

Informal IGF Taking Stock Meeting 20 December 2016

Summary Report

1. An informal (*optional; non-official*) virtual meeting between MAG members (*outgoing and continuing*), the IGF Secretariat and others from the IGF community was held on 20 December to take stock of and debrief on the recently completed 11th IGF meeting which took place from 6-9 December in Jalisco, Mexico. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The webex recording of the meeting can be accessed here:

Streaming recording link:

<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/ldr.php?RCID=ded04ebe9498e3e43748e2261e846809>

Download recording link:

<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/lsr.php?RCID=f82d90eb76798a1d90929bae6841a0d7>

2. The meeting opened with a briefing from the Secretariat on some of the overall participation statistics. The meeting was attended by more than 2 000 onsite participants, from 123 countries, representing all stakeholder groups and regions. 45 remote hubs were also organised around the world, with approximately 2,000 additional stakeholders participating online. The largest number of online participants came from the following countries: United States, Mexico, Nigeria, Brazil, India, Cuba, United Kingdom, China, Japan, Tunisia and Argentina. A full breakdown of the attendance statistics can be [accessed on the IGF website here](#).

3. The Secretariat then gave a breakdown of all of the sessions¹ that were held throughout the week, including Day-0 events, etc. during the annual meeting. There were a total of 7 host country and ceremonial sessions, 8 main sessions, 96 workshops, 32 open forums, 4 individual BPF sessions, 13 individual DC sessions, 23 lightning sessions, 6 unconference sessions, 17 classified “other”, and 24 Day 0 events = grand total of 230 sessions in the overall programme (206 if Day 0 events are not counted). 40 booths were included in the IGF Village.

4. The majority of the meeting was then spent on allowing MAG members to reflect upon and share with others what went well and what went not as well from their perspectives, both logistically and substantively, and many good suggestions were made as to how programming could be improved moving forward, building on lessons learned. Many expressions of thanks were given in particular to the Host Country organizing team and volunteers from Mexico for all of their hard work. The Secretariat noted that in the coming days an open public consultation and call for inputs would be launched to allow the larger community to take stock of the 2016 IGF and to look ahead to the 2017 IGF, as is

¹ The online schedule can still be accessed here for reference:
<https://igf2016.intgovforum.org/>

done every year. A synthesis of these contributions will be produced and used as an input into the first open consultations/MAG meeting of 2017.

5. It was noted that the first open consultations and MAG meeting of 2017 would likely be held in the first quarter of 2017, once the new 2017 MAG is announced by the United Nations. A suggestion was made that it may be useful to hold such a meeting back-to-back with the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation meeting being held in Geneva during the last week of January 2017. The MAG nomination period had recently closed on Friday the 16th and the selection and appointment process is now being carried out. As the new UN Secretary-General will be making the 2017 appointments, it was said that most likely the announcement will not come until at least mid-January, if not later. In the meantime, the current MAG mailing list can still be used to carry out informal discussions. Other MAG Working Group's and intersessional activities may also wish to continue working during the next few week's until the new MAG is formally in place.

