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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.)

Worked well in general.

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.

I'm new in the community. Can't comment on IGF2019.

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)

IGF 2019 overall programme structure and flow failed on relating needs with solutions. The thematic tracks were valuable to highlight and discuss current situations in each thematic track. However, the continuity to provide a vision on the evolution of past requests and current focus topics appeared to be weak. Perhaps a structure stating -identified needs- vs -possible solutions- might enable a better Problem-Solving approach!

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.

Very positive, I would rate the coordination and regulation of the entire programme's content. In my opinion, some sessions intended to embrace topics which were too broad to address during single activities and this resulted in global and vague conclusions. Perhaps, reducing the scope of discussion to more focused topics could leverage more specific conclusions obtained by the end of each session.

#### 1.5 IGF 2019 participants

Positive

#### 1.6 IGF 2019 village

Startups and SMEs were missing. These particular actors should receive special attention since they represent emerging and changing ideas. This measure could strengthen the evolution of the next generation internet.

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

Positive

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

All positive except for the registration. In my experience, it didn't run smooth and I had to register again at the conference.

#### 1.9 Any other comments on the IGF 2019

Startups aligned with sustainable and scalable solutions were not represented during IGF2019

## 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.)

Invite Startups and SMEs to participate actively during IGF2020.

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

Startups and SMEs with a focus on the global IGF pillars should have a community of their own and be able to build dynamic coalitions with the other community groups to leverage their contribution.

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

The overall programme structure and flow should follow a format addressing current needs or challenges and aim at the closing session to identify possible and existing solutions formulated as potential action plans.

2.4 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?

Emerging, "future" technologies and solutions should be added as an individual theme.

2.5 Programme content (workshops, main sessions, high level sessions, open forums, speakers)

Each thematic track should include a format as mentioned above: current needs and possible existing or potential solutions to be addressed by sustainable and scalable ideas.

2.6 IGF 2020 Participants

Startups and SMEs should participate as the group which represents disruptive, new, emerging, sustainable, and scalable solutions.

## 2.7 Any other comments on the IGF 2020