

IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3)

2017 Report - *Call for Papers*

Background:

The need for a Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (DC3) is a multistakeholder group dedicated to promoting the discussion on community networks (CN). DC3 furthers analysis of how CNs may help create sustainable Internet connectivity while empowering Internet users.

DC3 is a component of the [United Nations Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#). Further information regarding DC3 can be found on the [IGF website](#) as well as on [comconnectivity.org](#). The 2016 Report of the DC3, dedicated to [Community Connectivity: Building the Internet from Scratch](#), is freely available under Creative Commons License.

Call:

The Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity, established under the auspices of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, invites all interested individuals to submit position papers analysing the issues of connectivity and community networking, with particular regard to existing CN experiences. Suggested topics include analyses of, inter alia:

- Governance structure of existing CNs;
- Technical structure of existing CNs;
- Impact of existing CNs on the socio-economic environment;
- Public policies regarding CNs;
- Examples of efforts aimed at creating synergies/communication amongst different CNs and other initiatives alike;
- Taxonomies of CNs (*e.g.* rural CN, urban CN, etc.) and good practices that can make such categories of CN efficient and resilient both from a technical, legal and organizational perspective;
- Best practices and worst practices as regards national and international policies that may facilitate or hinder the deployment of community networks;
- Strategies to promote the deployment of CNs in remote and/or urban areas.

Submission Guidelines:

Research papers, including analytical and theoretical papers, position papers, or case studies will be considered for inclusion in the report, even if they have been previously published. The length of the submissions should be between 2500 and 5000 words. To facilitate the reviewing process, papers should not include author names or other information that would help identify the authors. All submission shall be in English or Spanish language. Citation should be in [APA 6 style](#), authors shall use footnotes rather than endnotes and submission should be in Microsoft Word or OpenDocument Text format.

Submissions are due on **30 June 2017**. They should include the following elements:

- Title
- Short abstract (250 words)
- First draft of the submitted paper
- Author's name, affiliation and short bibliographical note (in the body of the email)

Submissions should be sent to luca.belli@fgv.br

Authors will be notified within approximately 7 days from the deadline as to the status of their contributions.

All submitted papers will be subject to peer review. **PLEASE note that every author submitting a paper will be asked to peer review another submission**, which will be judged according to the novelty of the contribution, the theoretical soundness and the quality of presentation.

Authors will be given the opportunity to improve their contributions based on peer comments. Selected papers will be published into the 2017 Report of the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity, which will be published in open access, under Creative Commons licenses.

Authors will also be invited (at their own expenses) to present their work at the annual DC3 meeting to be held at the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, on December 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland.