

# IETF Chairs Resource Development Conversations Summary

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# Introduction

This is part of an effort developed with the Education, Mentoring, and Outreach Directorate (EMODIR) to understand how IETF-provided resources supporting WG Chairs could be easier to find and use, as well as more useful and comprehensive.

This presentation provides a high-level overview of the first step in that effort, a summary of themes that emerged from the discussions with current chairs.

# Desired outcomes

Discussions aimed to:

- Understand general landscape of resources and tooling and how chairs used them
- Inform a survey of chairs
- Provide initial guidance to IETF Education, Mentoring, and Outreach Directorate (EMODIR) and IETF LLC

This presentation aims to prompt further discussion and feedback.

# Discussion themes

- **Many differences in chairing experiences and approaches** including onboarding and tool usage
- **Lack of in-person meetings/interaction** has reduced working effectiveness
- **Group dynamic processes do not have formal training/support** though they are key to the work of the groups
- **Tools could be improved** through useability testing and usage examples

# Next steps

Next steps underway:

- *Survey of chairs*
- *Develop more detailed report for EMODIR to consider*
- *Training to support chairs in group processes*

Possible additional next steps:

- Useability testing for IETF tools
- Review/update existing information resources

# Thank you!

Questions and comments:

- Any general comments on the overall effort?
- Are there other themes/topics to add (particularly related to the survey)?
- What specific examples of chair support outside the IETF should be considered?