

Virtual Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting XIV
6 October 2015

Summary report

1. The fourteenth virtual meeting of the MAG took place on 6 October 2015. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the Secretariat. The purpose of the meeting was to get a general update on logistical and substantive preparations and to monitor progress of the planning of the main sessions. A full recording of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

Update on preparations for the 2015 IGF

2. The meeting opened with a short brief from the IGF Secretariat on preparations for the 2015 IGF. The Secretariat reported that the schedule was basically finalized and is available on the IGF website. Only minor changes had been made since the face-to-face MAG meeting in Paris a month prior. The Secretariat requested the MAG to inform the Secretariat about any events that will be taking place outside of the IGF venue in Brazil. About 1,500 registrations for the meeting have already been made and many more are expected in the coming weeks.

3. There was a question to the host country about visa processing time and fees for some participants, and the host country informed MAG members about how the process could be expedited for some participants if necessary. Information about how participants who might have difficulties obtaining visas for various reasons will be made available. The MAG thanked the host country for the help in this regard.

4. The Host Country also reported that a list of high-level participants was being compiled and this information could be made available to MAG members if necessary.

Update on preparations of Main Sessions

5. The MAG then took stock of the ongoing preparations of Main Sessions as MAG coordinators gave short briefs on the status of each session. It was reported that much progress had been made in formulating the agendas and lists of speakers for the respective sessions using the session mailing lists and virtual meetings. The MAG was reminded to send their up-to-date session descriptions to the Secretariat to allow the Secretariat to update the IGF website with the most recent information.

6. Main session coordinators were encouraged to arrange their sessions to be interactive and representative of a diversity of views. Main session guidelines prepared by the MAG working group on main sessions should be followed when applicable. It was noted that it was important for MAG organizers to continue to coordinate with one another in regards to the selection of speakers for main sessions so that speakers are not chosen for more than one main session and

that over-laps are avoided. There was also agreement that in all sessions, proper moderation must be assured so that all views are taken into account and that fair and balanced, and neutral discussions and debates take place in the main sessions.

MAG Coordinators/Co-Coordiators of Main Sessions:

Orientation Session: Fatima Cambroner

Setting the Scene: Michael Nelson, Subi Chaturvedi and Lynn St. Amour

WSIS+10: Marilyn Cade and Lea Kasper

Internet Economy and Sustainable Development: Hossam Elgamal and Ankhi Das

Enhancing Cybersecurity and Building Digital Trust: Dominique Lazanski and Subi Chaturvedi

A dialogue on “Zero rating” and Network Neutrality: Susan Chalmers

Main Session on Inter-Sessional Work: ‘Connecting the Next Billion + BPFs’:
Constance Bommelear

Human Rights on the Internet: Jac sm Ke

The NETmundial Multistakeholder Declaration and the Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem: Flavio Wagner

Dynamic Coalitions Main Session: Markus Kummer and Avri Doria

IGF@10 Open Microphone and Taking Stock: Janis Karklins, Ginger Paque

7. During the report out on the preparations for the main session for IGF Dynamic Coalitions there was a horizontal discussion about the preparation of documentation being taken into the IGF. There was a suggestion that a common timeline and procedure could be put in place for all of the inter-sessional processes, including the dynamic coalitions, best practice forums and the ‘Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion’ compilation. All of the documents will have versions prepared by the end of the month that will then be ‘frozen’ (but comments will still be welcome) leading up to and during the meeting, and then further updated after the IGF. The MAG agreed that there should be a common timeline and procedure for preparing inter-sessional documentation.

8. There was then a good discussion about the procedure in place for the preparation of dynamic coalition work that will be presented during the main session on dynamic coalitions. Some MAG members expressed concern about the process in place, noting that some stakeholders were concerned about the use of the term ‘validation’ and ‘consensus’ in some of the coalitions. It was clarified to the MAG that the primary objective of the Main Session for DC’s was to give an opportunity for the DCs to present and showcase their work to the broader community in a formal manner, during a main session at the IGF annual meeting. There will be no ‘formal’ validation at the session, but rather, there might be some recommendations coming out of the session if there is enough agreement amongst stakeholders. All stakeholders will be allowed to express their views during the main session, both convergent and divergent views will be documented in this regard. MAG members were also invited to join the planning calls of the Dynamic Coalitions to express any further concerns to the DCs themselves.

9. An update was given on the status of the ‘Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion’ work stream. It was reported that more than 50 background

contributions had been received by the community and that a draft compilation was available on the IGF website for comment. A further draft is being developed by the Secretariat based upon additional contributions received and comments made on the review platform (until 16 Oct.) and on the open editorial group mailing list. A revised draft will be made available at the end of October. The main session on inter-sessional work will feature a roundtable discussion on the topic of 'Policy Options for Connecting the Next Billion' and stakeholders who have contributed to the process will be invited to intervene, including representatives from National and Regional IGFs and the Best Practice Forums, etc.

Any other business

10. All MAG coordinators of main sessions were encouraged to continue to work online and to work towards finalizing agendas and speakers for the sessions in the coming weeks, well ahead of the IGF, to assure that all information was made available to participants. The planning work will continue online, and most likely there will not be another virtual MAG meeting prior to MAG travel to Brazil. A MAG meeting or two might be scheduled for Brazil using the mailing list, pending further scheduling.

List of participants

Annex

List of participants

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Other attendees	
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