



## **Freedom Online Coalition - Friends of the Chair Call #10**

*Wednesday 25 October 2017*

**Attending:** Argentina, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Netherlands, US; FOC Support Unit (SU)

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

### Housekeeping

- Germany updated Members on development of the German Program for Chairmanship
  - Germany is in the process of drafting their Chairmanship Program and ideas for its link with the FOC Program of Action for 2018.
  - The draft will be shared in November, to be discussed, narrowed down, and agreed alongside the Program of Action for 2018 at the Strategy and Coordination meeting adjacent to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2017.

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

- Operationalising the Stockholm TOR:
  - SU and Germany updated Members on the Advisory Network Chartering Group
    - [Public consultation on FOC Advisory Network Terms of Reference](#) went out on 19 October, with a deadline of COB 5 November
    - Members to share link widely with their networks
  - SU updated Members on development of evaluation framework for Member review and termination
    - An independent consultant has been employed to carry out development of evaluation framework, and is currently in the planning stage of the activity
    - The SU will report back on progress at the Strategy and Coordination meeting adjacent to the IGF
- Updates on finance
  - Germany confirmed that they will contribute funds to the FOC and Digital Defenders Partnership (DDP)

### Coordination and Joint Activities

- Members discussed progress on implementing Program of Action 2017
- SU informed Members that there will potentially be an informal FOC meeting adjacent to OSCE Cybersecurity Conference, Vienna (Nov 3)
  - The meeting would be aimed at briefing delegates who are attending the Conference in order to help bridge the gaps between the cyber and human rights policy representatives on the issue of security and human rights.
- Members discussed the timing and agenda for the upcoming Strategy and Coordination meeting adjacent to IGF
  - Members suggested the following agenda items in addition to the standing agenda:
    - Need for increased donor coordination in the field of internet freedom
    - Discussion of potential FOC events in 2018 - e.g. potential FOC Open Forums etc.
  - SU reported that three timeslots have been secured for the Strategy and Coordination meeting, to coincide with the timing of the FOC Open Forum on 20 December. A doodle poll will be sent to determine appropriate date and time.
  - The SU are touch with the UNESCO secretariat in order to arrange a briefing for FOC members at the beginning of the Strategy and Coordination meeting
  - The Netherlands suggested that it may be useful to organise more briefings for FOC members in the future, including on:
    - Economic, Social and Cultural rights and their intersection with the digital sphere;

- Strategic litigation used to challenge increasingly hostile legal environments;
- The latest Freedom on the Net report.
- Members agreed that time was limited at the IGF, but it would be valuable to organise internal learning calls on these issues.

**Action Point >>** Members to share [link for Advisory Network consultation](#) widely with their networks (e.g. through embassies, websites, mailing lists)

**Action Point >>** Germany to share read-out of New York Network Meeting

**Action Point >>** SU to confirm details of potential FOC meeting on November 3 in Vienna

**Action Point >>** SU to liaise with Germany to draft suggested agenda for upcoming Strategy and Coordination meeting at IGF 2017

**Action Point >>** SU to send round doodle poll with these minutes to identify timing for Strategy and Coordination meeting at IGF 2017

#### Outreach

- Members discussed implementation of outreach strategy

#### AOB

- Canada informed Members of a survey they are conducting for the IGF roundtable on gender and digital equality:
  - Global Affairs Canada in cooperation with the Association for Progressive Communications have launched a global multistakeholder survey on gender equality in the digital age.
  - The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and can be done anonymously. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey by Wednesday November 8.
  - This survey will be used to inform a session at the IGF taking place on Monday December 18, at 11:50 on “A playbook for gender equality: how to harness the power of digital media and emerging tech” a roundtable at which Canada would welcome Member participation.

**Action Point >>** Interested Members to complete survey by November 8