

## ICANN comments in response to MAG questionnaire

(a) Has the work of the MAG been consistent with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda and subsequent decisions?

We believe that the work of the MAG has been broadly consistent with the Tunis Agenda. The important thing is to ensure that the agenda for each IGF is formulated taking account of inputs from all stakeholders.

(b) How best to nominate non-governmental members for the MAG?

Once a formula has been agreed for an appropriate balance of members representing all stakeholders (for example 50% governments and 50% non governments), non-governmental organisations could be asked to agree among themselves upon their representation. 40% of the membership might be changed each year.

(c) How best to nominate the MAG Chair?

After informal consultations with all stakeholders, ideally with reference to a pre agreed schedule of competences, the chair of the MAG might then be appointed by the United Nations Secretary General.

(d) How best to organize open consultations?

While a MAG or equivalent might be expected to agree upon all significant issues relating to the IGF, In the spirit of the IGF meetings which have been held to date, all meetings should be open to all who have registered that they have a legitimate interest in attending. Provision should be made for remote participation from around the world. Recent experience in Vilnius has shown this to be of growing importance/impact

(e) How best to link with regional meetings?

Regional meetings should inform the IGF, and vice versa. There should not be a directive process, rather a sharing of useful information and experience. A process of “message” in both directions could be useful. The main session on regional perspectives at Vilnius meeting was useful too, and it would be good to have this practice in future IGF meetings.

(f) How best to link with international processes and institutions?

One of the most important features of the IGF has been that it has not been constrained by the need to reach decisions. It should, however be possible to harvest outputs in the form of best practice, or themes which could be communicated to regional /national IGF's, and serve as a basis for future work.