Multistakeholderism in the Internet Governance Ecosystem

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What is the Multistakeholderism Governance Model?

The multistakeholder governance model, sometimes known as a multistakeholder initiative (MSI), is a governance structure that seeks to bring stakeholders together to participate in the dialogue, decision making, and implementation of solutions to common problems or goals. The principle behind such a structure is that if enough input is provided by all actors involved in a question, the eventual consensual decision gains more legitimacy, and therefore better reflects a set of perspectives rather than a single source of validation.
The West African Internet Governance Model

Coordinating Body ECOWAS working with stakeholders including governmental focal points of member states, National IGF country resource persons in liaison with WAIGF Chairperson planning committee and Coordinator WAIGF.

Country national resource persons make sure you have a stakeholder process of engagement in country consisting of all stakeholders working with country governmental line ministry. Example the IGF National Steering Committee the Gambia. Which is an independent body, with governmental line ministry having equal rights as any other stakeholder in the steering committee. Chair of steering committee comes from stakeholders Not governmental focal point.
Example of Stakeholder Engagement African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms

The African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms is a Pan-African initiative to promote human rights standards and principles of openness in internet policy formulation and implementation on the continent. The Declaration is intended to elaborate on the principles which are necessary to uphold human and people’s rights on the internet, and to cultivate an internet environment that can best meet Africa’s social and economic development needs and goals. Further information on https://africaninternetrights.org/about/
IG and ECOWAS Aligning with the SDGs

- Through our multi-stakeholder approach IG can be a catalyst with the implementation of the SDGs in ECOWAS member states. This can be achieved through the use of Data Governance whereby IG stakeholders in member states can provide expertise in ensuring availability, integrity of data in regards to the SDGs, this can be embedded as a programme with National Internet Governance forums of member states.
Q and A

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