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Input to the Call for inputs for 2020 and taking stock of 2019

1. Taking Stock of the 2019 programming, outputs, preparatory process, community intersessional activities and the event itself: What worked well? What worked not so well?

1.1 Preparatory process (timeline, call for workshop proposals, workshop selection, MAG meetings etc.)

The preparatory process worked quite well despite some glitches. Online meetings were held regularly and the number of face to face MAG consultations was appropriate. Workshop selection timeline was fine. The major setback we noticed and which has been around for all over the years is the lack of sufficient expertise to evaluate workshop proposals which are submitted or would have been submitted in languages other than English

1.2 Community intersessional activities (Best Practice Forums, Dynamic Coalitions) and National, Regional and Youth IGFs - please comment on process, content, and in particular on how these intersessional activities were included in the programme content of the Berlin IGF.

The process took care of all the activities.

1.3 IGF 2019 overall program structure and flow (in particular the three thematic tracks: digital inclusion; data governance; and security, safety, stability and resilience)

Well done!

1.4 IGF 2019 programme content: Please comment on the content of workshops, main sessions, high level sessions, open forums, BPF, DC and NRIs sessions, as well as on the speakers and quality of discussions.

Main sessions, high level sessions and NRIs sessions were well organized. The Open Forums could have run better if interpretation was provided to cater for diversity of stakeholders

1.5 IGF 2019 participants

Outstanding in number and diversity! The most noticeable presence was that of Parliamentarians, especially from developing countries

1.6 IGF 2019 village

The village was well set, enabling visitors to scroll around without any glitch

1.7 IGF 2019 communications, outreach and outputs (add relevant link here)

We believe that the outreach was substantive and timely and reached all stakeholders

1.8 IGF 2019 logistics (venue, catering, security, registration etc.)

Excellent! The logistics will be difficult to match in the future

1.9 Any other comments on the IGF 2019

We wish to thank the IGF secretariat and the host for organizing such a wonderful IGF

2. What are your suggestions for improvements for 2020?

2.1 Preparatory process (timeline, call for workshop proposals, workshop selection, MAG and OC meetings etc.)

Start the process early enough, start call and selection for workshops early enough. Enable

submission of workshop proposals in other UN languages and find workshop reviewers on those languages

2.2 Community intersessional activities (BPFs, Dynamic Coalitions) and National, Regional and Youth IGFs and how they can best connect with the global IGF.

To organize national and youth IGFs between January and June; organize sub-regional IGFs between June and August; organize continental IGFs in September and October just before the global IGF. This would enable input from the country level to the global level

2.3 Overall programme structure and flow (introductory and concluding sessions, main and other sessions, schedule structure etc.)

The structure for 2019 was appropriate

2.4 Do you think there should be thematic tracks as there were in 2019? Please indicate if you believe the three 2019 thematic tracks should be retained (digital inclusion; data governance; and security, safety, stability and resilience). If not, what should take their place or what theme should be added?

This could be decided during the intersessional process

2.5 Programme content (workshops, main sessions, high level sessions, open forums, speakers)

IGF 2019 was successful on program content and should be emulated, or whatever which would come up should be based on the IGF 2019 structure

2.6 IGF 2020 Participants

Parliamentarians should be encouraged again to take part. In addition to Youth and Women, participation of the Elders should also be promoted and they should be given sponsorship

2.7 Any other comments on the IGF 2020

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