



## **Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #9**

*Wednesday 4 October 2017*

**Attending:** NL, Germany, Canada, US, Estonia, Finland; FOC Support Unit (SU)

**Apologies:** Costa Rica, UK, Norway, Argentina

### Housekeeping

- Germany reported they are working on their chairmanship programme and are narrowing down the date for the FO Conference

### Updates on implementation of the San Jose Work Plan (SJWP):

- Operationalising the Stockholm TOR:
  - SU and Germany gave an update on the Advisory Network Chartering Group (CG)
    - The SU thanked Costa Rica, Finland and Germany for confirming membership of the CG. Matthew Shears and Katherine Kendrick (both former FOC Working Group co-chairs) have been confirmed as non-governmental members of the CG.
    - Work is now underway, with the CG reviewing the zero draft of the Advisory Network Terms of Reference (FOC-AN TOR), consultation plan and timeline.
    - The first coordination call took place on 5 October.
- Members discussed Goal 2.4 of SJWP: Develop clear procedures for the development and promotion of Coalition statements.
- The SU updated Friends on finance.
  - Pleased to report the government of Australia has contributed to the FOC SU for 2017/18 on top of their existing grant. They are also contributing to the Digital Defender's Partnership, and will be announcing both these commitments in a speech by the Foreign Minister outlining their cyber strategy.

### Coordination and Joint Activities

- Members discussed priority activities of the FOC Action Plan for 2017.
  - The SU reported on progress on the Action Plan 2017 and suggested prioritising FOC activities already in chain. The Action Plan will be reviewed at the upcoming Strategy and Coordination meeting at the IGF to inform the Action Plan for 2018 under the German chairmanship.

- SU updated Friends on conversation with UNESCO Secretariat regarding [UNESCO ROAM Indicators process](#)
  - The UNESCO Secretariat suggested it may be useful to arrange a UNESCO/FOC information-sharing meeting at the IGF to inform activity 1.1. Members agreed to this.
  - The Netherlands UNESCO representative is looking into revitalising the FOC Paris Network to organise an informal coordination meeting regarding the UNESCO ROAM indicators and potential FOC engagement through the IPDC in early October.
- Members discussed FOC activities at the upcoming Internet Governance Forum (18-21 December, Geneva). These include:
  - FOC Open Forum (Day 3, 20 December 17:20-18:20).
  - FOC Strategy and Coordination meeting (time TBD).
    - SU suggested a morning or lunchtime slot on day of Open Forum.
  - Meeting between FOC and UNESCO Secretariat.
- Members discussed informal meeting adjacent to OSCE Internet Freedom Conference in Vienna (13 October)

**Action Point >>** SU to look into organising FOC/UNESCO meeting on the margins of the IGF.

**Action Point >>** Members to email the SU by COB Monday 9th October to inform SU if they (or another representative) will be present at the OSCE Internet Freedom Conference FOC informal meeting.

#### Outreach

- Friends discussed implementation of outreach strategy.

#### AOB

- SU conveyed invitation to Global Internet and Jurisdiction Conference 2018

**Action Point >>** Members to let SU know if there are any upcoming events to add to the October edition of the FOC Newsletter.