



Minutes of the Friends of the Chair Call #10 - Wednesday 30 October - 14:00 UTC

Attendance: Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, United Kingdom, United States
Apologies: Estonia, Germany, Ghana, Netherlands, Norway

Housekeeping

- All action items from the September FotC call have been completed.
- FOC outlook and calendar
 - FOC Strategy and Coordination Meeting (SCM) and FOC/FOC-AN Roundtable are scheduled to take place on Day 0 of the IGF on Monday 25 November at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.
 - Agenda items for the SCM include Program of Action (PoA) 2020-2021, FO Conference and election of the new FotC.
 - PoA 2020-2021 will be finalised at the FO Conference in Accra but members were invited to begin reflecting on key issues, processes and forums that FOC should prioritize in the upcoming year.
 - New FotC term will start from FO Conference in Accra and will last until the end of 2020.
 - Due to the in-person meeting at IGF the November FotC call will be canceled.
 - The December FotC call will be rescheduled to accommodate the holiday season.
 - SU will circulate a doodle poll to identify a suitable date.

Action>> Members to indicate if they will be attending IGF 2019 in Berlin by emailing the SU.

Action>> Members to express their interest to serve in the FotC in 2020 by emailing SU.

FOC Chairmanship

- Update on the Annual Conference
 - Invitations were sent out this week.
 - SU will work with session leads on next steps for program development.

Action>> Members to share contact details of colleagues for FO Conference invitations by emailing SU.

Program of Action 2019

- Diplomatic Coordination
 - Paris: UNESCO General Conference
 - Important dates for the FOC:
 - CI Commission on 18-19 November, which will discuss work on Internet Issues;
 - SHS Commission on 20-21 November, which will likely include discussion about a UNESCO instrument on Artificial Intelligence.
 - Members noted that either colleagues from capital or local delegations would be attending.
 - Canada noted that their local mission might be able to host an informal FOC meeting on the margins of the conference.
 - Geneva, New York, Vienna: n/a
- Shaping Global Norms
 - Canada provided an update on the Artificial Intelligence statement
 - Advisory Network is preparing recommendations for the focus of the statement.
 - Drafting to begin shortly.
 - SU provided an update on the Cybersecurity statement



- Estonia and the Netherlands are currently consolidating the input from the Cybersecurity Task Force members.
- Next call of the Task Force will take place Tuesday 5 November.
 - Purpose of the call will be to agree on the final first draft before circulating it to the full FOC and FOC-AN membership.
- Members who are yet to submit their input were encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience.
- Finland and the UK provided an update on the Disinformation statement
 - The leads are currently consolidating the input on the first draft.
 - The leads will hold a call with the FOC and FOC-AN members to present the second draft and explain how input was incorporated.
 - The leads aim to launch the statement at IGF in November.
- Digital Inclusion Statement
 - n/a

Action>> Members to indicate if they/colleagues will be attending the UNESCO General Conference.

Action >> Task Force members to submit outstanding input on Cybersecurity statement to the co-leads as soon as possible.

Advisory Network (AN)

- The second quarterly call of the FOC and FOC-AN took place on 10 October.
 - The minutes of the call were circulated to the FOC and FOC-AN members.
- Next AN meeting will take place on Day 0 of the IGF on 25 November in Berlin, followed by a FOC/ FOC-AN roundtable.

FOC Membership

- Members shared updates on enlargement of FOC membership

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- n/a