



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting VI 13 March 2019

Summary Report

1. The sixth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 13 March. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on reviewing the various calls for sessions for the 2019 programme, including open forum, 'Day 0', Dynamic Coalition (DC), and National, Regional, Youth & Initiative (NRI) sessions; suggested changes to the evaluation of workshop proposals by the MAG; and updates from each of the MAG working groups.
2. The meeting began with an update from the MAG Chair on various activities over the last week. As had been shared on the mailing list, the Chair travelled to UN Headquarters in New York, where she met with officials from the Office of the Secretary-General, as well as participated in an UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) High Level Advisory Board. The Chair communicated that there was strong interest on the part of the Secretary-General's Office in maintaining close ties with the IGF and more specifically, interest in working together to advance the findings from the upcoming report of the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC). Moreover, it was noted that the IGF Annual Meeting in Berlin would be a good opportunity for further discussion/community engagement on the HLPDC report. Lastly, the Chair informed that during her time in New York she met with UNDESA senior officials, including Mr. Juwang Zhu, the newly re-appointed Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), the IGF's Secretariat's administrative home.
3. Chengetai Masango and Anja Gengo of the IGF Secretariat participated in the call from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) 64th Meeting in Kobe, Japan. The Secretariat informed it had held a capacity building session at the ICANN Meeting, focused on briefing participants on the IGF's workshop submission process and increasing engagement in the Asia Pacific region. Further talks were held with prospective IGF host countries, donors, and newly formed NRIs.
4. The Secretariat then gave an overview of a number of draft calls for sessions for the 2019 programme – for [Day 0](#), [open forum](#) and [DC sessions](#) – which it plans to launch on Monday 18 March. MAG members had no comments on the Day 0 and DC session calls, which would remain virtually unchanged from previous years. As with last year, both DC and open forum session requesters would be asked to select from one of the identified programme themes – in 2019, [\(1\) Data Governance](#), [\(2\) Digital Inclusion](#), or [\(3\) Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience](#) – and for the first time, from the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in line with the workshop proposal form. It was noted that the open forum call, however, might benefit from being more explicit about the purpose of this type of session, which is normally to feature senior representatives of Governments and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) in the programme. Based

on this, the Secretariat confirmed it would revise the text of the call and share it again with the MAG before launching on 18 March.

5. Regarding the call for NRI Collaborative Sessions, the NRIs focal point informed that this was done by consulting NRIs themselves and determining with them topics of common interest, rather than through a public announcement. While MAG members were largely supportive of the sessions, it was also suggested that, depending on what topics emerge, NRIs could be invited to contribute to the selected workshops if there is significant overlap. It was agreed that the NRIs focal point would seek initiatives' input on this and inform the MAG of their decision.

6. The newly renamed MAG Working Group on Workshops Process (WG-WSP) reported on its [most recent meeting](#), held the day prior, in which revisions to the proposal evaluation process were discussed. It shared that the evaluation form MAG members would use had been reviewed, in particular the criteria and their scores, and that two important questions had emerged in this regard. Namely, the Group had decided that scores from 1 to 5 could be difficult to objectively assign to the six criteria for a proposal – Content, Diversity, Format, Interaction, Policy Questions and Relevance – and that short definitions for each numerical score in the context of its criterion could be provided. The Group has [begun work](#) on this and will present it to the MAG within the coming week. The second question concerned whether or not the six criteria should be given different weights in the overall proposal score. Some MAG members favoured this approach and cited 'Policy Questions', 'Relevance' and 'Diversity' as priority areas, while others felt it would be too difficult to reach agreement on which of the criteria should be given stronger weight. In light of this, it was decided the Group would bring this question to the MAG list for further deliberation and that based on this, a conclusion would be reached by the Monday of the following week. Should opinion favour weights, the Group would draft a suggested weight scale for the criteria for the MAG's approval. The Group also informed it had internally adopted a [new charter](#), which included a change to the Group name, and that it had decided to make its activities entirely open to non-MAG members.

7. The meeting ended with updates from the remaining working groups. The Working Group on Fundraising (WG-FUN), led by the Chair, presented its charter for 2019 and said it would be renewing efforts to reach the nearly \$3 million mark necessary to fund the activities laid out in the IGF's Project Document. The charter would remain open to MAG comment for another week. The 2018 Working Group on a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-WMP), which had also been led by the Chair, would not be seeking renewal, as its activities required deliberation by the full MAG. Related to this, the Chair presented members with a [discussion paper](#) for their consideration and emphasized that many of its elements would be points of discussion in the upcoming face-to-face meeting. The Working Groups on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP) and Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE) would be followed up with following the call, with MAG member Arsène Tungali volunteering to take over a leadership role in WG-OE from Mamadou Lo, who has stepped down. Organizational arrangements for the Group would be made together with the Secretariat.

8. The next virtual meeting of the MAG is scheduled for Wednesday 27 March, 13.00 UTC, per the [calendar](#).

Annex I

MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting VI Wednesday 13 March - 11.00 UTC

1. Chair Welcome and Opening Comments (10 mins)
2. Update from the Secretariat (10 mins)
- 3 Discussion on other IGF 2019 session call for proposals:
 - Day Zero
 - Open Forums
 - Dynamic Coalitions
 - NRI Collaborative sessions(30 mins)
4. Review of the WG-Eval recommendations for the MAG Review process (30 mins)
5. Update on MAG working groups (20 mins)
- 6.. AOB (10 mins)

List of Participants

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Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Internet Matters
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Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Nupez Institute
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Mr.	Charlton	Paul	International Telecommunications and Internet Policy Directorate, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)
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Mr.	Sastre	Andrés	ASIET
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