IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	Collaboration towards and beyond the child online protection
Date	Wednesday, December 7'2016
Time	10:45 - 11:45
Session Organizer	ISOC UAE/ Esafe Society
Chair/Moderator	Mohit Saraswat
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Mohit Saraswat/ Mohamed Saidalavi
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	- Jackson, Natasha, GSMA - NG Ki Chun, David; Dot Kid foundation - Dr. Hamed Mohamed Al Neyadi, CEO, E-safe society UAE - Head of AQDAR foundation in the UAE, Colonel Dr. Ibrahim Al Debal - Clara Sommarin, Child Protection Specialist, Exploitation and Violence from UNICEF - Ms. Jutta Croll, Managing Director of German Center for Child protection on the Internet - Susie Hargreaves, CEO of the Internet Watch foundation
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	- Challenges within the Collaboration space due to varying and often contradicting legal regulations on child protection within various country the stakeholders opérate. - Limited use of innovative technology such as PhotoDNA, Hashing and URL listing to take down illegal content from the internet - Lack of innovative engagement methods such as short videos and peer presentation to engage the kids in this discussion. - Children are the most important stakeholder for this discussion, but are often ignored considering them as naïve
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	Head of the AQDAR foundation in the UAE, Colonel Dr. Ibrahim Al Debal, presented a holistic approach of child empowerment that UAE government is currently enterprising. The approach was presented to be ensuring that a child is guided, coached and protected during the entire lifecycle of his/her birth until graduation and family inclusion. He mentioned that the program is a joint collaboration of around 30 government and private entities within the UAE, that includes Ministry of education, Ministry of Interior, NGO such as Esafe society, Internet Society etc.
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	Ms Clara Sommarin, Child Protection Specialist, Exploitation and Violence from UNICEF presented the programs collaborated by UNICEF along with other stakeholder's such as ITU, IWF, GSMA and others. She mentioned that the outcome document and organisation such as 'A guide for Governance' and 'Family Online Safety Institute' are true examples of how collaboration has delivered great value and outcomes. However, she did mention that the collaborations effort is often plagued by various challenges such as miscommunication between the partners, lack of quantitative and qualitative research. Managing Director of German Center for Child protection on the Internet, **Ms Jutta Croll**, highlighted the challenges they face in the collaboration space due to varying and often contradicting legal regulations on child protection within various countries in which they operate. She presented an example when a content depicting erotic poses from children can be considered illegal in Germany and still be legal in other parts of the world.
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	**Dr Hamed Mohamed Al Neyadi**, the CEO of E-safe society operating in the child online protection space within the UAE, highlighted the importance of collaboration due to the fact that the Internet is not restricted to a geographic boundary. The biggest challenge he mentioned within this sphere is to enable children and the youth to handle the threats that the Internet has to offer. He emphasised the importance of a nationwide education and awareness campaign that his organisation is currently undertaking, addressing the need of more than 200,000 students within the UAE. **Ms Susie Hargreaves**, CEO of the Internet Watch foundation, emphasised the use of innovative technologies such as PhotoDNA, Hashing and URL listing to take down illegal content from the internet. She mentioned that the relationship that IWF has with other partners such as Twitter, facebook, Google, Micorosft and Yahoo is complementary in nature and has to be respected to ensure that the approach becomes more proactive and effective. **Mr David Ng Ki Chun** from the Dot kid foundation, stressed on the use of innovative engagement methods such as short videos and peer presentation to engage the kids in this discussion.