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>> HOST: Good morning. The purpose of this was to hear from you. We have a few MSG people online. Perhaps we will see it in gallery mode. Please, we do see (audio skipping) (distorted) the host is here, the Secretariat is here. If you have questions about the MSG. What does the MSG. How you can become a part of the multistakeholder Group of APrIGF. We're here for you to ask us questions. Ask questions, share your views. Anyone want to start?

How many of you are APrIGF MSG members? We have a few new people in the room. Do you have any questions about how we work as a community when we say it is a bottom-up? Anyone have questions? We want to keep it interactive since we don't have much people in the room. If anyone online wants to share something. You can raise your hand. Someone will help. Any questions for anyone? How about the Fellows do you have questions about MSG? Do you want to join? Curious? Ask. Yeah, good.

>> ATTENDEE: Hello my name is Steven A gill. This is my first time joining APrIGF. If someone could clarify how I can contribute, then I would be grateful, thank you so much.

>> HOST: Thank you so much. Apologies, I took it for granted that everyone knew what I was saying. So if you are

looking at this programme which is the Asia-Pacific IGF. This is a community from all across Asia-Pacific, we belong to different stakeholder communities, we have people from technical community, Government, Civil Society, business, Academia, et cetera, who come together to have this annual meeting. It moves around. This year in Nepal, next year Japan. The idea is different communities should be involved. To manage this we have the Secretariat here, and the Secretariat can raise their hands. They help in managing the entire work, steering things. And we have a multistakeholder Group. Anyone can be part of the multistakeholder Group at APrIGF. There is a call for members, but we also expect our members to be contributing to activities, we have our meetings online. So you can come participate in the discussions. We have various Committees in which the work happens. For example, for this event, we had an event Committee, which was coordinating with the host to see how the venue is, if things are necessary. Which things are necessary. Then a programme Committee. I'm not sure if any one of the Committee members are online. The programme Committee helps design the programme we have with the host of the community. We have the Fellowship Committee where we have quite a few people working to ensure that the Fellows whom we support in coming here can be selected, mentored, and then we also have something called the drafting Committee. So everything that is happening here, the sessions, the Town Halls where you know, people share their views, all of those are captured. Then we have a report coming up at the end of the meeting, which is called a synthesis document.

So even after when we start drafting the first zero draft is out. You can look at it, you can comment on it, anyone can comment on it. Those feedbacks are considered by the various drafting Committee members and I do believe a few Fellows are also members of the DC. There are people that are working on it and are plan holders, once it comes out we expect the community to circulate it within their countries and we send it to the UN IGF. Even decision makers and others in the country should know what is discussed. After this, we have a first draft meet and you can again ask, to insert your comments. It is not our interpretation, it is the community's interpretation of what is the ask from our end.

So this is how we work. So that is the multistakeholder Group, which I was talking about. Hope it clarifies to you. And to join, anyone can join. Only thing is we expect people to be active. We have a definition of what active MSG member is. Because we want people to contribute, else, you know, we suggest they become observers.

Any questions from anyone?

>> EDMON: This is Edmon from the Secretariat. This session is a new one we are trying out this year. The whole point is on point is in the past we hear suggestions to the programming the arrangements of APrIGF throughout the week. This is the last day. You have experienced two days of it. What we are looking for in part is your feedback. How do we improve on the next year? I see our host from next year for next year is here.

So that we can implement some improvements over time. This is the session where we're looking for feedback to the MSG so when we produce next year's pretty good we can have some improvements that you see or you experience in the last couple of days. You can mute yourself online.

>> ATTENDEE: This is Crystal from Taipei. Good morning.

>> HOST: Good morning.

Please let us know your feedback also or if you have questions for the MSG or APrIGF.

>> ATTENDEE: Thank you for sharing. Previously I was a founding member of MSG to TW IGF. This is the first time presenting at APrIGF though I attended twice in Taipei. I will be very glad if APrIGF MSG can include our voices from now on. Today I'm happy to share the emerging AI facts to all of the distinguished guests and all of the audience online and on-site.

>> HOST: Thank you. We'll have the call and we'll definitely share it with your community. Please to share and participate and share your voices more. Thank you.

>> ATTENDEE: Sorry I came late. If it is about commenting on APrIGF, this is we talked during breakfast, this is a very good decision. I did propose a session also. I felt like some of the audience not happy with the fact that we cannot answer all the questions. But it is not our fault. We would like to answer all of the questions. We don't have enough timing also.

Maybe, you know, if next APrIGF we can have more rooms and more times to digest. At the end of the day, the purpose to give to the UN in December, it is more to be more Compact. It is more to have also quality instead of quantity, if that makes sense. Thanks.

>> HOST: Thank you so much. That is a valid point you have. We are always chicken and egg situation. Earlier we used to have three tracks. The community said we want less. It is also difficult for us to feed in, we have that many number of hours when people can be there. We can't extend to eight, nine hours. As it is. How many proposals did we get Ramzy. We had 105. And only 25 could we select. If we reduce further, there is many topics. That is the catch. You cannot take that many questions. Please discuss it online. That is why we have the breaks.

