

Dynamic Coalition on Privacy Meeting at IGF 2007

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Notes: Ralf Bendrath, co-coordinator.

The meeting was chaired by Ralf Bendrath and Jan Schallaböck. About 30 persons attended. Ralf Bendrath started by giving an overview of what the coalition has done over the last year and at the IGF2007 (see Progress Report PR-4). It was then discussed what the participants see as priorities and emerging issues, and where the work could be focused on over the next year and further. The following is a summary of these ideas.

1. Conceptual work

Participants agreed that the conceptual work should be continued, but also extended to new issue areas. The goal is to develop short issue papers as outcomes that can inform policymakers from all stakeholders and eventually lead to recommendations. The following areas were discussed:

Issue area	Deliverable status	Volunteer drafters
Privacy and Identity	Draft v.2 is available	Caspar Bowden,
		Allison Knight,
		Ralf Bendrath
Privacy and Development	short draft v.1 is available	Cristos Velasco,
		Katitza Rodriguez (tbc)
Privacy and Freedom of Expression	short draft v.1 is available	Christian Möller (so far,
		future tbc)
Privacy and Surveillance	new theme from 2007	tba
Online-Offline-Differences	new theme from 2007	tba
- what changes when you move		
from the offline to the online		
world?		
- "privacy in public"		
- global-local nexus		
The value of privacy	new theme from 2007	tba
- against the widespread		
assumption that "I have nothing		
to hide"		
Tools for informational self-	new theme from 2007	tba
determination		
- Transparency		
- user interfaces		
The case for a Privacy-DRM	new theme from 2007	Jan Schallaböck
- digital rights management for		Simon Davies
personally identifiable		
information		
Privacy layers (analogue to creative	new theme from 2007	see the individual points;
commons)		integration of those: tba
- lawyer-readable		
(→ legal analysis)		
- human-readable		
(→ user interfaces)		
- machine-readable		
(→ privacy-DRM)		

2. Legal Analysis and Collection

Participants pointed to the need to develop an overview of the differences of privacy legislations around the world. This would help companies to identify their obligations if they do cross-border electronic business, and it helps consumers and citizens to better identify their rights. Similar to the cyber-crime field, more cross-border cooperation in the field of Internet privacy protection would be encouraged and enabled by this. This could in the mid-term lead to the development of a global privacy norm. It was suggested to do the legal facts collection collaboratively and use the coalition wiki for this.

Deliverables (volunteers: tba)

- analytical framework
- legal overview
- draft global privacy principles
- draft IGF recommendation

3. Privacy in the IGF context

It was discussed whether the Dynamic Coalition would want to push for a main theme on privacy at one point, or whether privacy mainstreaming in all issue areas would be more helpful. Participants agreed that in any case, it is important to establish links to relevant other activities ion the IGF context. The Dynamic Coalitions on Freedom of Expression and on an Internet Bill of Rights were mentioned as such instances.

Connectors:

- to IGF plenary and secretariat: Ralf Bendrath
- to Dynamic Coalition on FoE: tba
- to Dynamic Coalitions on an Internet Bill of Rights: tba

4. Bridging the Gaps

It was discussed that there is often a considerable lack of knowledge and knowledge transfer. The coalition could especially help in the following areas and is planning activities there:

Bridge between	Deliverable	Volunteers
technologists and policy-makers	workshop at IGF2008	Caspar Bowden
		Jan Schallanböck
privacy community and development	workshop at IGF2008	Katitza Rodriguez (tbc)
policy community / developing		
countries		
between experienced actors and	collection of best practices;	Henning Mortensen
newcomers	case studies of privacy	
(best privacy practices and	breaches and how to ideally	
processes)	deal with them	

5. Name of the Coalition

It was suggested that the coalition renames itself into "Dynamic Coalition on Privacy and Data Protection". This would make the approach more clear, as privacy and data protection can mean different norms. It could also help for getting the data protection commissioners more involved into the coalition's work. No decision was taken at this point.

6. Language issues

It was suggested that members of the coalition work on translations of important existing or future documents, in order to make them accessible for more interested parties.

7. Fundraising and Manpower / Womanpower

It was mentioned that the coalition members will need to raise some resources, either in finances or inkind contributions, if they want to stick to this ambitious work plan. Funding would also be helpful for getting outside experts to coalition meetings or the next IGF plenary meeting.

In the near future, this will probably be organized informally through direct payments from individual members. It would be conceivable, however, to donate to the IGF trust fund especially for use by the coalition. This could also set a precedent for other coalitions.