



## Notes: 14th General meeting IS3C

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2026

Time: 14.00 – 15.30 CEST

Rapporteur: Wout de Natris- van der Borgh

### 1. Opening

IS3C's coordinator Wout de Natris- van der Borgh (WN) opened the General Meeting (GM) at 14.07 CEST and welcomed all.

**2. The Agenda** was accepted as is.

### 3. Introduction

WN gave a short description of IS3C's past 5,5 years and its goal. In addition he stated that:

- IS3C is now a Dynamic Coalition under the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), officially recognised by the United Nations' IGF secretariat. This new development does attach DCs, indirectly, to the UN, something that was prohibited until late April 2026. The use of the U.N. emblem remains out of bounds.
- Our 2025 Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) report gained significant traction with presentations at **WSIS +20**, EuroDIG 2026, and through four webinars organised with AFNIC and IGF Secretariat. Also our set of arguments for technicians was presented.
- IS3C is moving beyond research and reporting toward active awareness-raising, capacity building, and deployment programs for internet security standards.
- As was decided among us in 2025, the coalition is now a working group under the Dutch ISOC Chapter, which allow us to submit grant proposals in its name. We have done so for the first time in May.

### Working Groups: Status and Plans

#### 4. Working Group 1, IoT Security by Design

Chair Nicolas Fiumarelli shared the plans for 2026. It aims to update its 2023 report with with the 2024–2026 best practices for IoT regulations, adding research into PQC in IoT. It will seek volunteers via mailing lists to join the work.

*(Added). WG 2, Education & Skills*

Vice-chair Janice Richardson indicated that over the past years there is no interest in the original goal of the working group, to promote internet standards through tertiary cybersecurity education. She proposed to focus on digital citizenship, AI trust, well-being, and fake news, but this is currently



outside IS3C's traditional scope. She proposes to Integrate WG4 (Strategy) or WG2 (Education) to avoid scope creep. No decision was made.

#### 5. *WG3, Procurement & Supply Chain*

Vice-chair Ifeanyi Frank Ogochukwu gave a presentation on a plan to create an awareness programme around the deploying internet standards through procurement and supply chain management. These are the key goals:

- Refresh the 2023 recommendations;
- Core Goal: Translate technical standards into procurement obligations in the public and private sectors;
- Procurement rules, e.g., "comply or explain" models like The Netherlands' approach;
- Supply assurance (trust in vendors);
- Human capability, e.g. training and skill development in the form of pilot projects;
- Provide toolkits and training as quick wins;
- Regional Priority: Africa, as there is an urgent need for secure digital infrastructure.

#### 6. *WG9, Post-Quantum Cryptography*

Its plan for 2026 is to build on the 2025 report, by focusing on PQC readiness for routing/DNS security. The plan includes:

- Urgency of PQC: Quantum computing threats are closer than expected (potentially within a few years);
- Collaborate with the ISOC-Uruguay internet standards testing tool;
- Global collaboration to avoid fragmentation, e.g., with SPARK Foundation in Uruguay, ICANN, and regional champion;
- To prevent a quantum security divide;
- Actionable guidance for migration e.g. by providing a deployment roadmap for DNS and RPKI;
- Funding-dependent: Seeking support for deeper technical work and awareness training.

### **7. Future Actions**

Under this item several cross cutting issues were identified. Most working groups, 1, 3 and 9, can promote procurement as a lever: governments/businesses must see internet standards as risk reducers, trust builders, and compliance tools. Capacity building is needed to change the current course. Research shows that current deployment levels are dismal in many developing and even developed nations. Visibility and outreach is needed to make awareness training programmes come true. The collaboration with SPARK foresees in this option.

We decided that we could expand our social media presence. E.g. with WhatsApp, Threads and Facebook. We also need to provide flyers, webinars, and decide on our presence at the IGF 2026 in Nairobi, 14–18 December as a key opportunities.

We have to work on being present at regional IGFs: Africa (WG3), Latin America (WG1), and Europe (WG9).



Opportunities are to send in a grant proposal to the new ISOC fund for the common good. We can also organise a webinar through the IGF secretariat on a) democracy, trust, and AI and b) procurement.

## **7. Closing of Working Groups**

### *WG4 Communication & Strategy*

Coordinator WN mentions that the WG has not been active over the past years. Vice-chair Selby Abraham (SA) handles our communication and manages the website. The strategy part has never been picked up on. The proposal is to discontinue the WG and dismiss the two chairs. Chair Raymond Mamattah was thanked for his efforts by WN and for supporting our communications through the years by way of EGIGFA. The communication will remain to be handled by SA.

The meeting decided somewhat differently. It was decided that a new working group will start, focusing on strategy. Its goals are:

- Modernize messaging (5 years after initial drafts);
- Devise a new strategy;
- Improve social media presence (LinkedIn, WhatsApp groups, Threads/Instagram).

The participants: Janice, Mara, Nicolas, Romella, Selby, Wout.

### *WG 5 Best practices in IoT*

This WG has delivered its toolkit in 2024. The meeting decided it to be closed but also concluded that it can be revived if new ideas emerge.

### *WG6 (Privacy & Internet Standards)*

It was decided to close the WG. WN was not able to establish whether a report was ever published through UNDESA, as was the arrangement. It is possible to state that the UNDESA hired consultant never delivered on the arrangements made through and with IS3C.

### *WG7, Consumer Protection*

It was agreed to close the WG, as two different initiatives in 2022 and 2024 did not lead to a start of work. It may be revived, the moment interested parties want to start work or e.g. by integrating its goals into broader awareness-raising/capacity-building efforts, as e.g. the ISOC grant proposal that opens on 23 June 2026.

### *WG8 Arguments for technicians*

It was agreed to close the WG. It has published its toolkit in 2024.

Under this topic the suggestion came to merge WGs, as that would provide more focus and clarity for people outside of IS3C. WN answered that this is already under consideration. If the ISOC grant comes through and the collaboration with SPARK starts in 2027, WGs 3 and 9 may merge. Both focus on procurement. The first on traditional internet standards, the second on PQC standards.



A second proposal was made to merge WG2 and 4 as to align strategy with education, e.g., digital citizenship, AI trust, well-being. No decision was made in this meeting. The new WG will formulate an advise.

## 9. Close

WN ended with pointing out that funding as always is an issue. At this moment there is €0,- funding, but it is being worked on.

WN thanked all participants for their presence and contributions.

### Agreed-Upon Actions

Action	Responsible Party	Deadline/Next Steps
<b>Organise WG1 (IoT) meeting</b> to discuss document updates and PQC research.	Nico Fiumarelli	Next 2–3 weeks; open call for volunteers via mailing list.
<b>Organise WG3 (Procurement) meeting</b> to finalize plans, budget, and membership drive.	Frank	Webinar before summer holiday (2–3 weeks); announce widely to attract new members.
<b>Revive WG4 (Strategy)</b> with new chair and focus on messaging/social media.	Wout, Nico, Mara, Janice, Selby, Romella	Doodle poll for first meeting; Google Doc for collaborative text updates.
<b>Submit ISOC grant proposal</b> (4 August 2026) incorporating consumer protection/awareness.	Wout	Deadline 4 August 2026.
Create and share <b>IS3C LinkedIn/Twitter/Threads</b> links with members	Selby	Summer 2026
<b>Update IS3C website</b> with:		
• Closure of WG5, WG6, WG7, WG8	Wout	Summer 2026
• New text for WGs1, 2, 3, 4 and 9	Chairs	Summer 2026
• Create <b>WhatsApp groups</b> for members and working groups.		