

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

Geneva, 25-26 February 2009

Summary Report

1. The Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) met in Geneva on 25-26 February 2009. The discussion was based on the agenda for the Open Consultations held on the preceding days.
2. The MAG agreed on the broad outline of a meeting schedule, as attached at Annex I to this Summary Report of the Meeting. The schedule reflects the taking stock process of the Hyderabad meeting and takes into account the written comments and the suggestions made at the open consultations.
3. "Internet – an opportunity for all" was suggested as the overall title of the meeting. While the suggestion found some support, it was also felt that the wording was too general and that there was a need for further reflection on the title. "Internet rights and principles" was another proposal for an overall theme, but the view was held that this would be too specific. The view was also held that the overall theme should take into account the challenges to the global economic downturn.
4. The draft schedule is based on the recognition that different themes need to be dealt with differently. The MAG identified three different types of formats:
 - Type A): Issues where there is no convergence of views. In these cases there is no need for any panel or introductory speeches. An open discussion is best suited for these issues.
 - Type B): Issues that are generally understood, but which need further exploration. For these issues, an introductory panel of experts followed by a discussion was seen as the most appropriate format.
 - Type C): Issues where there is a convergence of views on the principles and the need for action. These issues could be dealt with by round table discussions which could look at solutions and best practices.
5. On the first day, there will be a session giving participants background on Internet governance in general and the IGF in particular. The intent of the session is to improve participants' ability to engage in and benefit from the IGF meeting. It will explain the functioning of the IGF and the issues it has been dealing with. The session will also give an overview of the programme and allow regional and national meetings to report to the IGF.
6. The traditional opening ceremony/opening session will be held in the afternoon of the first day. It will be followed by a key note panel of two or three high-level personalities. The suggestion was made that the panel should deal with the current economic situation and its relevance to the Internet.
7. The titles in the schedule are working titles. They are indicative of the broad themes to be dealt with and will need to be discussed at the next open consultations and defined at the next MAG meeting. The following issues were mentioned to belong under the respective headings.
8. Critical Internet Resources: 'The evolution of Internet governance arrangements' was proposed as a possible title, with 'Internationalization of critical Internet resources management' and 'Managing critical Internet resources' as alternative titles. However, the view was also held that any title should be based on agreed WSIS language. The following issues were mentioned, among others, as possible topics to be addressed under this heading: IP address allocation in general and IPv6

allocation in particular; the JPA; the IANA contract; the importance of new TLDs and IDNs for development; enhanced cooperation. It was felt that these issues would best be dealt with in an open discussion and there was general agreement that no relevant issue, however contentious, should be excluded from the discussions under this heading.

9. Security / Openness:

One possible title mentioned for this cluster of issues was “Balancing privacy, openness and security”. There was a general understanding that this balancing effort should not be a zero sum game, but rather a win-win situation. Issues to be discussed could include the respect for privacy as a business advantage and issues such as identity theft, identity fraud, and information leakage. Another cluster included Web 2.0, social networks and privacy, e.g. control of one’s own data and data retention. Other issues mentioned were URL blocking; regulatory models for privacy and cybersecurity. Some issues pertaining to openness were also discussed, including ensuring the open architecture of the Internet; Net Neutrality; enabling frameworks for freedom; content blocking, freedom of speech and the ethical dimensions of the Internet. While some favoured the inclusion of ‘Internet rights and principles’ as a cross-cutting theme, the view was also held that there was no established definition of this theme and that therefore it should not be discussed at the Sharm El Sheikh meeting. The discussion of this cluster of issues could benefit from being introduced by a panel, followed by an open discussion.

10. Access: Issues mentioned included national and international regulatory issues; national and regional backbones; infrastructure; interconnection costs, IXPs; modes of access and regulatory challenges; safety and redundancy of access, e.g. cable cuts; and issues in mobile access. The importance of developing infrastructure was seen as part of kick-starting the economy. While some of the access issues might be best dealt with by round tables, such as IXPs, others might benefit from being introduced by panels, such as mobile access issues.

