



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XIII 10 October 2017

Summary Report

1. The thirteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 10 October. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) covered ongoing IGF intersessional work, updates from MAG working group and main session facilitators, as well as a number of updates from the Secretariat on miscellaneous issues.
2. The meeting began with updates from Chengetai on the annual meeting. He reported [700 registrations](#) have been entered into the system, with [670 approved](#) and 30 pending approval. In response to several queries from the MAG and to the Secretariat directly, Chengetai informed those on the call that the approvals of registrations constitute invitations to the meeting and are what should be used in Swiss visa application processes. This is in line with past practice in IGF annual meetings. Jorge Cancio of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications added that all embassies and consular offices had been reminded of this, as well as the agreement to offer visas free of charge. If any issues are encountered using the registration confirmation at a visa office, Chengetai encouraged reaching out to and informing the Secretariat. It was further reported that the Secretariat has thus far received [19 remote hub registrations](#) and hopes to increase this in the run-up to the meeting. Regarding the overall [programme](#), Chengetai announced that all sessions had been transferred to the interactive, online schedule used in previous years (on a platform called 'Sched'): <https://igf2017.sched.com/?iframe=no> Some session data is still being transferred but once complete, all session organizers will be able to create accounts in the system, if they have not done so in the past, and will be able to edit their descriptions freely and make any necessary updates before the meeting. Consultants for the three Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and Phase III of the Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB III) are expected to have their recruitments finalized in the coming days.
3. Chengetai announced that the [nomination process for the 2018 MAG](#) had formally launched and that nominations would be accepted until **10 November 2017**. He directed members to look at new [guidelines](#) intended to provide more clarity on what vacancies in the MAG composition the UN is seeking to fill. He cautioned that these are guidelines only and that the final list of appointees depends on several considerations, including the nominations received, as well as the final decision of the UN Secretary-General. Nominations will be received using an [e-form](#) on the IGF's website. As discussed with the MAG in previous meetings, the process is being launched much earlier this year so as to avoid an inter-year gap between MAG cycles. New members should be appointed by the time of the annual meeting and ready to formally take up membership once the meeting has concluded.

4. Brief updates were given by MAG members facilitating intersessional activities, namely BPFs and Dynamic Coalitions. Speaking for the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#), Markus Kummer reported that some [25 contributions](#) for the output document had been received, almost ten more than last year. He also mentioned the BPF's work is closely linked to the [CENB project](#), using previous CENB analyses as a basis to explore the cybersecurity implications and challenges of policy proposals to increase connectivity. As such, the BPF's work will be of relevance across other IGF sessions and discussions. Miguel Ignacio Estrada briefed on the [Local Content BPF](#), which will be holding meetings very soon to launch discussions and ensure an output document is produced before the annual meeting. The MAG Chair encouraged him and other members of the BPF to reach out to the wider MAG if more help is needed. Avri Doria spoke on behalf of [DCs](#), noting that their joint meetings were proceeding well. Their coordination discussions were likely to result in agreement soon on a [set of guidelines for mailing list conduct](#), which all DCs will incorporate into their working methods. DCs were also continuing to jointly organize [their IGF main session](#), for which a total of 13 papers have been submitted (an increase from last year). DCs have agreed to come up with a creative title for the session that both captures the diversity of issues that will be covered and the forward-looking, overarching theme of the meeting, *Shape Your Digital Future!*

5. Facilitators of [main sessions](#) also gave updates on the progress of their planning, including on: the [National and Regional Initiatives \(NRIs\) main session](#), the [main session on cybersecurity](#), the ['Local Interventions' main session](#), and the [digital economy main session](#). In addition, an update was given on the special session on "Data for Sustainable Development Roadmaps", for which a [revised description](#) has also been submitted by the facilitator, Wisdom Donkor. A formal description of the main session on gender is pending but being worked on by the facilitation team. On main sessions in general, the request was made to have a concise summary of the sessions, and in particular any high-level speakers who were confirmed to attend them, so as to better help the Swiss Government communicate the programme.

6. Finally, [MAG working group](#) facilitators made brief interventions. Miguel, speaking this time on behalf of the Working Group on New Session Formats (WG-NSF), informed that the group was starting to make a selection of proposals potentially eligible for lightning sessions; he mentioned they were awaiting confirmation on whether a room for possible barcamp and unconference sessions could be made available at the IGF. In her capacity as facilitator of the [Working Group on a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF \(WG-MWP\)](#), the MAG Chair briefed on the group's latest meeting, in which IGF outcomes and programme decision-making were discussed at length. MAG members were invited to review and comment on a programme overview document that formed some of the basis of the group's discussions.

9. It was agreed the next meeting would include any pending updates on intersessional work, MAG Working Groups and main sessions, including the BPF and main session on gender and the MAG working group on workshops evaluation. The next virtual meeting is set to take place on **Tuesday 24 October at 12.00 UTC**, as indicated in the [calendar](#).

Annex I – Draft Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XIII
10 October 2017, 12:00-13:30 UTC

1. Adoption of agenda *(5 minutes)*
2. General updates by the Secretariat *(10 minutes)*
3. Updates on intersessional work - BPFs, CENB III & DCs *(20 minutes)*
5. Continued main session updates *(10 minutes)*
6. Newcomer Sessions *(10 minutes)*
7. New Session Formats *(10 minutes)*
8. MAG Working Group updates *(20 minutes)*
9. AOB *(5 minutes)*

List of Participants

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