WORKSHOP REPORT

Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):

IGF Impact - IGF2015 had an impact in the area where it happened. As did other editions. This IGF, however, brought to light a vibrant community from an underserved regional creating global links to debates in internet governance.

Spaces for IG debates - Universities (UFRN, UFC), schools of internet governance (SSIG, EGI), civil society organized events (Rightscon, IFF) and IG debate venues (WSIS Review) present opportunites where groups can showcase and evolve their work and serve their region for better engagement.

Regional perspective - Youth, community and gender issues belong in a broader debate on internet governance which takes into account regional perspective and barriers to engagement.

Please describe the discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):

Renata Baltar
Presented the theme of the workshop and a recap of IGF2015 in João Pessoa, Northeast Brazil. The event had an impact in regional engagement in internet governance and brought together activists, scholars and professionals from the region which went on to develop works in different venues, such as Youth SIG, Rightscon, IFF, WSIS Review.

Gustavo Diógenes and Alyne Andrade:
Presented the perspective of Northeastern Brazilian students researching internet governance at different levels, undergraduate and postgraduate. The dynamics of IGF led to the construction of further networks including research groups works, and exchange with international researchers.

Kimberly Anastácio, Ephraim Percy Kenyanito and further inputs from audience:
The perspective of impact in a region of internet governance debates was reminded up from the opening and closing cerimonies of IGF as well as the profile of underserved regions. Paths to where the debate on internet governance could be enhanced and underserved regions could be included were also flagged, included the importance of multistakeholder model dialogue in different settings.

If there were presentations during the workshop session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:

Renata Baltar
Student of law at UNIFOR (Universidade de Fortaleza) and participant of Youth SIG, presented the work of the youth in internet governance debates and proactiveness in this area.

Gustavo Diógenes
Student of law at UFRN (Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte) presented the work of GEDI - research group on digital law and articulations with local and global researchers.

Alyne Andrade
Participant of IBDI - Brazilian Institute for Law and Informatics - presented the view of an NGO in its participation in internet governance debates and how research could create international links.

Ephraim Percy Kenyanito
Access Now policy analyst for Subsaharan Africa approached the African regional angle and how global internet governance debate venues such as Rightscon can provide a good platform for more investigation.

All presentations and background material available at http://bit.ly/2016igf169p

Please describe any participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps/ key takeaways (3 paragraphs):

Regional engagement - Profiling and identifying regions which are underserved and detached from internet governance debates is urgent. There should be a collective effort to reduce regional inequalities and make sure all regions participate on debating the future of the internet.

Creating global links - Exchange of information and knowledge is built step by step with publication and participation in different debate venues. Feedback is very important to analyse perspectives which can help create regional and global links.

Internet governance debates venues - Increasingly, civil society organized events bring together activists, scholars and professionals and these are important spaces to prepare more in-depth work which can help engage better a region.

Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session:

30

Estimate the overall number of women present at the session:

About half of the participants were women

To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment?

Gender issues were a very important part of this debate since regional engagement also means reducing inequality in participation and including women and other underserved groups in the debates.

If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion:

The session raised issues related to research on internet governance pointing out paths to include and consider underserved groups and the creation of regional and global links which could enhance comprehension of internet governance aspects.

The session started with an introduction by the Moderator **Renata Baltar** (Academic from UNIFOR, Brazil) about the importance of community engagement. She presented a set of activities from different internet governance perspectives done in Brazil by an inspirational group of activists, researchers, academics and practitioners on Internet Governance. Renata said that initiatives in Brazil regarding internet governance are very encouraging, and are creating a vibrant internet governance community that will shape the future of internet in Brazil.

Mr. **Gustavo Paiva** (Scholar from UFRN, Brazil) gave a brief summary on the research activities on internet governance at his university. He added that the IG-focused Research Group which he founded (UFRN's Grupo de Estudos de Direito da Internet) was approved by Brazil's National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development (CNPQ). The group, located just 200km away from João Pessoa, was greatly impacted by the IGF2015. The group contacted people from different skill sets on IG, and the very preparatory process was by itself a learning experience. He added that the group is working now on the creation of a new curriculum on internet governance using IGF content as well as other highly skilled IG stakeholders from different sectors, which is to be used by two disciplines at UFRN's Law Course. He added that, in his opinion, the IGF is the best way to teach IG and the reality of the multistakeholder model. The lessons he learned at IGF2015 have resulted in great improvements on his group; currently it is composed now by 25 researchers including undergraduate students, post-graduate researchers, and IG human rights activists. They're currently closely working with other local projects in order to teach the college population about IG. Their students are growing into a new generation of activists, which are working towards achieving effective regional representation in the Brazilian IG scenario. None of this would have been possible without the IGF at João Pessoa. Last, Mr. Gustavo concluded that the lesson here is that the IGF and its universal content on Internet governance have acted, and can act, as a founding stone for many similar initiatives on IG.

