

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)  
Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting (MAG)  
Paris, France, UNESCO HQ, 19-21 May 2014  
Summary Report**

1. The second round of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) meetings took place on 19- 21 May in Room IX, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France. The discussions focused on the ongoing preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, which is scheduled be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 2-5 September 2014.
2. Dr. Ahmet Erding Cavusoglu, Head of the International Relations Department at the Information and Communication Technology Authority, Turkey, served as honorary chair of the meeting. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia moderated the meeting as newly appointed chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. UNESCO's Deputy Director General Mr. Getachew Engida welcomed the MAG and other joining stakeholders to UNESCO headquarters in his opening remarks.
3. To ensure full transparency and openness to the multistakeholder community, holding the Open Consultations together with the MAG meeting meant that the three-day meeting was open to observers, who were also encouraged to actively participate. The meeting was webcasted on the IGF website. Live text streaming as well as remote participation were available for MAG members and other interested stakeholders. More than 90 registered participants attended the three-day session.
4. In the morning of the first day, the MAG and other stakeholders joined remotely into a briefing from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) on the WSIS+10 High Level Review Process. Through this briefing the MAG explored how it could build synergies with the ITU and other collaborating agencies and stakeholder groups involved in the WSIS review.
5. Next, the host country gave a short briefing and presentation on its ongoing preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF. The MAG was assured that Turkey was doing all it could to fully prepare for the meeting. A positive update was given on issues such as security preparations, visa availability and the accessibility and readiness of the venue for the conference. Turkey will host a high-level meeting in the afternoon of day zero (1 September), which will be multistakeholder in nature. Further information on this meeting will be available shortly. Invitations from the host country for the IGF will be issued by the end of June. The host country website will also be available for participants to find all relevant information.
6. Ambassador Kārklīņš then announced that he had asked Mr. Markus Kummer and Mr. Hartmut Glaser to act as his advisors, taking into account their vast institutional knowledge of the IGF and the wider Internet governance ecosystem. Mr. Kummer had acted as the interim chair of the Open Consultations and MAG meetings for the 8<sup>th</sup> IGF in Bali and had also previously served as the Executive Coordinator of the IGF Secretariat. Mr. Glaser had led the preparations for the organization of the IGF in Brazil in 2007 and will also help lead the preparatory process for the 10<sup>th</sup> IGF in

2015, back in Brazil. The chair also noted that he may ask other persons to act as advisors should further issues arise and reminded the MAG that each member of the MAG was in fact an advisor in their individual capacities, representing their respective stakeholder groups.

7. To conceptualize the overall format and structure of the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, the MAG then reflected on some of the lessons learned from the 8<sup>th</sup> IGF in Bali and engaged in a useful discussion on the recently completed Netmundial meeting and discussed some lessons from this meeting that were relevant to the IGF.
8. One lesson from Bali was that the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF should not have too many competing events. The programme however should remain rich in substance and open to all Internet governance issues. The 9<sup>th</sup> IGF will also aim at better linking with other processes such as the NETmundial outcomes and the ongoing discussions of the WSIS review, CSTD, ITU and the Working Group on enhanced cooperation, among many others. Preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF will also follow the recommendations of the CSTD Working Group on improvements to the IGF.
9. The MAG will strive to strengthen the IGF in a number of ways, including improving the outputs of the meeting and increasing the linkages between the discussions, recommendations and possible solutions coming from the various IGF sessions and the rest of the Internet governance ecosystem. In this regard the IGF outcomes and outputs need to be more portable and visible, so that they could be taken forward by relevant Internet governance bodies, institutions and organizations. The 9<sup>th</sup> IGF will offer national and regional IGF initiatives the possibility to interact with each other and to present their work. It was agreed that the IGF should therefore improve and build upon its role as being a ‘router’ of knowledge on Internet governance issues within the wider ecosystem.
10. The 9<sup>th</sup> IGF will actively respond to the outcome document of the NETmundial in a variety of ways, by both taking forward the suggested issues for further discussion and by improving its outcomes. The recommendations of the NETmundial compliment the CSTD Working Group recommendations on improvements to the IGF, which are being implemented on a rolling basis.
11. There was agreement that the NETmundial was a useful process for the multistakeholder Internet governance community. The non-binding statement stemming from the NETmundial negotiations over the two days provides a strong basis for further discussions on Internet governance principles and gives a good vision for the way forward. A pre-event will be held on day zero of the IGF (1 September) on the NETmundial, with the aim of discussing some of the lessons learned and the progress made in taking the process forward. The MAG agreed that while the NETmundial was similar to the IGF in some ways and in fact was heavily informed by eight years of IGF meetings before it, the IGF is very different in many ways in that it covers a wide variety of Internet governance issues and is not designed to negotiate outcomes. There was agreement that the IGF should not become a negotiating platform as such.
12. The MAG agreed that the IGF should strive to produce more concrete and tangible outcomes. This can be achieved by improving and building upon existing mechanisms of the IGF such as the chair’s summary and the reports of each

workshop and other sessions that take place over the four day meeting. Each main session and workshop, etc. should have clearly defined policy questions that it will address and the resulting reports should map out both convergent and divergent opinions expressed. Though workshops should still be developed and conducted in a bottom-up manner by their organizers, the MAG will encourage the workshops to produce better tangible takeaways in their reporting.

