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Open Consultations Submission to the IGF Secretariat and the MAG
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Dear IGF MAG members, the IGF Secretariat and the UN DESA

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation.

We would like to respond to Question 2 from the perspective of the RIPE NCC.

The RIPE NCC is a not-for-profit membership organisation with more than 20,000 members across Europe, the Middle East and parts of Central Asia. Our role is to support the Internet community through the provision of IP numbers and Autonomous System Numbers, as well as through capacity building, technical expertise and regional community engagement.

We see a number of opportunities for continued collaboration with the IGF and its wider ecosystem in supporting the implementation and follow-up of the WSIS+20 outcomes.

First, we believe there is considerable value in connecting the global policy discussions with the communities that are responsible for the practical operation and development of the Internet. The RIPE NCC can contribute technical and operational perspectives on issues such as IPv6 deployment, routing security, DNS, RPKI, resilience and the sustainability of Internet infrastructure. These are areas where global policy objectives increasingly need to be translated into practical implementation.

The RIPE NCC has also been actively engaged in the WSIS+20 Review process and in the WSIS Forum, including through workshops and other activities during the WSIS Forum in Geneva this July. We see this engagement as an important example of how the technical community can contribute to the broader implementation and follow-up process, and we would be pleased to continue building on these experiences through the IGF ecosystem.

Second, we see an important opportunity to strengthen the regional and national dimensions of the follow-up. The RIPE NCC has supported National and Regional IGF Initiatives in our region for many years, and we remain committed to supporting this work. NRIs provide an important bridge between global discussions and national and regional realities. We would welcome further opportunities to facilitate exchange among NRIs, technical communities and other stakeholders, and to bring regional experiences and lessons learned into the global IGF. We also organise roundtable dialogue with governments and regulators in our service region.

Third, we believe the implementation phase provides an opportunity to build on existing mechanisms rather than create parallel structures. The RIPE community and other regional Internet community platforms already bring together governments, civil society, academia, business and technical experts. These established spaces can provide practical opportunities for dialogue, capacity building and sharing implementation experience.

Finally, the RIPE NCC intends to continue supporting the global IGF via NRO through the IGF Trust Fund, alongside our own support for regional engagement and National, regional, subregional and youth IGF initiatives. We see this as part of our longer-term commitment to an open, inclusive and sustainable Internet governance ecosystem.

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From our perspective, the WSIS+20 follow-up offers an opportunity to make the implementation process more connected across stakeholder communities, more responsive to regional realities, and more closely linked to practical experience.

We look forward to continuing our cooperation with UN DESA, the IGF Secretariat, the MAG, the NRIs and the wider Internet community in this next phase.

Thank you.