

Digital-Environment System Coalition (DESC)

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Steering Group Meeting 2 Notes

12th April 2022, 14.00 BST (13.00 UTC)

(main recommendations and action points in **green**)

1. Present

- Present (expected): Carlos, Isabella, Leandro, Tim
- Apologies: Max
- Invitations to possible additional members:
 - Suggested to ask chairs of new steering groups
 - Carlos – some names from Africa Toronet; microfinancing; Australia – LinkedIn
 - Existing members might suggest
 - Also need to think about what we are actually doing.
 - Invite new members first and then invite more active ones.

2. Notes of previous meetings (attached)

3. **Revised Governance Framework** (draft attached DESC Governance Framework 7)

- Revision to include Observer Status and role of Steering Group
 - This version was approved and uploaded on site at <https://ict4d2004.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/desc-governance-framework-7-1.pdf>

4. **Role of Steering Group** (draft attached)

- Draft description attached in the light of discussions at previous meeting
 - This version was approved and uploaded on site at <https://ict4d2004.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/role-of-desc-steering-group-2.pdf>

5. **Working Groups**

- Draft paper on functioning of Working Groups (attached)
 - This draft was approved subject to the following suggestions:
 - The specific role of YouthDESC should be featured

- The role of Indigenous DESC was discussed, since it could be seen as being a similar cross-cutting theme to Youth, but it was agreed that for the moment it should remain as a normal TWG. It was emphasised that TWGs need space to forge their own identities, but should not be reductionist; membership of TWGs is open to all Members and Associate Members, who should be encouraged to contribute across several different TWGs.
 - Greater clarity should be provided on the different sorts of TWG (thematic, tech-related, environment-related etc.)
 - Should include greater clarity on how TWGs can be initiated, emphasising that they are intended to be bottom-up and flexible, originating through the suggestions of members. Where a proposed TWG seems to be closely similar to an existing one, those recommending it should be encouraged to think of participating in the existing one.
 - Could refer to benefits of membership of TWGs.
- Revised version was uploaded on site at: <https://ict4d2004.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/working-group-modalities-2.pdf>.
- Proposed working groups
 - Confirmed as (titles yet to be finalised):
 - Indigenous
 - Satellites and Space
 - Spectrum environmental efficiency
 - Business model sustainability
 - Maritime
 - The process of encouraging new TWGs was briefly discussed emphasising the need for the Secretariat to circulate reminders, and for members of the Steering group to encourage their creation,

6 Activity updates

- IGF Dynamic Coalition on Environment (DCE) (Leandro)
 - This was a Policy Network, and has now been elevated to the status of a Dynamic Coalition, with Michael Oghia as one of the three members of its Steering Group. They will convene regular sessions at the annual IGF meeting, the next of which is scheduled for Ethiopia <https://www.intgovforum.org/en>.
 - It was agreed that once further information is available about this entity, it should be shared with the membership with an encouragement to interested members to participate in its activities.
- Our first collective event activity will be the WSIS Annual Forum session 281 27 April 2022, 13.00-14.00 CET <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/281>

7. Further actions

- We should consider developing a DESC .ppt template for use by members. More generally, we need to create an external communications working group to take such matters forward.

8. Any other business

- None

9. Date of next meeting (to be confirmed subsequently through Doodle poll)

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