

## **I-Gov Intergovernmental Dialogue**

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Format: Work groups with schedule and dialogue managed by a Moderator.

Organized by: I-Gov Group

Frequency / Date/Time: Annual, last Saturday of October or 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of November, 9:00 am - Noon.  
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Topic(s): TBD:

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Proposed Attendees:

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