

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting IV, 17 March 2020 at 11:00 UTC**

Summary Report

Major Outcomes:

- *The MAG Working Group on Workshop Process will recommend how to assign workshops to MAG members for evaluation.*
- *MAG members will provide feedback on the criteria for identifying the conflict of interest in the workshop evaluation process by 20 March.*
- *All MAG working groups are required to submit final work plans until 31 March.*

1. The fourth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 17 March 2020 at 11:00 a.m. UTC. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The adopted agenda is attached to this report as Annex I and the list of participants as Annex II. The list of shared input documents is attached as Annex III. The meeting's transcript is available [here](#).
2. The meeting focused on continuing the preparations for the 2020 annual IGF meeting through updates from the MAG working groups, intersessional work and national, regional and youth IGFs (NRIs).
3. The IGF Secretariat shared a few updates regarding the preparatory process for the 15th annual IGF meeting. For the currently open calls for session proposals, IGF Village and Remote Hubs, the Secretariat reported to have received 32 requests for IGF Village booths; 9 for pre-events; 4 for open forums; 2 for remote hubs; 12 draft submissions for workshop proposals; 18 expressions of interest for Music Night and 107 requests for travel support. The MAG was reminded that all mentioned calls are open until 15 April, except for the remote hubs that will close on 20 September.
4. The MAG Chair and the IGF Secretariat added that they have discussed the request from some MAG members that annual IGF meeting's key outputs are translated to six official UN languages. Given that the IGF Trust Fund budget is limited, it was suggested that this effort is outsourced, and former host countries and members of the MAG asked to support the translation, with experts only proofreading the translations.
5. Questions raised regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG meeting (16-18 June) and the 15th annual IGF meeting (2-6 November). The IGF Secretariat informed that the preparations for hosting face-to-face meetings continue as planned, with constant monitoring of the situations and a contingency plan to host the meeting through remote

participation platforms. The IGF Secretariat said that a call for travel support to eligible MAG members for the 2nd face-to-face MAG meeting will be communicated to the MAG mailing list in the coming days.

6. The MAG Chair invited the MAG working groups to share updates related to their work.
7. The **Working Group on Workshops Process** informed that the members will meet shortly after the MAG's call, to discuss the evaluation process, particularly the criteria for identifying the conflict of interest and weights for diversity criteria. It was agreed that the MAG can submit feedback on this group's proposal for conflict of interest until 20 March 2020.
8. The MAG Chair tasked the WG on Workshop Process to recommend the process for assigning workshops to MAG members to evaluate them. The IGF Secretariat was asked to communicate the process from last year, as a reference for this year's planning.
9. The **Task Force on Languages** update that their planning is underway and that in the coming days, concrete recommendations will be communicated. The Secretariat put forward a proposal to get the community involved in translating key documents, especially governments and institutions that have translation departments.
10. The co-facilitator of the **Working Group on Outreach and Engagement** reported that a few members met recently and that a Charter for 2020 work plan will be communicated in the coming days. It was said that this group plans to focus on reaching a broad community with IGF related update through translating relevant information to various languages. The Group plans to cooperate with the Task Force on Languages and engage MAG members to help translate selected information. It was added that the group endorses a good practice of the last year's host to provide snippet videos of past IGF events for posting on social media and recommends the IGF to communicate monthly newsletter. The co-facilitator invited the facilitators from the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Reporting to respond to their request for merging their activities into one working group.
11. One participant stressed the importance of the working group that would focus on the overall IGF strategy, advising that this group could build its work on the work done by the working groups on multiyear strategic plan and on improvements.
12. The MAG Chair invited all facilitators of the existing and possible future working groups to communicate their final work plans in the next two weeks (until 31 March).
13. The discussions continued with updates from the best practice forums (BPFs); dynamic coalitions and NRIs.

