



IGF 2020 Timeline

(updated: 12 February 2020)



1. Announcement of the MAG for 2020: 25 November 2019

i *Announcement of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group for 2020*

- Renewal of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) for 2020: **25 Nov 2019**
- Virtual MAG Meeting I - Orientation for New Members: **10 Dec 2019**
- Virtual MAG Meeting II – Feedback to IGF 2019: **17 Dec 2019**

2. IGF 2020 Community Call for Inputs: Taking Stock of IGF 2019 and Call for Inputs for IGF 2020: 20 December 2019 - 10 January 2020

i *All IGF stakeholders are invited to submit inputs to the IGF Secretariat related to the [following questions](#). All inputs will be posted on the IGF website. MAG Members should periodically review these comments.*

3. First IGF 2020 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting: 14 - 16 January 2020

i *First MAG Meeting at UN Office at Geneva (UNOG), Switzerland.*

Agenda:

- IGF 2019 Stocktaking & Looking Ahead to 2020
- Strategic discussion on high-level statements from IGF 2019 proposals for moving forward
- Discussion on intersessional work streams (BPFs, DCs) and on NRIs
- Discussion on main themes
- IGF 2020 programme shaping & agreement (Number of: WS, OF, themes, parallel tracks, etc.)
- Approval of MAG working groups

4. Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks – 23 January – 6 February 2020

i *During the 1st MAG meeting in Geneva, the MAG mapped thematic priorities set in IGF 2020 Call for Issues integrated in the IGF 2019 Stocktaking process and decided to validate these through open, public consultations.*

- Launch of Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks from 23 January until 6 February
- IGF Secretariat produces analyses and MAG decide on final thematic tracks on 12 February
- MAG produces thematic narratives and policy questions by 26 February

5. Launch of IGF Intersessional Work – 10 February 2020

i *Approved BPFs /Major Policy Initiatives and MAG working groups begin activities. DCs and NRIs are ongoing.*

6. Invitations to the High-Level Participants: February – September 2020

i *Map possible high-level invitees and communicate personalized invitations from the Host Government, IGF Secretariat and Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.*

- Develop list of possible invitees: **1 Feb - 1 March 2020**
- Create templates for invitations: **1 – 10 Feb 2020**
- Communicate personalized, signed invitations: **March – September 2020**

7. IGF 2020 Call for Remote Hubs: 2 March – 20 Sep 2020

i *Invitation to all stakeholders interested in organizing a remote hub. Hubs are local meetings that take place in parallel with the IGF. People can watch the webcast of IGF sessions together and send interventions (via text, audio or video) that can be answered by panelists in IGF.*

- Call for registration of remote/online hubs: **2 March – 20 Sep 2020**

- Review and approve remote/online hub: **25 Sep 2020**
- Preparation and publication of manuals for remote/online participation: **15 July - 15 September 2020**
- Prepare and conduct trainings for remote/online hubs/participants/moderators/panelists: **5 - 9 Oct 2020**

8. IGF 2020 Call for Village Exhibition Booths: 2 March – 15 April 2020

i During the annual IGF meeting, interested stakeholders can display or distribute relevant information about their IGF-related activities at the IGF Village. The booths are non-commercial in nature, free of charge, and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, respecting a balance of stakeholder and regional diversity. Booths are of limited availability.

9. IGF 2020 Call for Workshop and Other Sessions Proposals: 2 March – 15 April 2020

i All stakeholders were invited to submit proposals to hold workshops at the forthcoming IGF, open forums, individual sessions by IGF Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), collaborative sessions by National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs), proposals for 'pre-events' on Day 0, and other 'special sessions' by organizations wishing to hold events during the IGF.

- Submission of proposals: **2 March – 15 April 2020**
- Secretariat Analysis of Evaluations: **16 April – 19 April 2020**
- Submission of workshop proposals to the MAG for evaluation: **20 April 2020**

10. Evaluation of Workshops and Other Session Proposals: 20 April – 15 May 2020

i The MAG will evaluate all workshop proposals on the basis of pre-determined criteria.

- Evaluation of Workshop proposals by the MAG: **20 April – 15 May 2020**
- Selection of Open Forums, DC and NRIs sessions by the IGF Secretariat: **20 April – 10 May 2020**

11. Second IGF 2020 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting: 16 – 18 June 2020

i Second 3-day MAG Meeting to be at the UN office at Geneva, Switzerland (final location and dates TBC).

Agenda:

- Selection of workshops
- Review of the other IGF 2020 sessions (OF, BPFs, DCs, NRIs, etc.)
- Review of Day 0 sessions
- Discussion on developing 2020 programme in line with strategic priorities
- Discussion on main sessions

12. Drafting of IGF 2020 Schedule and IGF Village plan: June - August 2020

i Undertaken by IGF Secretariat in consultation with MAG; takes into account all agreed-on themes, possible tracks, main sessions, workshops, open forums, DC/BPF/NRI sessions, 'other'/special and Day 0 sessions.

13. Publicising of Bilateral Meeting Request System: 15 June – 15 October 2020

i An online system maintained by the IGF Secretariat, based on demand/availability of rooms.

14. Media and Communications Strategy: June - November 2020

i Includes any public briefings conducted by MAG Chair, IGF Secretariat or Host Country; social media outreach; media accreditation for journalists attending IGF; coordination with UN Department of Global Communications (DGC); possible pre-meeting press conference; organization of possible press conferences during meeting; production of resources for journalists. Ongoing outreach by members of MAG. Includes plan for all aspects of reporting from IGF WS and all sessions.

15. Open Registration for IGF 2020: 15 July – 6 November 2020

i Online registration for onsite and remote participants through IGF website with live/public participants list

- Online registration: **15 July – 1 Nov 2020**
- Onsite registration: **2 Nov – 6 Nov 2020**

16. IGF 2020: Poland, Katowice - 2 - 6 November 2020

i The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 2 to 6 November 2020. The main theme of the meeting is: Internet United.

- On-site preparatory work: **27 Oct - 1 Nov 2020**
- IGF Meeting: **2 - 6 Nov 2020**

17. Finalising IGF 2020 Outputs: 2 Nov – 15 Dec 2020

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- Katowice IGF Messages: **daily messages due at the end of each meeting day (2 - 6 Nov)**
- Chair's Summary First Draft: **6 Nov 2020**
- Session Final Reports: **20 Nov 2020**
- Katowice IGF Messages: **15 Dec 2020**
- BPF Outputs: **15 Dec 2020**
- IGF 2020 Proceedings: **15 Dec 2020**