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Key Issues discussed

- Concrete steps for the improvement of multilateral and multistakeholder processes and spaces in light of the São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines.
- Multistakeholderism as a process that attracts people from different backgrounds and drives discussions in the context of digital governance.
- There is interest about the inclusion of multistakeholderism in the multilateral context. However, the participation of non-governmental stakeholders in these discussions is still difficult – e.g., there is still a lack of access to information and to documents being negotiated.
- It was highlighted that multilateral processes can benefit from the Guidelines, in order to promote better transparency and consensus building. The implementation of multistakeholderism is possible with genuine political will.
- Practical resources to support the implementation of the Guidelines and multistakeholder processes: 1) sharing and accessing knowledge; 2) capacity building and development of skills; 3) practical hands-on support on how to start implementing the Guidelines.

Key Outcomes of the session

- Implementing the Guidelines is a process to be conducted by all stakeholders and by the Internet governance community as a whole, whether at the global, regional, or national level.

- The community believes in the multistakeholder process and there are already practical examples of the implementation of the SPMGs, as can be seen by the Swiss IGF example.
- The recognition of the SPMGs in the WSIS+20 Outcome Document is a great achievement.
- The Guidelines help the different Internet governance processes understand if they are truly multistakeholder and what benefits will arise from the adoption of this approach.

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Actions

- The different multistakeholder and multilateral spaces should use the Guidelines for assessing and improving their processes.
- The IGF should be a primary space of discussion of the Guidelines and their application in different processes.