Executive Multistakeholder Committee (EMC)

Executive summary
Teleconference meeting
Date/time: February 20th, 2014  1:00~3:00 PM (UTC)

Participants:
Chairs: Demi Getschko and Raul Echeberria
Special member: Manal Ismail
Logistics and Organizational Committee: Hartmut Glaser
Government: Maximiliano Martinhao and Benedicto Fonseca
Civil Society: Marilia Maciel, Carlos Afonso, Percival Henriques and Adam Peake
Private Sector: Cassio Vecchiatti, Henrique Faulhaber and Zahid Jamil
Academia: Flavio Wagner and Dongman Lee
Technical Community: Akinori Maemura
International Organizations: Thomas Gass
Executive Secretariat: Daniel Fink, Fabrizio Leonardo and Carine Roos

Proposed agenda:
1. Briefing of NETmundial Board meeting (Feb 14th)
2. Expression of Interest
   1. Report about current status
   2. Selection criteria for participants and workflow between Feb 28th~Mar 15th
3. Content contribution process
   1. Document drafting
   2. Workflow with other committees
4. Executive Secretariat special invitations to international organizations
   1. List of organizations
   2. Amount of seats for special invitees
5. Report from LOC (Inviting Hartmut Glaser)
   1. Updates
   2. Remote participation

Main topics discussed

NETmundial Board meeting:
• Summary of the main topics discussed during the first Board meeting held on February 14th: mission, focus, role and expected interactions between HLMC and EMC. Comments highlighted that HLMC and EMC would need to coordinate carefully to achieve a consistent outcome/document from the conference.

Expression of Interest:
• Expression of Interest numbers and balance: The secretariat reported that as of February 17th 353 forms had been received, representing a good mix of groups, with the highest received from the private sector and civil society. Regionally, the results are also interesting, representing a good distribution so far. As to be expected the region submitting the most EOs is Latin America and Caribbean. It was agreed that reports on the number of Expression of Interested received will be shared frequently with the EMC.
• Regarding government representatives, it was stated that Governments do not need to submit an Expression of Interest via the website. They have been invited directly through Brazilian Foreign Office, according to the criteria established by EMC, and their nominations will be forwarded to Secretariat.
• It was noted that providing guidance on financial assistance to attend the conference was important.

Content Contribution:
• Content contributions: the deadline to receive the contributions will be extended by one week, to March 8th. However, in order for the secretariat to summarize all information and to be able to carefully evaluate all the contributions, the importance of early receipt was stressed. EMC members emphasized the short time available.
• NETmundial website will soon be updated to provide new information about the submission of contributions, including an increase in the maximum number of characters, and the facility to post images.
• In line with government practice and courtesy, other governments would be able to submit contributions to direct to the host, these files would be forwarded to the Secretariat.
• The committee discussed the workflow and how to handle content contributions after the March 8th submission deadline and the later publication of the synthesis paper of all contributions. EMC will continue to discuss this topic over the next few days.

Special invitations:
• Discussing invitations for international organizations, the secretariat informed the EMC of a list of 150 such organizations. The EMC agreed to review the list for organization active in relevant policy discussions and with relevant mandates.

Logistics and remote participation:
• EMC heard about progress with local organization and the production of the conference. LOC is working with local authorities regarding security. Planning is well underway for catering and other participant needs.
The organization of remote hubs around the world will be encouraged and the LOC is contacting suppliers and other organizations experienced with remote access to define locations and define how they will operate.

Next NETmundial relevant meetings:
- February 24th: HLMC in Barcelona, Spain, during the Mobile World Congress. Minister Paulo Bernardo and Prof. Virgílio Fernandes Almeida will moderate.
- March 7th: next EMC teleconference (TBC).