A Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism

Statement at second stakeholder consultation on Revision 1 of Global Digital Compact

Friday 21 June 2024 at 13:00 UTC

Good morning Chair, co-facilitators, all

I am speaking on behalf of a group of aligned members of the Internet technical community with a long history of involvement in multistakeholder Internet governance (named below).

We appreciate this opportunity to participate in this stakeholder consultation and reiterate our thanks to the co-facilitators and other drafters of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) First Revision (Rev. 1) as shared in our intervention to the stakeholder consultation on 21 May.

We reiterate our support for several aspects of Rev. 1, including:

- Stronger references to the WSIS architecture as a primary focus for follow up and implementation.

- Reduction of earlier proposed duplication of forums and initiatives.

- Text in the Internet Governance section such as the commitment to uphold and support the Internet Governance Forum, including the need to increase resources for the forum and diversify participation.

On follow up and review, we suggest further reducing duplication of forums and initiatives. The GDC should leverage existing multi-stakeholder processes and forums.

In particular, we suggest further strengthening the role of the IGF – as a core process arising from WSIS, the IGF and its diverse community can do *much more* than "amplify" the Compact's work. The WSIS+20 review next year allows this role to be developed.

We reiterate that member states are a crucial but insufficient group to achieve the Compact's shared goals. Success requires *all* the stakeholders involved in internet governance, on an equal footing, to fulfill their roles and responsibilities *together.*

As advocated in the NETmundial+10 Multistakeholder Statement, we also ask for stakeholder consultations to be scheduled in a way that enables non-governmental stakeholders adequate time to consider newly revised drafts of the GDC.

It would also be helpful for the co-facilitators – and wider UN-system – to consider how to enable stakeholders from diverse geographical regions and timezones to meaningfully engage beyond the stakeholder consultations (for example, by allowing comment submissions by video and text, and by publishing recorded sessions and input).

Thank you for your attention.

List of organisations signing on

Africa Top Level Domains Organization
Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC)
au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA)
Blacknight
Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA)
DENIC eG
DotAsia Organisation
GoDaddy
Identity Digital
IE Domain Registry CLG, trading as .ie
InternetNZ
Japan Network Information Center (JPNIC)
Japan Registry Services Co., Ltd. (JPRS)
Network Information Center Costa Rica
Nominet UK
Portuguese registry .PT
Public Interest Registry (PIR)
Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC)
Tucows, Inc