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National and Regional Internet Governance Capacity Building Programme (IGCBP)
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Internet governance has become an important topic on the political agenda of many countries. Various political processes testify to the growing interest of governments to impact the future of Internet: global and regional IGF meetings, ITU WCIT, ICANN GAC, G8, CSTD Working Group, etc. However, numerous myths and misconceptions – such as those about DNS and root zone resilience or content filtering – demonstrate public authorities' lack of understanding of how the Internet works. At the same time, the technical community often miscommunicates basic Internet principles due to its limited awareness of common legal and governance principles and complex political and diplomatic processes. Proactive education of decision-makers and authorities requires meaningful and timely communications based on mutual learning.

DiploFoundation proposes a national and regional Internet Governance Capacity Building Programme (IGCBP): a comprehensive capacity building and awareness raising initiative *employing* a blended learning approach based on the active exchange of knowledge, *targeting* decision-makers and public authorities, the technical community and other relevant stakeholders, *aiming* to clarify and combine technical and governance aspects (including routing, DNS stability, security and DNSSec, cross-border issues, liability of intermediaries, enforcement on taking down illegal content and sites, and filtering).

Following Diplo's proven capacity development methodology the proposed IGCBP consists of three complementary activities:

1) **An online learning programme**, consisting of interactive online courses and a fellowship programme, targeting officials in charge of particular policy issues (public administration, and judicial institutions, prosecuting authorities, and representatives of other stakeholders), aimed at equipping them with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of Internet principles, governance issues, actors and processes, and domain policy challenges.

2) **A training workshop**, targeting high officials such as deputy ministers, heads of departments of state institutions, judges, and leading professionals in corporations, civil society organisations, academia, and the media, aimed at assisting them in understanding the main concepts related to Internet governance and DNS functioning and resilience.

3) **An awareness building meeting**, targeting high-level decision-makers such as ministers, parliamentarians, prosecutors, and directors, including the regional and EU institutions, introducing them to the key functioning principles of the Internet and DNS, and international and national diplomatic, political, legal and policy challenges related to the Internet, and assisting them with informed decision-making in the field.

Registries are invited to partner with DiploFoundation and support the launch of capacity building programmes on national and regional levels in 2013.

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