Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2015: Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Online Abuse and Gender-Based Violence Against Women

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‘Draft JP’ is the third draft document produced by a community of participants in this Internet Governance Forum (IGF) best practice forum (BPF) on Practices to Counter the Abuse of Women Online. You are invited to comment on this version in two ways: via email (bp_counteringabuse@intgovforum.org) or via participation during the BPF’s session at IGF 2015 in João Pessoa, Brazil (10 to 13 November 2015).

Your comments on Draft JP will be considered for incorporation into the next draft of this document, which will be published by 15 December 2015. The structure and content of the compilation are therefore subject to change as additional input and comments are received in the coming weeks.

How was this document produced?

The IGF provides a unique platform for the collaborative work of this BPF, which aims to collect the views of the broader Internet governance community on the topic of how to protect the rights of women and girl’s rights online and offline by counteracting online abuse and gender-based violence. The IGF strives in all of its work to provide a neutral and open platform that ensures that all interested parties in the multistakeholder Internet governance community can contribute in a bottom-up fashion.

Draft JP was produced as a reflection of this open, iterative and bottom-up process in which people from diverse regions and stakeholder groups participated by completing a survey, attending frequent virtual meetings, commenting on Draft I (which was published on an open and editable Google doc), commenting on Draft II (which was published on the IGF’s review platform), responding to mailing list questions, participating in a social media campaign, and submitting both formal and informal case studies.

Please note that cross-references, tables and Appendices are subject to change and will be updated in every draft. Appendix 5 is still outstanding but will be incorporated as soon as it is received from the contributor.

For additional background and information on how to participate in this process, please visit the IGF website.