



Dynamic Coalition on Privacy Fourth Progress Report – PR/4 (16 November 2007)

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Origin, Purpose, and Working Structures

The IGF Dynamic Coalition on Privacy was established at the first IGF annual meeting in Athens in November 2006 as an outcome of two workshops on privacy-related issues. In coherence with the IGF mandate, its purpose is to foster and facilitate public policy debate on privacy issues in the digital age. The Coalition has produced a detailed FAQ page (available at the coalition wiki, see below) to describe its intended activities and working methods. In order to work in an open and transparent fashion, it has established:

- a mailing list at <http://lists.apc.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/privacy-coalition>
- a public wiki. *Please note the new address:* <http://wiki.igf-online.net/wiki/Privacy>

Participants in the Coalition have met in Geneva in February 2007, in Montreal in May 2007, and at the IGF in Rio de Janeiro in November 2007. Between meetings, work was coordinated on the mailing list.

Membership Development

The Coalition is constantly growing and now gathers participants from more than seventy entities (see the full list at the coalition wiki). An ongoing outreach effort is conducted to attract new participants and ensure the appropriate diversity of stakeholders to cover the different aspects of each issue. The coalition now has members from all world regions as well as from governments, industry, international organizations, civil society, and data protection authorities.

Participation is open to any individual interested in supporting the purpose of the Coalition. In order to facilitate broad participation and open discussion, the views expressed by participants are not considered as official statements by their respective entities, unless explicitly stated.

Themes

Privacy in the digital age is an emerging, multi-dimensional and cross-cutting issue involving a wide range of actors and organizations and should be for that reason an important item on the IGF Agenda. Short synthetic issue papers on privacy and identity, privacy and development, and privacy and Freedom of Expression have been drafted and will be further refined. These and future issue papers and other documents are available at the coalition wiki site.

At the meeting at the IGF 2007, participants agreed that the Coalition work will go beyond the original three themes discussed in Athens in 2006. A full list of issues discussed and taken into the work plan is available in the report from the IGF2007 meeting.

Activities at the IGF in Rio in November 2007

Participants in the Coalition cooperated to organize two workshops at the IGF meeting in Rio de Janeiro in November 2007:

- “Security and Privacy Challenges for new Internet Applications: A Multi-stakeholder approach”, jointly organized by representatives of Privacy International, the French Foreign Ministry, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of Bremen. Here, the challenges emerging from new internet applications in the context of “web 2.0” etc. were addressed.
- “Privacy in Internet Identity Management: Emerging Issues and New Approaches”, organized by Ralf Bendrath and Mary Rundle, with input from other members of the Coalition. Here, the conceptual and technological innovations in the field of internet identity management over the last year were addressed, together with their privacy implications and global public policy issues.

The co-coordinator of the Coalition, Ralf Bendrath, was also a panellist on the IGF main session on Security, though speaking in personal capacity.

The Coalition reported back on its work in the designated IGF plenary session on 15 November.

Coalition members from the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) and Privacy International (PI), together with the Diplo Foundation, also organized a social event in downtown Rio for privacy coalition members and other interested parties on the last evening of the IGF meeting.