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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 (in terms of timeline, call for workshop proposals, workshop selection, MAG meetings, etc,), though intensive, was very well spaced and managed by the Secretariat. It started on time and ended very well without much pressure save for the workshop evaluation time frame with the expanded criteria in 2019 from the usual methods of previous years.

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 NRIs intersessional activities were very effective and attendance by the NRIs Network productive. The inclusion of the NRIs Sessions in the program content encouraged a sincere exchange of experiences in Berlin IGF.

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)

> I wish to commend the structure of the program in terms of the three thematic tracks which provided a focus for attendees particularly newcomers.
> However, the usual newcomers/beginners Session was not well organized when compared with previous years. It would appear no one was in charge and there was no organizer for the session
> There were still redundant topics in each of the thematic sessions tracks that got participants

confused particularly when there were other interesting parallel sessions.

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.

There were too many main sessions with a limited time slot. The main sessions should be reduced and more time allotted to each session. The high-level sessions were highly productive with the messages issued. The content, speakers and quality of discussions at the open forums, BPF, DC and NRI sessions were really good and key takeaways short and concise for countries to run with. The only setback was none translation of most sessions for the effective participation of the none-English speakers.
I will suggest that some sessions in the future should be organized in other languages.

1.5 IGF 2019 participants

There were more global south participants. This is commendable save for their inability to participate in most workshop sessions due to the language barrier.
The number of participants was the highest since the inception of IGF.
Of particular note is the number of Parliamentarians who participated. Equally commendable is the number of the physically challenged group that participated.
I was really impressed.
Remote participants were equally very impressive.

1.6 IGF 2019 village

The village set up was great and good for the eye to behold. I enjoyed every visit to the village.

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

Communication was great, the outreach good with the daily summary publications, the remote hubs, and online particiaption.

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

I am very satisfied with the Venue, the lunch period with a variety of good food for each participant to eat, was well-timed so much that attendees did not miss lunch even when there were early and late lunch period sessions.
Security and registration were well organized.

1.9 Any other comments on the IGF 2019

A well structured and organized IGF. Very grateful to the host for great organisation of the Berlin IGF.
One of the corridor comments I heard was, ÁFTER ALL THESE WHAT NEXT?'Are the outcomes implementable and by Who?

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.)

For 2020 I suggest that the Call for issues and submissions can be made to and submitted by the community in other languages. MAG members can also evaluate workshop along language lines
Reintroduce interpretations at Open Forums for the organizers who can pay for it. For example Regional Open Forums like the African Union OF.

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

Encourage intersessional activities at National and regional levels. Youth IGF should form part of National and Regional IGF or get the National and Regional IGFs to endorse the Youths IGF to the Global IGF

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

The newcomer session must hold and be well organized.
There should be fewer Main Sessions.
As much as possible, high-interest sessions should not have too many clashes. For example,

DC, BPFs, OFs should not run in parallel with Main Sessions or NRIs Sessions

2.4 <u>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?</u>

I support the thematic traces, New and emerging technologies thematic track may be considered in 2020

2.5 <u>Programme content (workshops, main sessions, high level sessions, open forums, speakers)</u>

Reduce the number of speakers in a session for effective and productive outcomes.
Organize some workshop in other languages
Reduce redundant topics in a thematic track
Conduct webinars on workshop proposals and evaluation for the community after the call for issues and before the request for workshop proposals. Continue with the daily summaries publications as well as the messages, the reporting of the outcomes timelines were very good. They were really very informative and highly commended by my community members.

2.6 IGF 2020 <u>Participants</u>

Invite and encourage the participation of:
Not the usual voices
High-Level from other disciplines
Challenged Group
Remote Communities

2.7 Any other comments on the IGF 2020

The MAG may consider providing a feedback session on 2019 policy recommendations implementation by stakeholders or any IGF community.