

OUR VIEW ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT GROUP OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

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This is the contribution of CACSUP* on the set up of the multi stakeholder management group of Internet Governance Forum. The CACSUP is a civil society organisation from Congo-Brazzaville, working in education and ICTs, accredited by the prepcom3 of Tunis phase of WSIS. Our organisation is active at national level in the process of building an inclusive information society. We were not at the consultation meeting on IGF, however we have followed with great interest, through internet, the overall exchanges that participants had had during the four phases of the meeting. Here is our view on how this multi stockholder group could be constituted and also on the possible name of this group.

We suggest that the constitution of the multi stakeholder group takes into account geographical and demographical aspects. About geographical aspect one can consider the cutting-out already made for the account of different Regional Internet Registries (RIRs):

Region 1: AfriNIC (Africa)

Region 2: APNIC (Asia and pacific)

Region 3: ARIN (North America)

Region 4: LACNIC (Latin America and Caribbean)

Region 5: RIPE NCC (Europe, Middle East, Part of central Asia)

A quota could be fixed to each region according to the percentage of its demographical weight. Once the quota fixed for each region, it must be shared equitably among all stakeholder (Government, Private and Civil Society). For Africa case for example, sub-regional institutions such as CEDEAO, CEMAC, SADC..., will then be responsible of designating the members who will represent their respective regions at the IGF stakeholder group. All the designating process has to guarantee the participation of all stakeholders. The leading staff of the group would also be multi stakeholder with at least one member for each region.

For the government and private sectors cases, one can entrust to sub-regional organisations of each region the task of designating members in objective and transparent manner with, if possible, a report sent to a General Secretariat. For civil society one can envisage a general call of candidature managed directly by the Secretariat of Internet governance widened to a punctual appropriate commission if necessary.

At last, about how to name this group we think a **steering group** reflects well this group which is intended to assist the General-Secretariat to prepare for meetings of Internet Governance Fora.

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