

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)  
Virtual Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting (MAG) - I  
18 March 2014  
Summary Report**

1. The first Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) virtual meeting took place on 18 March via WebEx. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia chaired the meeting as interim chair of the open consultations and MAG meetings and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat provided a brief update on the ongoing IGF 2014 preparations. UN officials are currently undertaking a site visit to Istanbul to further check the venue regarding security, remote participation infrastructure and other matters. These preparations are going smoothly thus far. Legal teams for the UN and the host country are reviewing the host country agreement and it was reported that both sides are optimistic that it can be finalized shortly.
3. The discussion then turned to the May open consultations and MAG meetings, scheduled to be held in Paris at UNESCO HQ from 19-21 May. Expressions of thanks were expressed to UNESCO for its offer to host the meetings and for making the necessary rooms available for the use of the MAG and IGF stakeholders. The primary purpose of the meetings will be to craft the overall schedule and agenda for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF in Istanbul and in parallel, make final decisions on the workshops and other sessions that will be held at the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF.
4. There was consensus within the MAG that the May meetings should be as open and transparent as possible and that non-MAG members will be able to participate and share their views. It was decided though that when making final decisions on workshop selections that the MAG alone make the final decisions. It was mentioned that the MAG has a criteria based workshop selection process in place and this will be followed accordingly. Individuals or organizations that have proposed workshops will be discouraged from interceding on their own behalf. The MAG will be responsible for supervising this process appropriately.
5. The MAG then discussed at length some possible formats and preliminary scheduling for the overall format of the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, including main/focus sessions and the workshops and other sessions that will run in parallel. There was agreement that the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF should have on day-zero, an orientation session for newcomers and on Day-1 an introductory session in the morning. This session should not begin earlier than 9:30 or 10:00 AM as it was said that the orientation sessions in Bali were too early for many participants and at times poorly attended. There was support for continuing to strengthen a capacity building track at the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF that this orientation session would contribute to.

6. There was a discussion about possible formats and scheduling for the main sessions, taking into account the inputs from the broader IGF community to strengthen the appeal of the main sessions/ focus sessions by possibly having less of them at the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, and to have fewer workshops and other sessions running parallel to them. It was said that as always, a balance must be struck where the MAG prepares and conducts ‘main/focus’ plenary type sessions related to the sub-themes while also including as many workshops and other sessions throughout the four day IGF, with as little over-lap as possible.
7. There was agreement that all of the sub-themes would not necessarily need a ‘main/focus’ session. Some of the themes can be addressed via workshops and other sessions, including the re-introduction of best practice sessions and roundtables that bring together similar workshops on the various themes. There was also a suggestion that the main/focus sessions do not necessarily have to follow the sub themes.
8. Agreement was found around the concept of holding ‘main/focus’ sessions in the main room on timely, emerging topics. A space should be held for the IGF to discuss the fast-evolving Internet governance ecosystem, including outcomes and/or continuing discussions from other fora including, but not limited to: the NETmundial, CSTD, ITU, WSIS review, UN GA, etc. Another emerging issue that should be addressed is the possible IANA transition arrangement announced by the NTIA of the US DoC.
9. It was proposed that a ‘main/focus’ session should be held on the sub-themes of ‘policies enabling access’/ ‘Internet as an engine for growth and development’ and related issues on Day 2, if possible, as it was noted that some high-level officials that would be important for this session oftentimes are unable to stay for the full 4-5 days of the annual IGF meetings.
10. The concept of holding ‘best-practice’ forums was strongly supported. MAG working-groups should begin immediately an inter-sessional that will identify appropriate issues and themes for best-practice forums. MAG members should volunteer to take the lead on relevant topics and themes and to drive working groups that would also include non-MAG members. These groups could then work prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF to produce draft documentation and responses, perhaps to policy questions derived by the broader Internet governance community. The best-practice forums could then produce outcomes that outline points of convergence/divergence, and plans for continued inter-sessional work after the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, in an open and participatory manner, including groups such as existing dynamic coalitions and subject-matter experts, etc. Proposals and outcomes coming from the best-practice forums could then feed into a session on the final day of the IGF where they could be discussed in plenary and moved forward accordingly.

11. It was proposed that in the morning of the first day, a ‘main/focus’ session could be convened by the MAG to ‘set-the-scene’. This session would introduce the various sub-themes and prepare participants for the workshops and other events taking place the rest of the week on all of the various themes. The opening ceremony and opening session would take place in the afternoon of Day-1 (subject of agreement with the host country). The final day could then be used for stocktaking, addressing emerging issues that will arise, and provide an open-microphone session for all participants.
12. It was said that the MAG should work to fully integrate the work and views of the National and Regional IGF initiatives into the overall structure and program for the 9<sup>th</sup> IGF, further strengthening the relationships between these important initiatives and the global IGF.
13. There was agreement that many now unclear factors will dictate the eventual final scheduling of the overall format, and that preparatory discussions should continue on a rolling basis accordingly. Necessary final decisions can be made at the May open consultations and MAG meetings on many of these issues. A draft outline of a tentative timetable is included as annex for further discussion of the MAG.
14. It was proposed by the Chair that an open call should be made to the broader IGF community for brief voluntary contributions on take-aways and practical decisions that were taken by individuals and organizations involved in Internet governance that stemmed from the 8<sup>th</sup> IGF in Bali. A report can then be compiled by the Secretariat which synthesizes this information to better showcase the strength and usefulness of the IGF process and this report can be shared with participants and can be built upon in Istanbul and beyond. This initiative received wide support from the MAG.
15. A doodle poll will be circulated to decide when the next virtual MAG meeting will be held, in two weeks’ time, during the first week of April.  
<http://doodle.com/a57r9hfs5g34gqwz>

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

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

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