Mrs. **Kimberly Anastácio** (Ibidem, Brazil) who is part of the Instituto Beta para Internet e Democracia (Ibidem), said that the discussion on internet governance has been going on for a long time in the Rio de Janeiro—Sao Paulo axis, conducted by many groups such as the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee and ISOC. For a long time activists and researchers in Brasilia were not central on this discussion. However, she added, we're starting to see changes on other stakeholders (Government & private sectors) as result of Ibidem's activities. A coalition was created in last July to open new channels of discussions and to establish presence on Brazil's National Congress around some human rights issues for online users; Ibidem created a national agenda regarding a set of civil rights under discussion with the Supreme Court. Lastly, the coalition has many activists, researchers and different groups working together on internet governance

literacy. She concluded that it's still very urgent to engage more people to be involved in different activities and groups across different regions in Brazil. Her experiences on Brasília clearly showcase both the Ibidem's unique achievements and her previous argument that Brasília, for a long time, did not proportionally participate in the IG debate.

Mr. **Ephraim Percy Kenyanito** (Access Now, Sub-Saharan Africa, Kenya)) started with a brief introduction of the Access Now experience in Latin America. He shared Access Now's experience from its regional connection in Brazil. He said also that Access Now team went to the United Nations during the last December to discuss a set of local internet governance issues. He added that they have shared their local experience with people during the last IGF2015 and it was a very collaborative process. He concluded that partnering with Latin America countries and sharing resources and best practices should be our objectives right now.

During the open discussion, some questions were asked about the divergence on internet governance in different regions in Brazil, such as the north and southwest. Other points were raised about interactivities and integration of other stakeholders — specifically, that while there are groups and projects which are well-established, sometimes there's not much integration with initiatives that would benefit from greater contact.

One point was raised about the role of universities to spread out the internet governance principles across different regions — not only locally but also globally. Brazil has a peculiarity in which universities don't often belong to cities. Instead, they belong to states, which allows them to have more than one campi that work independently from each other. The attendee, speaking about his experience, mentioned that his institution even has a campus in a correctional facility. These campi can be used in spreading knowledge about IG.

Raquel Gatto and Kimberly Anastácio reinforced the importance of identifying the specific problems faced by each project/group and relating them to the adequate terms used in Internet Governance. This allows groups with wildly different backgrounds to discuss their issues in a more organized, comprehensive way.

Gustavo Paiva said that the activists in Brazil have many layers of well-developed projects, while other projects are still trying to perfect their approach. This relates to the question of interactivity and integration, previously discussed.

Last point raised was about the internet accessibility issue in Brazil as an obstacle that should be considered in promoting internet governance principles. The attendee questioned whether the issue of accessibility — of making sure that the entire population has access to Internet — should be seen as a priority that overcomes the questions discussed in the Workshop. Gustavo Paiva answered that, while indeed universal access was a serious issue that should be taken seriously, each IG group should work with it's available tools, and that not every group has the necessary tools to work in this issue. Each group should, said the speaker, try to do what it can do.

At the end of the session, The Moderator concluded that pursuing people's engagement, from different stakeholders in several region in Brazil, is among the urgent actions to consider right now.

Alyne Andrade, one of the session organizers and scheduled-speakers, could not attend. Still, she sent her presentation, which is currently in the Workshop's files.

<mark>ORIGINAL PROPOSAL</mark>

No. 169 Regional Participation in Brazil: Growing Initiatives

Gustavo Paiva - Grupo de Estudos de Direito da Internet/UFRN

1. Primary Contact Information

Ms. Gustavo Paiva

Organizational Affiliation: Grupo de Estudos de Direito da Internet/UFRN

2. Secondary Contact Information

Ms. Alyne Andrade

Organizational Affiliation: Instituto Brasileiro de Direito da Informática/IBDI

3. Workshop Format. Please click here for a description of available Workshop Session Formats.

Flash Session

4. Panel format background paper

No background paper provided

5. Duration of proposed session

30 minutes

6. Title

Regional Participation in Brazil: Growing Initiatives

7. Description of workshop

An inspirational group of activists, researchers and practitioners on Internet Governance have come together after IGF2015 and other IG events in Latin America to engage in different organizations in the area. This reveals the impact that debate arenas such as the IGF have and further presents the importance of regional engagement and effective strategies to achieve it.

