

## IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	Freedom Online Coalition Open Forum
Date	Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Time	12:00-1:00PM
Session Organizer	Seth Bouvier, United States Government
Chair / Moderator	Andrew Puddephatt, Global Partners Digital
Rapporteur/Notetaker	
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	<p>Andrew Puddephatt, GPD</p> <p>Carmen Gonsalves, Government of the Netherlands</p> <p>Kenneth Adu Amanfoh, Government of Ghana</p> <p>Eileen Donahoe, Member of Freedom Online Coalition's multistakeholder Working Group "An Internet Free and Secure" and Distinguished Fellow at CIGI and Affiliate at CISAC</p> <p>Loretta Munoz, Digital Defenders Partnership</p> <p>Gigi Alford, United States Government</p> <p>Justin Keyes, United States Government</p>
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	<p><b>Concerns regarding safety of journalists and protection of human rights online in Mexico:</b> Gisela Pérez from Derechos Digitales raised several concerns about government use of spyware and other online tools against journalists, activists, and opposition leaders in Mexico without judicial oversight and called on the Government of Mexico to protect journalists, investigate violence committed against journalists and activists by cartels, and curb its monitoring and persecution of activists and journalists, including by Mexican security services.</p> <p><b>Holding FOC Members Accountable:</b> Rebecca MacKinnon noted that several FOC member governments showed declines in scores in the Freedom House 2016 Freedom of the Net Report (FoTN); Ms. MacKinnon voiced concern that the existence of the FOC has not prevented the regression of these countries performance, and that the Coalition previously lacked the tools necessary to address these issues.</p>
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	<p><b>Network Shutdowns:</b> Deji Olukotun Senior Global Advocacy Manager at AccessNow, presented the FOC with a petition carrying nearly 50,000 signatures from 148 different countries calling on world leaders to end government-sponsored, intentional disruptions of Internet and mobile services as part of the #KeepItOn campaign. The campaign documented at least 51 shutdowns in the first 11 months of 2016, and asked the FOC member governments to work together to counter this troubling trend. Justin Keyes, U.S. Department of State, noted that the FOC committed in October 2016 to issuing a Joint Statement on Network Shutdowns, with the Governments of Ghana and the United States leading the drafting process for the FOC with input from external stakeholders.</p>

<p>Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Carmen Gonsalves, Government of the Netherlands, gave opening remarks discussing the founding of the FOC in 2011 through the 2016 Conference in San José, highlighting the FOC’s role as a coordination body for its member states, and the creation and roles of the multistakeholder working groups.</p>
<p>Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)</p>	<p>Rebecca MacKinnon suggests that the FOC reexamine its admission criteria and how it evaluates its existing membership. Gigi Alford, US Department of State, highlighted the proposals made by the Strategic Review on updating the coalition’s membership criteria and development of internal measures to evaluate current Coalition member compliance.</p>