

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting II 18 April 2018

Summary Report

1. The second Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 18 April. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on proposals for Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and a possible new phase of the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB) initiative in 2018, the renewal or establishment of MAG working groups, the recently concluded call for issues, and various updates concerning programme shaping, the IGF 2018 venue and the timeline of MAG activities.
2. The meeting began with an update from the Secretariat and Chair on the IGF 2018 venue. Members were told there were two options, one in Asia and one in Europe, which at the time of the call were equally likely to become the definitive location. The MAG was also informed that the facilities would almost certainly be within a UN venue. Depending on which of the two locations would be decided on, the timeframe for the meeting was variable between beginning of November until the second week of December at the latest. A possible clash with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s Plenipotentiary meeting was noted with the clear desire that this be avoided if at all possible. The Secretariat further shared with the MAG a proposed timeline of activities in support of the Annual Meeting (**ANNEX II**), including the transition from the Call for Issues into the Call for Workshops process, and the dates for the second face-to-face MAG meeting. The latter is tentatively scheduled to take place on 11-13 July at the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG).
3. The Secretariat then gave a short briefing on the [preliminary results of the call for issues](#), which had been open to the community from 26 May until 13 April. It was reported that a total of 335 submissions were received across all regional and stakeholder groups, with 'Cybersecurity, Trust and Privacy' as the thematic category receiving most input. The approach to the many proposals for issues, which submitters described in 2-3 sentences, was to consolidate these into a comprehensive, shorter and more manageable list, resulting in a total of 55 issues. Similarly, given the relatively high number of 'baskets' or thematic categories, these were consolidated from 10 to a total of 8. Of the 55 issues, 'Data Privacy and Protection' emerged as the most popular. The Secretariat shared a few other findings from its review. It noted that emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain, which had generated a lot of interest in the last IGF, continued to be a focus for submitters, although they were overshadowed this year by data privacy issues. The broad topic of cybersecurity continued to be of strong interest, and many submissions touched on legal or regulatory aspects of both cybersecurity and data privacy. The community also showed interest in discussing the dynamics of Internet governance, specifically multistakeholderism and expanding the participation of stakeholders in IG debates, including youth. At the same time, a few other new 'standalone' issues,

which were not evident in previous IGF workshop processes, could be identified, related to Democracy, Refugees, Indigenous Peoples, Digital Citizenship and Internet Taxation among others. Finally, to complete the analysis of the results, the Secretariat informed the MAG it would provide by the end of the week data on interest expressed in the issues by regional and stakeholder groups.

4. A lengthy discussion then took place on the selection of BPFs for 2018. Several proposals had been submitted to the MAG list in writing, for continuing BPFs on [Cybersecurity](#), [Gender & Access](#), and [Local Content](#), as well as for new BPFs on [Artificial Intelligence](#) and on [Big Data Analysis in Distributed Cloud Environment](#) (all proposals are available [here](#)). The Chair opened the discussion with a note on the Gender BPF's delay in submitting its outcome report from 2017, and asked members, in light of the requirement that a report be submitted, to decide whether this should be a factor to preclude it from consideration this year. Given the importance of the topic, and the value of this community-led and ongoing work, the MAG was in favour of retaining it for consideration together with the other proposals. It was nevertheless underlined that should it be renewed, the timeline of its work would have to include submitting the 2017 report as a priority. Short presentations were also given on the other proposals from the relevant MAG members. Notably, the BPF on Cybersecurity clarified questions on the scope of its work, emphasizing it would not attempt to come up with new cybersecurity norms, but rather map existing ones and seek to leverage the added value of the IGF through multistakeholder engagement, including engagement of the IGF's National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs). There was feedback and interest in the proposal on Artificial Intelligence, with a few questions also raised there on the broad scope of the proposal. Some suggestions were made for a possible merger of this proposal with the one on Big Data Analysis in Distributed Cloud Environment given the limited slots available for approved BPFs – most likely to be limited at 3. A discussion on the proposal received for the BPF on Local Content, it was agreed, would be deferred until the next virtual meeting, during which other pending items could be taken up.

5. The proposals for re-chartering or establishing MAG working groups, which had been submitted in writing by various members (available [here](#)), were quickly reviewed and called to a decision at the end of the meeting. There was significant support for renewing the following groups, which were ultimately approved: Working Group on IGF Improvements ([WG-IMP](#)); Working Group on Multiyear Strategic Work Programme ([WG-MWP](#)); and Working Group on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process ([WG-WREP](#)). A proposal for a new working group on Fundraising ([WG-FUN](#)) was recognized as important and the proposer was asked to evaluate whether it could be combined with the WG on Multiyear Strategic Work Programme. The proposal for a Working Group on Outreach and Engagement ([WGOE](#)) would replace past efforts made by the Working Group on Communication and Outreach ([WGCO](#)) and was approved. There had been some suggestions to potentially merge WG-MWP and WG-IMP, given their related tasks and mandates, but after discussion it was agreed to keep them separate.

6. Due to time constraints, and with some important agenda items left, it was agreed that exceptionally, the MAG would meet again for a follow-up call the following week. The focus of this would be the final selection of BPFs as well as

on a possible next phase of the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB) initiative, the upcoming call for IGF 2018 workshops, as well as any related programme issues, such as new session formats. Based on a poll of the members, the call has been scheduled for **Wednesday 25 April, 11.00 UTC**.

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting II Wednesday 17 April, 13.00-15.00 UTC Draft Agenda

1 - Adoption of agenda (3 minutes)

2 - Misc. Updates (2 minutes)

- IGF 2018
- 2nd face to face MAG meeting

3 - Update from Secretariat on Results of Call for Issues (10 minutes)

4 - Finalize 2018 Best Practice Forums and CENB Phase IV (40 minutes)

For reference, we expect to be able to support three (3) BPFs and one (1) Major Intersessional Policy Programme

Previous BPFs:

- BPF - Cybersecurity - submitted
- BPF - Local Content - submitted
- BPF - Gender & Access - submitted (note: we are still waiting a report on last years BPF, and this is a requirement of all BPFs)

Newly Proposed:

- BPF - AI - submitted
- BPF - Proposal on Big Data Analysis in Distributed Cloud Environment - submitted

Connecting & Enabling Next Billion(s) - CENB - submitted

5 - Finalize 2018 MAG Working Groups (30 minutes)

- WG - IGF Improvements (WG-IMP) - submitted
- WG - Multi-year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP) - submitted
- WG - Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP) - submitted
- WG-Fundraising (WG-FUN) - submitted
- WG-Outreach and Engagement (WGOE) - submitted

6 - Update on Workshops Process and Ad-hoc Committee on 'Shaping 2018 Programme' (30 minutes)

7 - Virtual MAG Meeting Schedule

8 - AOB

Annex II

Proposed Workshop Process Timeline

26 MARCH-13 APRIL 2018	Call for issues
16 - 20 APRIL 2018	Secretariat Review and Analysis of Issues
30 APRIL-27 MAY 2018 (4w)	Call for Workshop proposals
28 MAY-30 MAY (3d)	Secretariat run through
31 MAY-17 JUNE 2018 (2w)	MAG Evaluations
18-29 JUNE 2018 (11d)	Secretariat Analysis of Evaluations, Possible Thematic Track Formation
2-8 JULY 2018 (1w)	MAG Review of Results
11-13 JULY 2018 (3d)	OC/MAG F2F meeting

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