

IGF 2017 Reporting Template

- Session Title: What's going at the ITU, how it affects Internet Governance, and why you should probably care

- Date: Day 3

- Time: 9am

- Session Organizer: Gus Rossi, Public Knowledge

- Chair/Moderator: Gus Rossi, Public Knowledge

- Rapporteur/Notetaker: Gus Rossi

- List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations:

Benedicto Fonseca, Brazilian Government

Thomas Schneider, Swiss Government

Robert Pepper, Facebook

Deborah Brown, APC

Mehwish Ansari, ARTICLE19

- Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):

Importance of the ITU for Internet governance

Need for more civil society engagement in ITU and ITU's Plenipotentiary Conference

- If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:

No.

- Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):

The discussion centered around the relevance for different stakeholders of the ITU. For governments, the ITU is a forum to learn best practices and coordinate international telecommunications.

For the private sector, the ITU is an environment that helps to create standards that help communicate people.

For civil society, the ITU is a part of the internet governance sphere. Civil society organizations wish ITU were more open for civil society engagement.

- Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs):

Participants suggested a continuous conversation about the role of ITU in internet governance and at the IGF.

Gender Reporting

- Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session:

It was a full room. Around 100 people.

- Estimate the overall number of women present at the session:

40%

- To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment?

20%. Civil society representatives raise the issue of gender work at the ITU.

- If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion:

In the session, ITU's consultation on the gender digital divide was briefly discussed.