13. Each main session will aim to produce stronger takeaways and the traditional Chair's summary will be enhanced to clearly outline the convergence and divergent views expressed and formulate policy recommendations if appropriate. The Chair's summary will also suggest a way forward for some of the issues discussed throughout the IGF; this will provide a better link between the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF and future national and regional IGF initiatives, as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> IGF in Brazil. The summary may also suggest further actions and issues that could be taken up in other Internet governance processes.
14. Best Practice Forums will also provide tangible takeaways for participants and stakeholders. The concept of best practice forums will be revived for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF and multistakeholder preparatory work leading up to the Istanbul meeting will allow the IGF community to provide inputs into documentation that can be taken from the meeting and carried forward appropriately.
15. Efforts will be made in order to have the various forms of outcomes from the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF better promoted and communicated by the MAG and other stakeholders, by bringing them to the relevant organizations and fora which deal with the issues addressed (inter-governmental organizations, technical organizations, business, academia, civil society, etc.)
16. In continuing the scheduling and formatting of the overall meeting, the leaders of the working groups organizing the different main sessions briefed the meeting on their preparatory work. There will be an orientation session for newcomers on the morning of the first day, together with the main session on 'Setting the Scene', which will introduce the themes of the meetings and give an update to participants on the fast-evolving Internet governance ecosystem. The opening ceremony and session will take place in the afternoon of the first day.
17. On the second day of the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, a main session will be held on 'Policies Enabling Access/Internet as Engine for Growth and Development'. The session will be held in an interactive roundtable format and will aim to produce clear policy recommendations and takeaways for policy-makers. On the third day a main session will be held on the 'Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem/Role of IGF – Reaction to NETmundial + CSTD, WSIS, ITU, and other fora'. On the fourth day there will be a main session on the IANA Transition, an open microphone session for all participants, and a session that will take stock of the meeting and discuss any emerging issues. An updated timetable for the main sessions is provided in Annex I of this report.
18. The Secretariat reported out on a number of open forums and dynamic coalition meetings that will take place over the four days. It was also agreed that other types of sessions such as flash sessions, poster sessions, general knowledge sharing spaces

and announcement initiatives, and areas for spontaneous meet-ups and interaction amongst participants will be accommodated.

19. Like the 8<sup>th</sup> IGF, the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF will work to fully integrate the national and regional IGF initiatives into the overall programme. The national and regional IGF initiatives will hold a meeting at the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF. There will also again be a comprehensive capacity-building track built into the schedule. Webinars will be held to prepare the capacity building activities that will take place and such events will be clearly visible on the schedule. Relevant topical follow-up sessions to the NETmundial will also be made visible on the agenda and schedule and each session will also be given topical labels to help participants better navigate the overall program.
20. It was decided that best practice forums will be held on the following topics: developing meaningful multistakeholder mechanisms; regulation and mitigation of unwanted communications (SPAM); establishing and supporting CERTS for Internet security; creating an enabling environment for the development of local content and online child safety and protection.
21. The majority of the second and third days of the Open Consultations and MAG meeting were spent on the further evaluation and selection of workshops that will take place in Istanbul. The discussions were informed by the evaluations completed prior to the meeting by the MAG. The Secretariat provided a statistical analysis and ranking of the workshops based on these evaluations. More than 200 proposals were received by the Secretariat.
22. Workshops were accepted based on their evaluations and qualitative scoring conducted by the MAG together with further analysis and selection which strived to provide space for workshops from developing and transitional economy countries and first time workshop organizers and newcomers to the IGF. Workshops that focused on new and emerging topics were also given some priority to ensure that the IGF will cover as many issues as possible. Some workshops on similar topics will be invited to merge with others. Workshop proponents, co-organizers and speakers and panelists that were not accepted will still be encouraged to join the IGF to actively engage in other ways.
23. The Secretariat, together with the MAG, will reach out to all workshop proponents to inform them about the outcomes of the evaluation process. Those accepted workshops and other sessions will be coached and guided by the MAG if necessary to build upon their proposals to ensure rich and relevant sessions are held in Istanbul.
24. The MAG will continue its inter-sessional work online and through virtual meetings in the next three months leading up to the Istanbul meeting. Discussions will encourage inputs from the broader multistakeholder IGF community on ways to strengthen IGF outputs and further take forward some of the issues from NETmundial. Working groups on the main sessions will continue to prepare the sessions and develop input papers and policy questions to frame the sessions. The overall schedule and agenda for the meeting should be set by June 30 and all preparations and preparatory documentation should be finalized by July 30.

**Annex I**

**DRAFT/TENTATIVE 2014 Main Sessions / Focus Sessions Timetable**

<b>Tentative Timetable</b>	<b>Day 0 1 Sept.</b>	<b>Day 1 2 Sept.</b>	<b>Day 2 3 Sept.</b>	<b>Day 3 4 Sept.</b>	<b>Day 4 5 Sept.</b>
<b>0930-1230</b>	<b>PRE-EVENTS</b>	<b>Orientation Session</b>  <b>Setting the Scene – Introduce Themes and Updates on IG Ecosystem</b>	<b>Main/Focus Session(s):</b>  <b>Policies Enabling Access/Internet as Engine for Growth and Development</b>	<b>Main/Focus Session:</b>  <b>Evolution of Internet Governance Ecosystem/Role of IGF – Reaction to NETmundial + CSTD, WSIS, ITU, other fora.</b>	<b>Session on IANA Transition</b> <hr/> <b>Open Microphone Session</b>
<b>12:30-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>14:30-17:30</b>	<b>PRE-EVENTS</b>  <b>High Level Leaders Meeting</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY/ OPENING SESSION</b>	<b>Main/Focus Session: TBD</b>	<b>Main/Focus Session: TBD</b>	<b>Taking Stock / Emerging Issues Plenary Discussions on Outcomes of Best Practice Forums, Thematic Roundtables, etc. (TBD)</b> <hr/> <b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>