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Proposals for an evolving LACIGF

Timeline- Background process of the review

Study and open consultation
process for the review of
LACIGF

(May-Aug. 2019)

<https://lacigf.org/en/revision-del-lacigf/>

Proposal presented by the
Program Committee in Berlin
(Nov. 2019)

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Public consultation based
on community survey
about specific conceptual
approaches (May 2020)

Process

In the open consultation of 2019, improvement proposals and concerns were identified in the following areas: Participation, Contents, Format of the event, Inter-sessional work, Funding and Organizational structure.



A few months later, the Program Committee presented a proposal to implement some changes to the LACIGF, based on the outcomes of the open consultation.



The recent survey was focused on the topics that are the basis of the proposal from the Program Committee

About the survey

- Conducted between April 30 and 14 May 2020.
- n=111
- 63% of respondents were 40 - 59 ys. old.
- 69% of the responses come from civil society and the technical community.
- 65% of responses were provided by men vs 33% women respondents.
- 73% of responses come from South America; 16% from Mexico and Central America and 11% from the Caribbean.



Preliminary Conclusions, Proposals and Tasks



INTER- SESSIONAL WORK

- Broad support for the implementation of inter-sessional work and that the LACIGF is no longer exclusively focused on the annual meeting.
 - 86% of the participants express that the implementation of inter-sessional work is “important” or “very important”
 - This result is well aligned with the conclusions of the open consultation and with the Program Committee proposal.
- **Proposal #1 :**
 - Begin in 2020 with a limited number of working groups on priority topics as defined the Program Committee. (Three is the proposed number.)***
- Proposed tasks for the Program Committee:
 - Select the topics and to elaborate the working group procedures.
 - Definition of objectives, leadership election, working formats, expected outcomes, deadlines and procedures to select new topics for the following years.

LACIGF OBJECTIVES

- Broad support for the LACIGF to continue to hold open discussions on Internet policy issues, as a venue for identifying priority issues for the community and a place for regional agenda-setting.
 - There is significant support for the production of some sort of tangible results, but there is not a single consistent view across the different stakeholder groups.
 - i.e. The elaboration of policy recommendations is important for some groups but not for others.
 - A compromise among the different views would be to develop high level agreements, principles and general approaches for some specific issues, while the forum remains a venue for open dialogues in all the other topics.
- **Proposal # 2:**
Establish as one objective of LACIGF, the achievement of general high-level agreements in those topics for which working groups had been created.
- Proposed tasks for the Program Committee:
 - To elaborate and propose procedures to determine agreements, and procedures to validate them.

HIGH- LEVEL EVENT

- 89% of respondents highlighted that a High-Level Meeting as part of the agenda would be “relevant” or “very relevant”
 - This result is consistent with the outcomes of the 2019 open consultation and with the proposal from the Program committee. The views converge to the idea of organizing a high-level meeting that would be as open as possible.
- **Proposal #3:**
 - Organize a High-Level Session at the last day of the annual event of the LACIGF. That High Level Session would be organized in collaboration with the government of the host country and tentatively with ECLAC/eLAC.***
- The participation in the HLS could be based on the following criteria:
 - Invitation sent by the organizers to governments and to organizations that are part of the ecosystem, from all stakeholder groups
 - Individuals registrations.
 - The objective of the HLS would be to discuss the conclusions of LACIGF
- Proposed Task for the Program Committee:
 - Document the main features of the HLS.
 - Start conversations with ECLAC and with the government of the 2021 host country (when it’s decided)
 - **As a transition measure it is proposed to organize a High-Level Roundtable at the closing of LACIGF in 2020.**

Workshop Selection Committee

- 90% of the respondents of the survey considered that the creation of this new committee is “relevant” or “very relevant”.
 - Consistent with the claim that emerged during the 2019 open consultation to increase the transparency and openness in the selection process.
- **Proposal # 4:**
Implement the Workshop Selection Committee with representatives of all stakeholder groups.
- Proposed tasks:
 - Program Committee to document the functions of the Selection Committee and the different roles of the Program Committee as well as define the forms of selection and procedures.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- The majority of the participants in the process (75%) are favorable to the idea that each stakeholder group select their appointees to the committees through their own procedures.
- In the Open consultation of 2019, there were many people with expectations to have more transparency in the selection of committee members as well as greater clarity about the procedures and rules of participation.

➤ **Proposal #5:**

Define as soon as possible the basic requirements of transparency and openness that each stakeholder group should accomplish in the election of members to the Program committee. The implementation of those requirements should be immediate.

Currently, the information available about the work of the stakeholder groups is scarce and there is no clear information about how to become involved.

A possible implementation of this proposal could be as follows:

- The Program Committee would task two active people from each stakeholder group with the formalization of their respective constituencies. In a given timeframe, they should submit and publish (publicly) the following information: Organizations and/or individuals who adhere to the group, rules for the election of their representatives, open criteria for the acceptance of new members and a public point of contact.

Secretariat

- 2/3 of the participants in the survey, propose that the secretariat should have a more executive role. The option that got more support includes the separation between operational and executives/political functions.
- The proposal of having more executive capacities in the Secretariat is very consistent with the findings of the open consultation of 2019.
- **Proposal #6 :**
 - ***To implement, in the short term, the creation of an Executive Secretariat that reports directly to the Program Committee (the Multistakeholder Committee in the future).***
 - ***The Executive Secretariat will be responsible of the implementation of the decisions of the Multistakeholder Committee and would act as the connection between the MC and an Operational/logistical Secretariat.***

The Executive Secretariat will start as a very light secretariat (1 or at most 2 people) and will not add bureaucracy to the processes. At the beginning the secretariat could be lead by volunteers or semi-volunteers until the funding model is defined, a task that the secretariat could contribute towards achieving.

- Proposed Tasks for the Program Committee:
To define the ToR of the Executive Secretariat and to implement the process to select the people who would perform that role.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS

1. Begin in 2020 with a limited number of working groups (3) on priority topics as defined by the Program Committee.
2. Establish as one objective of LACIGF, the achievement of general high-level agreements in those topics for which working groups had been created.
3. Organize a High-Level Session during the last day of the annual event of the LACIGF. This session would be organized in collaboration with the government of the host country and tentatively also with ECLAC/eLAC.
4. Implement the Workshops Selection Committee with representatives from all stakeholder groups.
5. Define as soon as possible the basic requirement of transparency and openness that each stakeholder group should accomplish in the election of the members of the committees. The implementation of those requirements should be immediate.
6. Implement in the short term the creation of an Executive Secretariat that reports directly to the Program Committee (future Multistakeholder Committee). The Executive Secretariat will be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Multistakeholder Committee and would act as the connection between the MC and the Operational/Logistical Secretariat.

FINAL COMMENTS I

- The proposals that are developed and presented here, contemplate the main axis of work that are essential to progress in the evolution of LACIGF in a way that creates an impact on the regional community during the second half of 2020.
- Due to the understanding that the implementation of these proposals will require significant efforts of the Program Committee and the Secretariat, some other ideas have been postponed to be analyzed in 2021. That's the case of the idea proposed by the Program Committee of discussing "sucessfull stories"

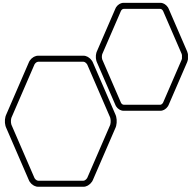


FINAL COMMENTS

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There are diversity components to be considered in the working horizon of the LACIGF process in terms of better articulation mechanisms with youth (including Youth IGFs), gender working groups, NRIs and national initiatives and the sub-regional representation of LAC.





COMMENTS, QUESTIONS,
FEEDBACK!

THANK YOU