14. For the **BPF on BPFs**, the facilitator explained that the proposal has been shared with the MAG a few weeks ago, that aims to provide standards for the future BPFs, without impacting the BPF processes this year. In the following week, all BPF facilitators will meet on a dedicated virtual call, where the work of this BPF will be launched. The facilitator of the [BPF on Data and New Technologies](#) update that their proposal is available on the IGF website and that the next planning meeting will be hosted on 23 March at 15:00 p.m. UTC. Regarding the [BPF on Gender and Access](#), it was said that the co-facilitators do run the consultations with the community while waiting for the consultant to be assigned to implement the work plan. The co-facilitator of the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#) informed that they hosted a planning meeting on 19 February whose report is available at the IGF website and that it was decided that this BPF will continue to look at the international agreements on cybersecurity; assessment of norms and how to widen the stakeholder participation in the BPF.
15. The IGF Secretariat provided a brief update on the NRIs, noting the total growth of the network to 127 recognized initiatives (89 nationals, 18 regional and 20 youth IGFs). It was said that the most recently recognized NRIs are: Quebec IGF, Russian Youth IGF, Moldova IGF and Cote d'Ivoire IGF and Botswana IGF. The information NRIs are: Chad Youth IGF, Sierra Leone IGF, and Liberia Youth IGF. The MAG was further informed that the NRIs request to cooperate with the MAG to organize a main session on the Internet governance in the world of emergency situations. The network also identified in a bottom-up manner six topics for the collaborative sessions (focused on: future of jobs; data utilization; digital economy; cybersecurity; digital rights; content regulation). Finally, the Secretariat informed that a few regional IGFs said that they will self-organize to respond to the HLDPC report follow-up consultations on recommendation 5AB.
16. The DCs co-facilitators informed that the network wishes to cooperate more with the NRIs by participating at their annual meetings. It was also added that some DCs requested a clarification on what distinguishes their work from the BPFs and if it is possible that a DC turns into a BPF and vice-versa. The Chair underlined the importance of all intersessional work streams and reminded that the 2019 takingstock process stressed the importance of closer integration of the intersessional work in the annual meeting programme and suggested that this matter is discussed on the next MAG's virtual meeting.
17. It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will make available lists of stakeholders subscribed to open IGF mailing lists. One participant asked for updates on the youth engagement from the Host Country.

Next Steps

- a. IGF Secretariat to communicate the workshop evaluation process from 2019.
- b. All MAG members to respond to the proposal from the WG on Workshop Process regarding the criteria for declaring the conflict of interest in workshop evaluation process until 20 March.
- c. MAG Working Group on Workshop Process to recommend the methodology to assign workshops to MAG members for evaluation.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda IGF MAG Virtual Meeting IV

1. MAG Chair welcome
 2. Update from the IGF Secretariat
 3. Covid-19 and the IGF
 4. MAG working groups update
 5. BPF update
 6. NRI update
 7. Updates on DCs
 8. AOB
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Annex II

List of Participants

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
MAG Chair			
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society, South Africa
MAG Members			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Togo
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Brazil, Civil Society
Mr.	N'doumba	Eric	Congo, Government
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector, Hong Kong S.A.R.
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Mr.	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society, Bolivia
Mr.	Seturi	Ucha	Private Sector, Georgia
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Chenai	Chair	Civil Society, Zimbabwe

Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community, Vanuatu
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government, USA
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community, Australia
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society, Indonesia
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government, United Arab Emirates
Ms.	Ofianga	Mary Rose	Private Sector, Philippines
Ms.	Dahmani	Wafa	Government, Tunisia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society, DR Congo
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society, Sri Lanka
Ms.	Munoz	Maricela	Government, Costa Rica
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China
Other Participants			
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Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Belgium
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Wang	Xinli	N/A
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	Switzerland, IGFSA
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	Switzerland, EBU
IGF 2020 Host Country			
Mr.	Przemysław	Typiak	Minister's Counsel at the Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland
IGF Secretariat			
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow

Annex III

List of input documents:

1. Taskforce on Language: [Working suggestions](#); [Terms of Reference](#)
2. [NRIs update to MAG](#)