That is why we also request the organizers to fix some amount of time for conversations. I think we mention at least 15 or 20 minutes, so apart from speaking, they also take information from others.

So yeah, we don't have the perfect balance. We try to work on it. But you know, that point is well taken. It is again, logistics, economics, and people in the room. Yeah, yeah. That's a good idea. Yeah, sure, as in when the call is there, you can. I think there is someone behind who wants to speak? Someone in the last row wanted to speak? Oh, you want to speak? I thought there was someone that wanted to speak?

>> I was yawning early in the morning. Ha-ha. Good morning.

Just two thoughts. One is with the Government agencies and institutions cannot be necessarily one-time effort. So because of the effort now until the next year we have 10, 11 months, whatever. What is the process of engaging them? From next month, on the certain aspects of something. So there is a constant acknowledgment and the conversation with the Government stakeholders or something of the other. So that is one process of engaging them so they can be part of the final and things like that. Secondly, a quick thought was reflecting in my mind is may be relevant, not relevant. But APrIGF we have done 17 years and next will be 18th edition. Can we have a digital repository of case studies or projects of APAC Region of the various aspects we're presenting. That is good for the APrIGF and there is a labor something IGF set up. I forwarded to Jen will know. That repository will be full of the information for the APAC. That could be a wealth of information for other agencies and platforms.

>> HOST: That is two points. Government engagement and the locus of hosts to help us with that. When we go to a country, overall, what we can do, we have the synthesis document of each year. Make a separate tab on the website and put the sings sis do you remember -- synthesis document there and you don't have to find it. We don't do research much. We have issue notes that we can post there. That is one form of repository. Jen, do you want to add something? I can see you are eager.

>> JEN: I will speak with the other hat on. Especially with the permanent mandate, we're trying much harder to tie the Global Agenda with the Regional, sub-Regional youth and local Agendas as well. If APrIGF is one of the institutions that root the NRI, the practice around the world. And if we have a repository that aligns with what we are looking at for the trajectory of this mandate, that would be good. A suggestion to put it in a more visible spot is a good idea. A suggestion

where APrIGF has other projects and intercession work is a good idea.

>> HOST: If I can hear from others, not the MSG members. We will have a debrief. I see Nickol's hand up. What we can do, what we improve or what was good. Over to you.

>> ATTENDEE: Thank you for having me. I will be quick. I have noted that resilience is coming up across several parts of this year's programme, from connectivity to Cybersecurity to community access.

I'm new to this Forum. And therefore the question may be too basic. I'm wondering if there is an opportunity through MSG or Working Groups to help with the discussions and carry the ideas forward into the wider APrIGF network?

>> HOST: Thank you, Nickol, that is the idea with our synthesis document that the discussions are shared widely and look at our members to actually take it forward. We ourselves are limited. But we look at the entire community to help us take it forward. Anyone else? What worked? What didn't work? Go ahead.

>> ATTENDEE: Good morning everyone. This is me, Satan I'm currently the volunteer coordinator for this event.

First of all, I would like to thank the entire APrIGF team for granting us this opportunity including me and my volunteer team.

So we are basically the youths who are engaging technical background. By joining this Internet online Forum also we get to know the pathway for policies and different discussion Forums.

So as per your guidance and as per your recommendation, the people and the youth from technical background how they can incline and move forward with the APrIGF multistakeholder Group and what we can learn. So the thing I promise is we're ready to contribute further.

>> HOST: Thank you. That is reassuring. We have another from Youth Nepal APrIGF. That is a good platform to start. You can be part of APrIGF also. There is APNIC, if you are bent on technical paths, those are places to explore.

We want all different diverse people from academic backgrounds to come around. I see your hand. Please go ahead. You will be the last one.

>> ATTENDEE: Thank you, Prakash. How do we be in line with APrIGF to push the Agenda further and have concrete recommendation so it can be like push Government to be more accountable. Also aware of the current situation around the world on the prosecution of activities on work on digital rights and Governance and all of that. The conflict around the certain Agenda. Can we concrete reach to APrIGF. Thank you.

>> HOST: Fair point. That is what we are trying to do with our points. To raise the flag that there are concerns. There are many Best Practices shared, good practices, I would say. And we look forward to all your help to share it across with all of the Governments. Because APAC is huge, diverse. It is not possible for us to go. We need more people from different countries, East Asia, far East Asia, Pacific, et cetera.

I think we are running out of time. Thank you so much. Let's keep this continuing. The MSG has a debrief session during lunch break, if you are interested, you can come and hear as observers. MSG members, please be there. Let's have a good last day. Thank you so much for being here.

>> As a quick announcement, the next session here is going to be From Technical Debt to Strategic Liability: Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Resilience, and Internet Governance in the Asia-Pacific. Is this correct? Yes.

>> Yes.

>> In this room is From Technical Debt to Strategic Liability: Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Resilience, and Internet Governance in the Asia-Pacific. In the next room which is starting in about five minutes, it will be Beyond Access, Who Keeps Children Safe Online Once They Are Connected. That will be in room 1. Here again it is From Technical Debt to Strategic Liability: Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Resilience, and Internet Governance in the Asia-Pacific. Please stay put heir we're going to get started in about five minutes.

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