

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technologies
Date	Thursday, December 8, 2016
Time	12:00 pm. – 13:30 p.m.
Session Organizer	Constance Choi, Seven Advisory/COALA
Chair/Moderator	Carla L. Reyes, Stetson University College of Law
Rapporteur/Notetaker	Carla L. Reyes, Stetson University College of Law
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	Walid Al-Saqaf, Internet Society
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	We reviewed the shift in focus of blockchain technologies in the last year. We raised the issue of how to govern the technology and manage the accumulation of soft power. We also discussed how the technology might be used to create new governance structures of communities.
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	This session offered the Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technologies to discuss the work conducted in the prior year. The Dynamic Coalition on Blockchain Technologies then gave an overview of the significant shifts in the industry that have taken place in 2016. This was followed by a moderated discussion with the session attendees, with Walid Al-Saqaf acting as a discussant and providing initial inputs on each question before they were opened to the floor. The session was very well attended, and seemed well-received by the attendees.
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	There was some discussion about the difficulty in the dialogue between regulators and the technical community that has developed due to a mutual lack of understanding of the other side's perspective and the difference in vocabulary used by each side. There was some discussion of regulators as stakeholders in the governance equation. There were also various questions regarding basic terminology. It may be helpful for the Dynamic Coalition to make the glossary available through the Coalition's webpage on the IGF website. Finally, the Internet Society is creating a special interest group for blockchain technologies. There is huge opportunity to capitalize on synergies between the Internet Society and the Dynamic Coalition, and to work closely together to build a more sound blockchain technology governance model.
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	Many of the participants expressed a desire to become engaged in the work of the dynamic coalition on blockchain technologies. We created a list of interested persons and will incorporate them in the work of the dynamic coalition moving forward. Participants suggested that a compilation of use case explaining how blockchain technology might be used for governance would be helpful to many. Finally, many of the government stakeholders in the room expressed

	an interest in educational materials regarding the technology and related benefits and challenges, including written materials and conferences or workshops that would allow government stakeholders the opportunity to learn from other stakeholders in the field.
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