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Dr. Muhammad Shabbir: Thank you very much. I am Dr. Muhammad Shabbir from the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability. Thank you very much for all the speakers. Building on that, you may have already heard about the work of the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability. We have a fellowship program to bring the voices of persons with disabilities to the IGF discussions.

We do have guidelines to make the IGF meetings accessible for persons with disabilities. And we have heard that IGF Dynamic Coalitions produce a number of reports, and we need to make them more visible.

And one of the evidence, if you were looking for that, how these reports are being used...

The guidelines that we produced, rather updated from 2015, back in 2024 IGF. These guidelines were for making IGF meetings be, in person or online, accessible for people with disabilities.

But now, we have evidence that one of the organization in the Internet ecosystem, internet Society, is using these guidelines to make their own events

accessible. So, this is one of the examples that how the work being produced in these spaces is being used in the broader Internet ecosystem.

So, many of these reports can be used in other spaces as well.

But, for me, it's just the work of Dynamic Coalition can go beyond just producing reports. We do bring experts. I'm sure the people, those who are producing these reports, they are the experts in their own domains.

We have DC on Financial Inclusion, we have DC on SIGs, we have DC on Internet Standards and Security, Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability. All of these dynamic coalitions bring experts to their discussions.

And, if iGF were looking for experts on any of the subjects, they can come to these DCs and, as Markus was saying, what can we do to enhance the work of DCs without expanding the human resource? This could be one of the options, that the secretariat can come to DCs and ask for the expert in terms of human resources and other expertise.

Thank you.

Markus Kummer: Thank you very much, and the DCAD really needs to be commended for the work they have done. They had tremendous impact. And, as you said, not just on the IGF itself, but beyond.