

## **IGF 2018**

### **MAG WG – Multi-year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)**

The first meeting of the MAG WG- Multi-year Strategic Work Programme was held on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The meeting summary below is organized according to the agreed agenda (Annex I).

#### **1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin**

List of Participants can be found in Annex II, and participants agreed to the meeting being recorded. The recording can be found [here](#).

The group agreed to add a review of two documents to the Agenda (nos. 2 and 3 below):

1. [Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs](#) by Jeremy Malcolm
2. [Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018](#) by W. de Natris
3. [Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework”](#) by Timea Suto

#### **2 - High level Review of Charter/brainstorm future work of this WG**

In line with various improvement suggestions over the years, the purpose of the WG was to develop a longer term view of IGF activities, recognizing the extended time required to significantly advance complex critical issues as well as to provide a longer planning horizon for the MAG, the IGF community, and future IGF host countries.

The charter and meeting summaries from 2017 can be found [here](#).

#### **3 - Review Open work items from last year to determine next steps**

It was reported that in 2017 the WG delivered a document called the [IGF Annual Programme Overview](#) outlining all the component pieces of the 2017 IGF Annual meeting in addition to covering all the Intersessional and NRI activities and their guiding documents. It was suggested that it might be useful to update this for 2018.

As this was the first meeting of the WG in 2018 and there were several documents submitted for review, it was decided that short introductions would be done for those submissions with the substantive discussion on next steps scheduled for the next meeting.

The Chair stressed the need for the WG to engage with all the intersessional activities as well as the NRIs, and encouraged all WG members to read the “IGF Annual Programme Overview” as this was key to understanding all the component pieces of the IGF ecosystem.

The following documents were then introduced (see attachments):

- A. Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework” - Timea Suto
  - An advancement of the IGF Annual Programme Overview, the document captured inputs, outputs, linkages, and possible channels

for outputs. Some additional items were suggested and it was agreed the document was helpful and would be updated.

- B. 2017 proposal from 'Drafting Team on advancing IGF outputs', titled "Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs" - J. Malcolm
  - Purpose was to explore how to make the IGF more relevant, more useful through the production of more tangible, concrete outputs, possibly even some sort of non-binding recommendations (noting "recommendations" was a very broad term. It examines criteria for successful processes, including inclusiveness, balance, accountability, and outcome orientation as major categories, and highlights success factors for the selection of issues to be addressed. It also examines (and ranks) existing IGF activities as well as other activities to see what might be useful in this process.
  - It was suggested that it might be better to shoot for IGF 2019 to make progress rather than 2018, but this was not specifically discussed.
  
- C. 2017 proposal on "Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018" by W. de Natris
  - This work aimed to address two (2) questions:
    1. is the IGF capable of discussing complex multistakeholder Internet Governance issues aiming to formulate consensus based advice, best practice agreements, or the intent to work on a proposed solution (either inside or outside the IGF)?
    2. if so, what conditions or prerequisites need to be created for the IGF to be successful in this?
  - To be successful, it was stated that a prioritized and focused plan, with a defined timeframe was required – also key was the need to be able to continue the work year round with no gap in MAG activities.
  - Success depends on connecting the dots between organizations and efforts given the complex nature of the issues.
  
- D. Review purpose of draft poll proposed late last year to IGF community - this item was postponed to a future meeting as the main proponent could not make the call.

The documents were generally seen as helpful and it was suggested that they be shared with the full MAG and the IGF community as part of the meeting summary (once approved by the WG members).

There was a brief discussion on how this WG might engage appropriately with Intersessional activities and Markus Kummer volunteered to help lead this engagement effort. And, it was noted that the NRI Focal Point (Anja Gengo) could help with engaging the NRIs.

Continuing with process improvements was another area identified as needing support.

A comment was made that the IGF needs to raise its game/focus on augmenting its stature. It was suggested that more tangible outputs from the IGF would help and this is an improvement that has been identified as essential by a number of different fora. It

was noted that these proposals go in the right direction.

#### **4 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items**

Once the WG members have approved the meeting summary, the WG should ensure the MAG, the IGF community, all intersessional activities and the NRIs are aware of these documents and the work of the WG.

Next meeting: June 14, 2018 at 1600 UTC.

#### **5 - AOB**

No items were requested.

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## **ANNEX I - AGENDA**

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

2 - High level Review of Charter/brainstorm future work of this WG

- the charter and meeting summaries from last year can be found at:

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/working-group-on-multi-year-strategic-work-programme-wg-mwp>

3 - Review Open work items from last year to determine next steps

a) - Review proposal from 'Drafting Team on advancing IGF outputs' - J. Malcolm

b) - Review purpose of poll (and draft poll) to IGF community - G. Mazzone

4 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items

5 - AOB

## **ANNEX II – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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