11. Round table discussions could be held to deal with issues where there is a reasonable chance of participants agreeing to take action together. These issues include the empowerment and protection of children and the accessibility for people with disabilities. The respective dynamic coalitions would be asked to help prepare these round tables and there was a general agreement that due care should be taken to ensure a reasonable balance is achieved. Other round table discussions on other issues would be defined in light of proposals for workshops. Multilingualism was mentioned as another possible issue area for round tables, including access to local content. The afternoon of the third day will be reserved for the reporting back of round tables and workshops. However, the point was also made that the role and function of round tables needed further discussions.

12. The morning of the last day will be reserved for the “formal consultations with Forum participants” on the “desirability of the continuation of the Forum” as stipulated by Para 76 of the Tunis Agenda. These consultations will be prepared by an online process in advance of the Sharm El Sheikh meeting, starting with a questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat and a rolling document synthesizing all commentaries received and posted on the IGF Web site. It was the aim to produce a synthesis paper in all six UN languages as a direct input into the discussion of this agenda item.

13. One slot in the afternoon of the last day remains open for the time being. It will be filled in the light of further discussions.

14. As regards the request made by Dynamic Coalitions, namely that they be admitted to the MAG meetings as observers, it was felt that this question needed more reflection and should be revisited in light of the further development of the Sharm El Sheikh programme.

15. A first version of a draft programme outline, taking into account the discussions at the MAG meeting and at the open consultations, will be made available later this month.

16. It was agreed that a call for workshop proposals should be issued by the Secretariat. Aim was to facilitate the merging of similar workshops, so as to encourage debate and to reduce the number of workshops held in parallel. Therefore, there was no need to submit a fully fledged proposal at this stage. A short description of the proposed theme would be sufficient. Proposals can also be submitted

by people who would not be organizing the workshops themselves.

17. 15 April 2009 was set as a deadline for submitting workshop proposals. An online form will be made available on the IGF Web site for this purpose in due course.

18. A list of participants is attached at Annex II.

Annex I

Table 1: Proposed Main Session Schedule

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	Sunday 15 Nov	Monday 16 Nov	Tuesday 17 Nov	Wednesday 18 Nov
10:00 – 11:30	Internet Governance - setting the scene	Critical Internet Resources	Access	Taking Stock and Looking forward: Tunis Agenda Para 76
11:30 - 13:00	National and Regional Meetings			
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch			
15:00 - 16:30	Opening Ceremony/Session	Security and Openness	Reporting back from Round Tables and Workshops	
16:30 –18:00	Keynote Panel			Closing Ceremony

**MAG MEETING 25-26 FEBRUARY 2009
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Table 2: MAG meeting List of Participants

Name	Position
Chairman	
Desai, Nitin	Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Internet Governance.
Members	
Al Shatti, Qusai	Deputy Chair of Kuwait Information Technology Society (KITS).
Arida, Christine	Director of Telecom Planning and Services, National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt.
Betancourt, Valeria	Coordinator of the Communication and Information Policy Programme in Latin America, Association for Progressive Communications (APC).
Dardailler, Daniel	Associate Chair of Europe, World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).
Diop Diagne, Ndéye Maimouna	Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and ICT, Senegal.
Disspain, Chris	Chief Executive Officer, .AU Registry; Chair, Council of Country – Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO).
Dryden, Heather	Senior Advisor, International Telecommunications Policy and Coordination, Telecommunications Policy Branch, Industry Canada.
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Fältström, Patrik	Consulting Engineer, Cisco Systems; Member, Board of Internet Society; Member Swedish Government IT Advisory Group.
Filip, Ondrej	Chief Executive Officer, CZ.NIC.
Graham, Bill	Global Strategic Engagement, Internet Society (ISOC).
Hassan, Ayesha	Senior Policy Manager, E – Business, IT, and Telecoms, Executive in charge of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Policy, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).
Hofmann, Jeanette	Senior Researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)/Social Science Research Center, Berlin.
Jamil, Zahid Usman	Senior Partner and Barrister-at-law, Jamil and Jamil, Chairman, Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center.
Katoh, Masanobu	Corporate Vice President; President of Law and Intellectual Property Unit and Security Export Control Headquarters, Fujitsu Limited.
Katundu, Michael	Assistant Director, Information Technology Communications Commission, Kenya.
La Chapelle, Bertrand de	Special envoy for Information Society, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France.
Lau, Stephen K.M	Chairman, Electronic Data System (EDS), Hong Kong.

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Yasser, Hassan	Egypt
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Sadaka, Bernard	Fellow
Arata, Seiiti	Intern