

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting III 25 April 2018

Summary Report

1. The third Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 25 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 next steps in the IGF 2018 programme shaping activities, including new session formats and the upcoming call for workshops, as well as on the proposals to continue or establish new Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and launch a possible next phase of the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB) initiative.
2. The meeting began with short updates from the Secretariat and Chair on the annual meeting venue, as well as on the venue and dates of the IGF 2018 Second Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG Meeting. Regarding the annual meeting, it was reported that the scenarios that had been outlined on the prior call, with a possible venue either in western Europe in November, or Asia in December, were still under discussion, and that the MAG would be kept informed of substantial developments. It was also confirmed that the open consultations and face-to-face MAG meeting would take place on 11-13 July at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), in accordance with the timeline earlier shared and agreed on (**ANNEX II**).
3. The possible introduction of new session formats into the IGF 2018 programme was also briefly discussed. Input from Miguel Ignacio Estrada, the MAG member who has led the new session efforts over the past two IGFs, suggested that once again this year, there be a project to evaluate workshop proposals that have not been selected for the regular programme, and to invite up to approximately 24 to be included in the schedule as 20-minute lightning sessions. It was noted that this had been undertaken by the MAG Working Group on New Session Formats (WG-NSF), with support from the Secretariat, in 2016 and 2017 on a 'pilot' basis, and given the success of those two experimental phases, the activity could now be mainstreamed into the MAG's core duties. Members showed support for this and agreed to integrate new sessions into the programme discussions earlier on, while recognizing that the criteria for selection would have to be determined and that a viable physical space in which to hold the sessions would also have to be secured, and is heavily dependent upon the IGF venue.
4. The MAG then discussed at length various aspects of the call for workshop proposals, due to be publicized on Monday 30 April per the timeline (**ANNEX II**). The Secretariat gave overviews of the preliminary [workshop form](#) and draft [call for proposals](#), the latter of which had been shared with members for their review, comments and suggested edits in an open document. It was explained that both the form and draft call sought to incorporate the new elements of the programme shaping approach this year, and would further incorporate details

based on the MAG's discussions on this call. In reviewing the documents, various perspectives emerged, as well as important points for implementation as follows:

- a) that the call should make clear in the first lines both the deadline for submissions and that the IGF 2018 venue and dates would be announced very soon
- b) that the call should expand on what the new programme approach is for this year and how workshops are guided thematically by the preceding [Call for Issues](#)
- c) that proposers should be advised to carefully read through the explanatory and procedural documents provided in the call
- d) that in the workshop form, proposers would be asked to choose among the [eight themes](#) indicated and also be given the option to write in their own subtheme, should it not be represented within the [more than 50](#) listed
- e) that for the purposes of this year's process, the 'proposer' would be the primary contact person, and that the organizers or 'organizing team' would be considered the group of persons responsible for the proposal
- f) that this year, in order to ensure full consideration is being given to the stakeholder and regional origin of the proposals, the data provided on the individual organizers would be looked at rather than that of the proposer or co-proposer, as these had not been sufficiently representative in the past
- g) that as with the lists of speakers, organizing teams would be measured against diversity criteria, including but not limited to, gender, stakeholder and regional group
- h) that there would be no cap on the number of proposals an individual proposer or organization could submit
- i) that proposers would be given strong guidance to limit their number of speakers to five, in order to address the longstanding issue that panels have been too large and sessions have often not included sufficient time for participant engagement
- j) that in order to prevent against recurrences of speakers in the programme, following the selection process, individual speakers appearing in multiple proposals would be asked to limit their speaking role to three of their choice
- k) that should organizers decide to or be forced to replace speakers in their sessions following their selection, they would be asked to find replacements with the same stakeholder and regional groups

It was agreed that the information that would go out to the community, namely the Call for Workshops and workshop form, would reflect the above as the Secretariat had confirmed they saw no difficulties implementing such.

6. As there had not been sufficient time to discuss other important agenda items, such as the proposals for intersessional work, it was decided that the MAG would meet again the following week, according to the time rotations in the [virtual meeting calendar](#). The call has been scheduled for **Wednesday 2 May, 20.00 UTC**.

Annex I

**MAG Virtual Meeting III
Wednesday 25 April, 11.00-13.00 UTC
Draft Agenda**

- 1 - Adoption of agenda (5 minutes)**
- 2 - Misc. Updates (5 minutes)**
 - IGF 2018
 - 2nd face to face MAG meeting
- 3 - Shaping the IGF Program/Call for Workshops/New Session Formats (40 minutes)**

Purpose:

 - MAG approval for the general process outlined in the DRAFT 'IGF Program Shaping 2018' document
 - Agreement/Approval on the Call for Workshops (expected to be launched April 30th, 2018)
- 4 - Finalize 2018 Best Practice Forums (30 minutes)**
- 5 - Finalize major intersessional policy initiative (CENB Phase IV) (15 minutes)**
- 6 - Newcomers sessions (10 minutes)**
- 7 - 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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