IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting IV
2 May 2018

Summary Report

1.   The fourth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 2 May. 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 review and approval of proposals for Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and for a possible next phase of the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB) initiative; the approval of a pending MAG working group proposal; as well as next steps in the IGF 2018 programme shaping process and updates on the proposed 'Youth & Newcomers' track in the programme.

2.   The meeting began with a short update on the call for workshops which had been successfully launched two days prior, on Monday 30 April. The Secretariat reported the call had been widely disseminated through its channels, including mailing lists and social media, and encouraged MAG members to continue sharing it through their own networks. At the time of the call, seven draft submissions had already been created in the system. A few questions were raised regarding the information in the call, including on how the limitation of five speakers per proposal would be addressed. The response to this clarified that the call issues strong guidance to proposers to self-limit but there is no hard restriction being imposed, and that a moderator for this purposes would not be considered one of the speakers. The further issue of the limitation of three sessions per speaker, to be applied once the selection has concluded, it was said could be taken up in current discussions of the Working Group on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP). The Secretariat also pointed to a set of posted FAQs that could help proposers navigate some of the rules, and on which feedback or suggestions for additional FAQs would be welcome.

3.   Some members mentioned that in response to the call for workshops, their communities had come to them with questions on the dates and venue of the annual meeting. Members were informed that the two possibilities that had been mentioned before, for a meeting either in western Europe or in Asia, were being closely pursued, and that final cost estimates for both were being reviewed by the potential hosts in order to come to formal closure. The dates for a prospective meeting in Europe would be 11 to 15 November, and 10-14 December for a prospective meeting in Asia. On a separate matter, the Chair also informed that she and the Secretariat were continuing to work with UN colleagues to have the formal press release announcing the 2018 MAG issued.

4.   The MAG then discussed at some length the proposals for intersessional work to be carried out this year. Best Practice Forums (BPFs) on Cybersecurity, Gender & Access, and Local Content, each had submitted outlines for continuing their work, as well as the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB) initiative, while a new and recently merged BPF on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT) and Big Data had also made a proposal to start work this

year. In this and on prior calls, and on the basis of Secretariat input regarding resource constraints, members were advised that a final selection of the activities, of which five have been proposed, would most likely have to be restricted to four. At the same time, it had earlier been raised on the MAG mailing list and elsewhere that the BPF on Gender, which has been active for three years, had submitted its final report from the 2017 cycle significantly past due. It was understood that the MAG had not in previous years adopted a rule to disqualify the renewal of BPFs based on late submission of reports, but could move to do so going forward. Further, the MAG had agreed, in a previous MAG meeting, that the next phase of the BPF Gender could be considered for chartering in 2018. With this and the resource constraints in mind, members made suggestions for mergers or integrating topics under the proposed major intersessional policy initiative, including merging the BPFs on Local Content and Gender, Local Content and CENB, and CENB and Gender. The Chair made a further proposal to approve the next phases of BPFs on Cybersecurity, Gender, and Local Content, and to integrate the important topics and suggestions for work from the proposed BPF on AI, IoT and Big Data into the discussions of the MAG Working Group on Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP) – as the WG is looking at issues the global IGF could take on, and it how could take them on, in a comprehensive multiyear framework. There was a lack of agreement over the suggested mergers, and on integrating the BPF on AI, IoT and Big Data, with the MAG Working Group on Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP). Some MAG members continued to feel the BPF on AI, IoT and Big Data remained too broad in scope, while others felt it covered critical issues that should be addressed in a BPF. Given this, it was decided the Chair and Secretariat would carefully review resourcing options and that the intersessional proposals in front of the MAG would be concluded on as soon as possible.

5.   Following this, and upon review of a draft charter submitted, the MAG moved to approve the proposed Working Group on Fundraising (WG-FUN) which will be led by the Chair. There had been earlier discussion regarding a potential merger with WG-MWP but this did not find widespread support.

6.   At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the written outline for a proposed 'Youth & Newcomers' track would be sent to the MAG list for members' review. Other items which had not been covered on the call, such as next steps in the programme shaping, would be discussed in the following meeting in approximately two weeks' time. Per the calendar, the next call is scheduled for **Wednesday 16 May, 13.00 UTC.**

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting IV
Wednesday 2 May, 20.00-22.00 UTC
Draft Agenda

1 - Adoption of Agenda (3 min)

2 - Misc Updates by the Secretariat (10 min)
  - IGF 2018 venue
  - Call for Workshops update

3 - Finalizing selection of Best Practice Forums (30 min)
  - Cybersecurity
  - Gender
  - Local Content
  - AI, IOT and Big Data

4 - Finalizing Approval of Major Intersessional Policy Initiative (CENB Phase IV) (10 minutes)

5 - Newcomers & Youth Track Updates (15 min)

6 - Finalizing MAG Working Groups Selection (10 min)
  - WG-Fundraising

7 - Shaping the IGF Programme (25 minutes)
  - Next steps
  - MAG WS Review process and update from the MAG WG on WS Evaluation
  - Scheduling a demo/introduction to WS Review process
  - On our last call we asked for MAG approval for the general process outlined in the DRAFT 'IGF Program Shaping 2018' document, but ran out of time. It is important that we have a general process we can all follow, so we will continue reviewing this document with that in mind.

8 - AOB (10 min)

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