

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Groups, Working Group on Workshop Evaluation Virtual Meeting, 22nd April 2020

Summary of key points

- 1. There were some concerns that since the next MAG face-to-face meeting will be online how will that affect the work of the workshop evaluations. Some suggested that extension in the timeline could be an option since the groups will have an extra week of discussion after their initial evaluations.
- 2. The IGF Secretariat said that considering the exceptional circumstance of the pandemic there will be some flexibility in terms of time limits.
- 3. The MAG chair said that having the initial deadline for finalizing the list of the selected proposals could be useful. Since some proposers might be requested for merging with other related workshops, where the revision of proposals will require more time.
- 4. There were some questions about last year's merger proposals resubmission time limit. It was responded that last year there has been no specific time limit for the merger proposals. Most of the merger proposals were given guidelines and suggestion however, only a few responded and merged their proposals.
- 5. It was asked when the list of MAG evaluation groups will be available. The Secretariat responded that the proposals along with the groups will be available at the end of April.
- 6. There was a question about how many total proposals will be selected for the 15th IGF. The MAG chair responded that there will be room for around 60 workshops, but it will depend on the duration of each workshop.
- 7. It was asked how the proposals will be allocated to the groups. The IGF Secretariat responded that the allocation of the proposals will depend on the number of received proposals and the MAG decision.
- 8. It was said that considering the previous year's experiences structuring a smooth flow around all the issues subthemes will be helpful for decision making. The flow will help in balancing issues and subthemes for each track.

Annex I

- Discuses about best methodology approach for WS Evaluation during the virtual meeting in June, since it is not going to be a Face-to-Face meeting.
- Analyze a common approach and a general guideline to be used in each of the four evaluation groups, particularly during the final stage of WS proposal selection.
- AoB

Annex II

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