

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting VI 30 May 2018

Summary Report

1. The sixth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 30 May. Mr. Chengetai Masango, the IGF Secretariat's Programme & Technology Manager, moderated the meeting. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on developments regarding the IGF 2018 venue, next steps in the IGF programme shaping, including the upcoming evaluation of workshop proposals and possible main sessions, as well as updates from the 2018 intersessional groups and MAG working groups.
2. The meeting began with an update from the IGF Secretariat on the status of IGF 2018 venue negotiations. Members were informed that the Government of France had formally offered to host the meeting – as was publicly confirmed by the French President, Emmanuel Macron, on 24 May – in Paris from 12 to 14 November at the offices of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). As such, the meeting would be three days rather than four. David Martinon, France's Ambassador for Digital Affairs, also spoke to MAG members on the timing of the meeting, noting that the right arrangements for a traditional 'Day 0' were in the process of being discussed. Mr. Martinon further highlighted the [Paris Peace Forum](#), a new initiative supported by the French Foreign Ministry that would be taking place in Paris in parallel with the IGF. It was hoped, Mr. Martinon said, that the former could be capitalized on to increase high-level attendance from Governments and the private sector at the IGF. A few members commented that a shorter meeting could be beneficial and would be in line with the overall objective of designing a more concise and focused programme this year. In response to a query on the matter, the Secretariat stated it would make efforts to have a UN press release produced announcing the IGF dates and venue, and potentially also including the formal list of MAG members this year.
3. The Secretariat then updated the MAG on how open calls for IGF sessions were proceeding. It reminded that on the basis of the French offer to host the meeting, the [deadline for workshop proposals](#) had been extended from 27 May to 6 June; members were told more than one hundred proposals had been received thus far. It also reported that it had launched [calls for open forums](#) and [IGF village booths](#) with a synchronized deadline of **29 June**, allowing the Secretariat and MAG to have all programme requests received before the [Second Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG meeting](#) in mid-July. Given the new deadline for workshops, a revised workshops process timeline was shared (**ANNEX II**), containing few modifications and with the MAG's evaluating time – at approximately two weeks – retained. The Secretariat reminded MAG members of their obligation to complete their 'preference' forms, in which they are asked to rank their preferred themes for the evaluation phase, taking into account interest and expertise. The Secretariat will use the results to establish groups of evaluators per theme.

4. Rasha Abdulla, the facilitator of the MAG Working Group on Workshops Review and Evaluation Process ([WG-WREP](#)), followed this with a briefing to members on the [outcomes of the meeting](#) her group recently held. During the working group's discussions, it had been decided that in order to achieve optimal balance within the evaluating teams, and to minimize thematic 'bias', each team would contain four subject matter experts, with the rest of the members selected at random and on the basis of regional, stakeholder and gender criteria. The Secretariat advised members, regarding the evaluation preference form, that if they felt they had completed it more on the basis of interest than expertise, they would be permitted to redo it. It had been agreed by WG-WREP that evaluating within a particular theme would facilitate the flagging of mergers and provide for a relative assessment of the quality of proposals, which will be critical, as it was also understood that fewer workshops than in past years would have to be admitted. The process for admission would take into account the highest-rated proposals within each theme, and with a minimum number being accepted above a certain cut-off score (to be decided), in proportion to the number of proposals on the theme. The overall number of proposals accepted would further rely on the Secretariat's information regarding available space and on its preliminary programme 'skeleton', in which programme proportions would be outlined. Responding to a question, the Secretariat said it would look into the technical feasibility of providing members with their assigned proposals as soon as these had passed the screening, and before the date indicated in the timeline. As a general note for keeping the selection process as tight as possible, members were cautioned not to be too generous in their scoring.

5. The Secretariat noted that due to the compressed days for the IGF 2018 meeting there can be four 3-hour slots available for main/thematic sessions. MAG members could decide to split these up into, for example, eight 90-minute slots. A brief preliminary discussion on the content of main sessions then took place, with the NRIs focal point giving a quick overview of a [note from NRIs to the MAG chair](#) on their request to be considered for another main session this year. Members expressed different views on the direction main sessions could take, with some expressing a desire to see thematic sessions instead. There was support for NRIs to be involved in the programme but no consensus as of yet in what form this would take. It was decided further deliberation on this topic would take place during the next meeting. At that point, NRIs may also have decided on a theme for their proposed session, which would be an important factor in the general main/thematic sessions discussion.

6. Short updates were given by the MAG facilitators of this year's Best Practice Forums ([BPFs](#)), 'Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s)' ([CENB](#)) initiative, and working groups. The BPF on Cybersecurity informed it would hold its first meeting next week, on 5 June; the BPFs on Gender and Access, and on Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things and Big Data, reported their facilitators were arranging initial calls; while the CENB group was in the process of recruiting interested MAG members to play key roles in the upcoming work. Per a note from the MAG Chair, who leads the working groups on Multiyear Strategic Work Programme ([WG-MWP](#)) and Fundraising ([WG-FUN](#)), it was reported that the groups had successfully held their first meetings of the year. The Working Group on Outreach and Engagement ([WG-OE](#)), had recently sent out an invitation

for members to join, while the Working Group on IGF Improvements ([WG-IMP](#)) would likely nominate as a MAG facilitator Julián Casasbuenas, who has volunteered for the role.

7. Over the course of the call, a couple of suggestions had been made for the MAG's future meetings. Namely it was asked whether this year, a third face-to-face meeting of the MAG could be held focused on IGF improvements, and possibly taking place in New York in the interest of rotating meeting locations. It was also suggested that if a new MAG nominations process concludes in time, and ideally by the IGF meeting, whether the outgoing and incoming MAGs could meet during the annual meeting itself. The Secretariat said it would work on and look into these possibilities, in particular the former, which would have financial implications.

7. Per the [calendar](#), the MAG's next virtual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 13 June, 20.00 UTC.**

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting VI

Wednesday May 30 2018, 11.00 UTC

Draft Agenda

1. **Adoption of Agenda** (3 min)
2. **Misc Updates by the Secretariat** (10 min)
3. **Shaping the IGF Programme** (40 min)
 - **Upcoming workshop evaluations**
 - **Update from the MAG WG on WS Evaluation**
 - **Main sessions and other next steps**
4. **BPF & CENB Updates** (30 min)
5. **MAG Working Group Updates** (30 min)
6. **AOB** (7 min)

Annex II

IGF 2018 Workshop Process Timeline

Revised 24 May 2018

26 MARCH - 13 APRIL 2018 (19 days)	Call for Issues
16 - 20 APRIL 2018 (5 days)	Secretariat Review and Analysis of Issues
30 APRIL - 6 JUNE 2018 (38 days)	Call for Workshop Proposals
7 - 12 JUNE 2018 (6 days)	Secretariat Screening and Grouping of Evaluators
13 - 27 JUNE 2018 (14 days)	MAG Evaluations
28 JUNE - 4 JULY 2018 (7 days)	Secretariat Analysis of Evaluations, Possible Thematic Track Formation
5 - 10 JULY 2018 (6 days)	MAG Review of Results
11 - 13 JULY 2018 (3 days)	2nd Face-to-Face MAG Meeting

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