

## IGF 2018

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

The fifth meeting of the MAG WG-Multi-year Strategic Work Programme was held on August 1st, 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. That recording can be found [here](#).

#### **2 - Continue to progress on the following proposals:**

- a) Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework” - review updated document**
- b) Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs**
- c) Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018**

a) Following on from the review period on the [“Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework](#), the group agreed it was ready for further review across the IGF ecosystem. The document represents current state and is based on the IGF Programme Component Document that was published in 2017. It includes a graphical flow representation of the inputs, outputs, and supporting processes. This framework should also support a more concentrated focus on IGF outputs and their dissemination, through the work of the MAG, the community, Intersessional activities, NRIs, etc. as this has been a key consideration of the WG.

This broader community review (across the MAG, Intersessional activities, NRIs, and the IGF community) is to get agreement on this as a general framework for IGF activities. The platform for review and commenting will be finalized with the main goal to facilitate commenting by the broad community.

It was also suggested that some WG members participate in the various community calls to introduce the Framework and help ensure substantive reviews.

Finally, it was again noted that this process might need to be updated to reflect a more timely appointment of the MAG, as the additional time would allow for a more deliberative and more iterative process.

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Both these efforts focus on what more the IGF might do to advance issues within the IGF Ecosystem, specifically looking to see what options exist with respect to producing more tangible outputs from the IGF activities.

As a number of WG members note, ‘the IGF has made good progress on many areas in the ‘Tunis Agenda on the Information Society’ but it has made less progress towards fulfilling paragraph 72(g), which requires the IGF to “Identify emerging issues, bring them to the

attention of the relevant bodies and the general public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations.”

Therefore two (2) pilots are being evaluated:

1 – which would help gauge the feasibility of the IGF producing tangible output documents based on a deliberative process (physical and virtual in order to facilitate broad participation). It has been proposed that this pilot be based on already developed and published work (assumed to be broadly supported) in order to allow the pilot to focus on strategic questions such as: what constitutes the IGF community, what constitutes agreement across said community, and what level of agreement can “the IGF” claim has been achieved.

The topics under consideration include a) Accessibility and Disability (working with the ITU and the [IGF’s Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability](#) (DCAD), or b) the Norm on Protecting the Public Core of the Internet developed by the [Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace](#) (GCSC). This pilot is hoped to conclude at **IGF 2018** and was triggered by the ‘[Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs](#)’ paper. One tool under review is [Synmind](#) – “Synergy of minds” as their website says: “is a unique method to acquire insight into individual opinions by utilizing the Internet”

2 – this pilot would have the global IGF community identify and substantially help advance an international public policy issue. This activity is hoped to culminate in a tangible output at **IGF 2019**, and benefit from the result of the first pilot above. This pilot was triggered by the ‘[Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018](#)’ paper. WG members requested a more concrete proposal as the next step in this discussion.

As previously agreed, more concrete proposals for both these pilots will be advanced shortly for WG and MAG review. These proposals must include details of expected inputs, outputs, timetables and community “roles”.

### **3 - Discussion on engaging MAG, IGF community, Intersessional activities, and NRIs in the development of a multi-year strategic work programme.**

The idea is that there are several important and complex topics that would be best advanced through a multi-year programme, which would allow for more continuity, support additional outreach and participation.

The WG discussed how to advance a process that would engage the full community and it was agreed that a note to kick this off would be sent to the MAG.

A poll of the IGF community was also suggested, specifically that it could address: 1- what the community thinks about multi-year planning, and what the community expects from multi-year planning, 2 – how do the various parts of the IGF community contribute to the multi-year planning, 3 what are the types of tangible outputs that we might see from such a process.

#### **4 - Next steps/future agenda items**

The importance of getting more concrete proposals out ASAP for all the items above was again stressed.

Future meetings:

15 August 2018 — 1500 - 1600 UTC

28 August 2018 — 1500 - 1600 UTC

#### **5 - AOB**

There was a brief discussion on the role of the MAG in helping to ensure all relevant topics were appropriately represented in the IGF activities. It was noted there are opportunities to address any missing topics in the Annual Meeting program, for example in the Main sessions, as well as in the intersessional activities (BPFs, major policy initiatives, etc.). There was a suggestion that this WG discuss the role of the MAG in shaping the IGF programme, specifically the amount of initiative the Mag should have.

Also, there was a call for the MAG to consider what might be done with respect to format(s) in order to encourage a higher level of participation, or more effective formats to support new ideas/new solutions, etc.

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## **ANNEX I - AGENDA**

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

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