IGF 2016 Workshop Report

Session Title	**Teaching IG - experiences from 10 years Schools on Internet Governance (SIG's)**
Date	6 December 2016
Time	12:00-13:30
Session Organizer	Medienstadt Leipzig e.V., DENIC
Chair/Moderator	Sandra Hoferichter
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Sandra Hoferichter
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	Introduction: • Wolfgang Kleinwächter, EuroSSIG Chair and founder of the SIG • Jörg Schweiger, DENIC initial sponsor of the first EuroSSIG SIG Coordinators: • Olga Cavalli, South SIG • Baher Esmat, Middle East SIG • Anriette Esterhuysen, African SIG • Jungbae An, Asia Pacific SIG • Hartmut Glaser, Brazil National SIG Faculty: • Avri Doria, Independent Researcher • William Drake, University of Zurich (remote) • Bertrand de la Chapelle, Internet & Jurisdiction Project Business: • Andrew Harris, Amazon • Gonzalo Lopez-Barajas Huder, Telefonica Government: • Thomas Schneider, GAG Chair Technical Community: • Keith Drazek, VeriSign •
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	1. Identification of stakeholder needs for future IG capacity building 2. Identification of ways for collaboration among SIG's 3. Exchange of experiences among the various SIGs (good practice), 4. Discussion of the feasibility of the formation of an IGF Dynamic Coalition on Schools for Internet Governance (DC-SIG)
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	No presentations were used.

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Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	Schools on Internet Governance (SIG's) are still the only source for a comprehensive academic knowledge transfer about Internet Governance and its implications on technical, economical and societal aspects. After regional SIGs national SIGs began to emerge, inter alia in Brazil, Pakistan, India and the USA. And new candidates have started to plan and launch their own national or sub-regional SIG as in Georgia, Kenya and Bulgaria. Representatives from all stakeholder groups were invited to share their views about the concept of the SIG's and their involvement, either as a coordinator, a member of the faculty or as a sponsor. When the floor was opened to the audience, numerous former SIG Alumni's spoke about their participation at a SIG. It became evident that not one size fits all and that there are area specifics which have to be taken into account when organizing a national or regional SIG. However some guidelines would help to make all SIG's comparable and to set basic standards in order to meet the expectations of fellows and keep the quality high.
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	Schools of Internet Governance (SIG) enjoy the confidence of many Internet Governance institutions as the source for a high quality programmes about Internet Governance. So far the collaboration among the various SIGs is informal. SIG's inspired each other and benefit from the lessons learned by others. After ten years of experiences it would make a lot of sense to formalize the informal collaboration and to establish a flexible structure which would allow more synergies among the SIGs. A Dynamic Coalition SIG seems like a feasible format in this regard. Taking into account the experiences from other IGF Dynamic Coalitions, the structure of a DC-SIG should be as flat as possible with only little bureaucracy. The DC-SIG should just serve as a platform to exchange experiences and good practices and to coordinate, where necessary, activities (inter alia, time tables and outreach activities). The DC-SIG should adopt a work plan including one annual meeting in conjunction with the annual IGF. The DC-SIG should have a "Collaboration team" and a focal point for administrative matters. The Collaboration team should be composed by one representative from each regional / national SIG.