 in our service region)

Intergovernmental Organisations

IGOs

OECD, ITU, World Trade Organization, other UN agencies (CSTD, UNCTAD)

Gov

National (and super-national) governments

Including G7/G20

A Plague of Internet Governance Challenges

capacity building

Growth **Trust**

IoT

Copyright

Data governance

Trade

Standards

Cyberwar

Ethics

Human Rights

Cybersecurity

Artificial Intelli

Access

Governance models

Complexity

Child online

protection

Big data

Cybercrime

A New Approach… A New Acronym

- United Nations Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation (UN HLPDC?)

- Established in July 2018

- 20 Members, including…

  - Co-chairs: Melinda Gates, Jack Ma
  - Vint Cerf
  - Fadi Chehadé
  - Marina Kaljurand

"…identify good examples and propose modalities for working cooperatively across sectors, disciplines and borders to address challenges in the digital age."

Report: "The Age of Digital Interdependence"

- Published 10 June 2019

- Five sets of recommendations:

  - Build an inclusive digital economy and society

  - Develop human and institutional capacity

  - Protect human rights and human agency

  - Promote digital trust, security and stability

  - Foster global digital cooperation

https://digitalcooperation.org/

Next Steps

Recommendation 5A:

We recommend that, as a matter of urgency, the UN Secretary-General **facilitate an agile and open consultation process** to develop updated mechanisms for global digital cooperation, with the options discussed in Chapter 4 as a starting point. We suggest an initial goal of **marking the UN's 75th anniversary in 2020** with a **"Global Commitment for Digital Cooperation"** to enshrine shared values, principles, understandings and objectives for an improved global digital cooperation architecture. As part of this process, we understand that the UN Secretary-General may appoint a **Technology Envoy**.

RIPE NCC Response

- RIPE NCC developed a response, submitted via EuroDIG and IGF channels

- Key points:

  - Support the "IGF Plus" model, as it builds on the existing structures already in place

  - National and regional Internet governance forums are some of the most useful and effective venues for Internet governance discussions - encourage the Secretary-General to more formally recognise this in the model going forward.

  - Broad-based and reliable funding for the IGF is a key issue - proposals to address this are fundamental to any larger plans for further developing global Internet governance structures.

    Read on RIPE Labs

Takeaways

- The urgency and severity of the challenges is…

  …sharpening the need to "do something"

  …splintering the discussion, making effective action more difficult

  …strengthening demand for traditional regulatory strategies

- Finding effective multistakeholder governance solutions is about securing the future of RIPE and the open model it has developed
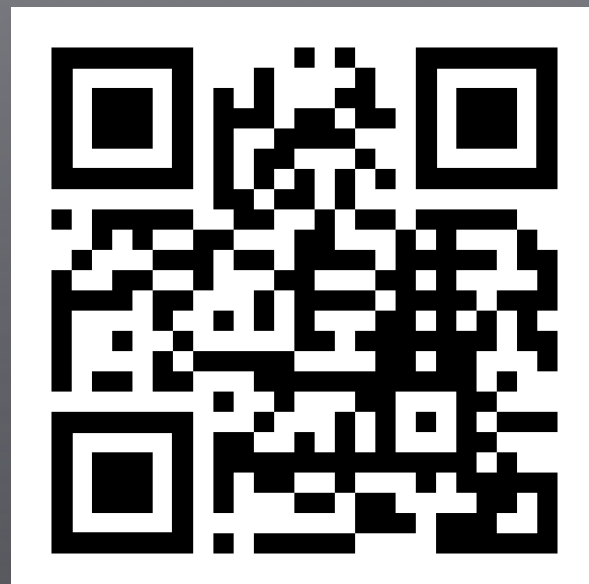
Questions ❓

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Community Service Announcements

25-29 November 2019
Berlin, Germany

Registration closes 1 November

10-12 June 2020
Trieste, Italy

Call for Issues until 8 December