

Request for Comments

Network Neutrality Policy Statement

This is a Request for Comments with regard to the development of one or more Policy Statement(s) on Net Neutrality promoted by members of the [IGF Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality](#) (DCNN) and the [Global Coalition on Net Neutrality](#) (GNN), to be discussed within the IGF community at-large.

SUBJECT

The development of the DRAFT Net Neutrality Policy Statement(s) aims at promoting the endorsement of an agreed position on net neutrality by the IGF community, based on the [Model Framework on Network Neutrality](#) developed by the DCNN.

The development of the Policy Statement(s) is consistent with the [Final Chair's Summary of the IGF 2014](#), according to which "The ninth IGF concluded with looking at the role of the IGF in taking the network neutrality discussion forward. [...] The Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality will continue the discussions leading up to the 2015 meeting, but the view was also held that there was a need to develop a process that allowed the entire IGF community to weigh in and validate the findings of the Dynamic Coalition."

The DCNN Model Framework (MF) was presented at the 8th IGF in Bali and included in a Report on "[Protecting Human Rights through Network Neutrality](#)" delivered to the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Media and Information Society to be used as a working document for the elaboration of a Draft Recommendation on Net Neutrality. To date, the MF has been conveyed to several Parliamentary assemblies (EU Parliament, Argentinian Senate and South Korean Parliament) by DCNN members. However, although it has already played an inspirational role, the model has never been officially validated by the IGF community at-large, as pointed out by the Chairs Summary. This lack of validation is primarily due to the lack of an official validation process for dynamic coalitions' outcomes within the IGF structure. The development of the Policy Statements aims therefore at filling this gap through a self-organised and bottom-up process, which is the very essence of the IGF.

DRAFT POLICY STATEMENTS

During the [RightsCon](#) joint meeting of the DCNN and the GNN, consensus emerged as regards the elaboration of one or more DRAFT Net Neutrality Policy Statement(s) to be presented to the IGF MAG and discussed - and hopefully endorsed - by the IGF community at-large.

The initial DRAFT policy statements [are in attachment](#). The first policy statement (I. On Network Neutrality) aims at providing a concise and "human readable" version of the MF, while the second statement (II. On Specialised Services) aims at expanding the MF definition and provisions on specialised services, adding some further elements.

The statements also include a "restyling" of the MF (APPENDIX Model Framework v.2.0). The original provisions of the MF have been reorganised within this restyled version, in order to identify with more clarity the key issues that should be evoked in the policy statements. The only modification to the MF content concerns the expansion of the specialised service provisions, in order include the additional elements that are proposed in Statement II.

DRAFTERS

According to [DC NN Rules of Procedure](#), two drafters have been designated in order to "manage the elaboration of the position or statement and consolidate received comments with the aim of achieving a consensus document."

The two individuals who volunteered as drafters are:

- Luca Belli, DCNN Co-Chair and Researcher at the Center for Technology & Society, FGV Rio de Janeiro
- Michał Woźniak, Warsaw Hackerspace and Polish Linux Users Group

CALENDAR

Comments to this initial DRAFT should be sent by **10 May 2015**. After this deadline, the drafters will consolidate the comments and provide an updated draft that will be shared for a second round of comments.

According to DCNN Rules of procedure, "DCNN members will be provided with 14 calendar days to comment, followed by a revised draft, and 10 calendar days to comment the revised draft." To foster the inclusion of widest number of comments from the IGF community at-large, all individuals will be allowed to comment the Draft statements using [this google doc](#) and [this Pad](#).

You are also free to share your inputs and critiques writing to the DCNN mailing-list ncoalition@mailman.edri.org to which you can subscribe [following this link](#).