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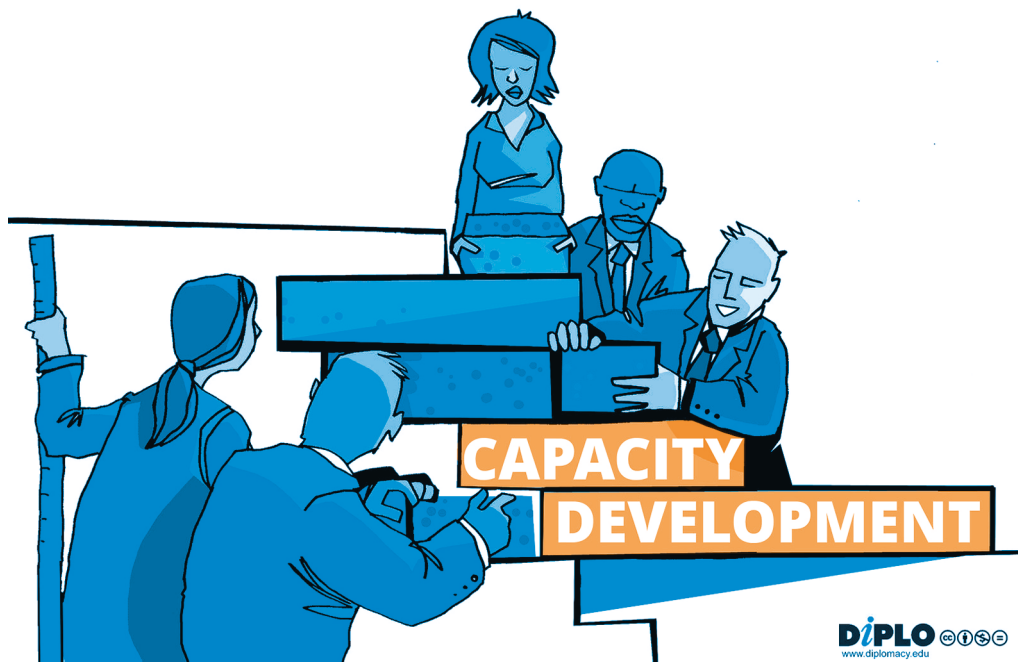
The elephant in the room: the funding dimension of capacity development



Friday, May 18 • 09:00 - 10:15

Room S

The need for capacity development is voiced substantively and regularly in official speeches and documents. Experienced facilitators and consultants are active in this area. However, supply and demand do not always match. Quality capacity development requires resources, and very often those most qualified in education cannot devote the time and effort required for fundraising. Who should pay for capacity development activities? Those most in need, such as those from least developed countries (LDCs), find it difficult to pay. Several pioneer countries (e.g. Switzerland, with the Geneva Internet Platform project) have gone beyond their own capacity development needs and expanded their provision to the global community. Going further, should the responsibility for funding lie with developed country governments, with the private sector, or with the numerous foundations or NGOs? What, if any, is the responsibility of participants to self-fund?



Bay Area tech companies and governments: Discovering the art of conversation.



Friday, May 18 • 2:30pm - 3:45pm

Room Q

This roundtable will discuss responsible governance and identify ways to enhance communication, collaboration, and accountability among Internet companies in the Bay Area, governments, and other stakeholders. In our discussion, we will identify existing formal and informal mechanisms for dialogue and the themes covered in the interaction between the Internet industry and governments. Good governance practices that enhance transparency and accountability will be identified, and the possibility to apply them in the interaction with other actors discussed. The roundtable will assess if and how dialogue in the Bay Area could help to introduce early (or 'by design') technical and policy considerations that could help to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms and strengthen democracy.

The roundtable builds on DiploFoundation's ongoing research to map the range of models that countries are adopting in order to interact with companies in the Bay Area. See more at www.diplomacy.edu/bayarea