The dialogues and actions of this group were revisited in events like Internet Freedom Festival, Rightscon, ICAN55, WSIS Forum and other arenas. These activists continue the debate in online groups, both mobile and on computers. Their work continues identifying leaders in Internet Governance and other groups which can be articulated so that regional engagement increases and future actions can be planned so as to fully integrate unrepresented regions in the Internet Governance future.

Our online activism communities on IG in the Global South are dispersed and do not easily communicate with each other. Through this Flash Session, we wish to expose a few of them and to bring them together, in order to strategize and create global ties independent from organizations and companies.

By showcasing these efforts, it's expected that new communication bridges can be built. As well, common goals and concerns, such zero rating,increase in connectivity, cybersecurity and other can be addressed primarily.

8. Tags

Tag1: IGRegional

Tag2: Gender Issues

Tag3: Youth Engagement

9. Name, stakeholder group, and organizational affiliation of workshop proposal co-organizer(s)

Alyne Andrade, Civil Society, Instituto Brasileiro de Direito da Informática (IBDI)
Gustavo Paiva, Civil Society, Grupo de Estudos de Direito da Internet/UFRN
Ana Paula Lourenço dos Santos, Technical Community, Byte Girl

10. Has the proposer, or any of the co-organizers, organized an IGF workshop before?

no

11. Description of the plan to facilitate discussion amongst speakers, audience members and remote participants

Flash Sessions, notably, have a very limited time. Thus, it's more advantageous if participation with the audience occurs after the initiatives are shown.

Speakers will remain nearby, outside the room, for as long as necessary in order to hear comments, answer questions, exchange experiences and form partnerships.
The online moderator will inform the speakers of any online discussions, and should any online participant wish to directly question one of the speakers in private, the moderator will either give out contact information or set up a Skype call.

13. Reasons for Speakers and/or description of how stakeholder views will be represented

Speakers:

Paiva, Gustavo - Stakeholder group: Civil Society - Country: Brasil - NE Brasil
Kimberly Anastácio - Stakeholder group: Civil Society - Country: Brasil
Ephraim Percy Kenyanito - Accessnow - Stakeholder group: Civil Society - Subsaharan Africa

Among speakers are activists involved in growing initiatives in the Brazilian Northeast, and this share many hardships and objectives. Their initiatives seek to improve equality and participation, both on a regional/national level as well in a societal level. Thus, they effectively showcase some of Brazil's growing and established efforts and initiatives.

14. Name of in-person Moderator(s)

Renata Baltar - Stakeholder group: Civil Society - Country: Brasil - NE Brasil

15. Name of Remote Moderator(s)

Remote Moderator:

Olevie Kouami - Stakeholder group: Civil Society - Country: Togo

16. Name of Rapporteur(s)

Hafedh Gharbi Yahmadi - Stakeholder group: Business - Country: Tunisia

17. Description of the proposer's plans for remote participation

The online moderator will take part in the preparatory process, as to fully understand the initiatives and topics to be discussed. He will inform the speakers of any issue brought up by online participants. Should the participants wish to know more or seek a partnership with any speaker, the moderator will be responsible for establishing the communication between them.
Since the moderator will be informed of the Session's content, he will be able to answer smaller questions directly.
Overall, the online moderator will make sure that online participants enjoy all the opportunities that local participants do.

20. Agenda

The panel will bring topics such as Brazilian law, whatsapp interruption in Brazil, Pokemon Go, Intellectual Property (piracy), Smart Cities and Internet of Things.

Tag1: IGRegional
We will speak about our experience with focus in Internet Governance in Northeast and Southeast of Brazil, the difference in the debate, the contributions we can achieve.

Tag2: Gender Issues
Children, adolescents, women, LGBT community, young entrepreneurs, companies.

Tag 3: Youth Engagement
Members of Observatory of Youth in the regions of Brazil.

We will engage each of us for remote participation of stakeholders in the state of Pernambuco and Rio Grande do Norte, located in the Northeast of Brazil.

This workshop proposal "flash" is the better way to achieve our goals.