

**NATIONAL, (SUB)REGIONAL AND YOUTH IGF INITIATIVES  
- Virtual Meeting II, 9 March 2021, 15:00 p.m. UTC -**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action Items**

- IGF Secretariat to communicate outputs of this call regarding the MAG's draft proposal on hybrid meeting to the MAG Chair for MAG's information. The Secretariat to keep NRIs informed about all related developments on the proposal.
- If all NRIs endorse the webform for the call for inputs to define topics for all NRIs sessions at IGF 2021 – the Secretariat to launch the call on Friday 12 March until 3 May [www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris-call-for-issues](http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris-call-for-issues)
- The Secretariat to gather available content and suggest design for developing briefing materials on NRIs, that would help the broad stakeholder engagement. Finalisation of these materials to be subject for discussion at the next NRIs call. In the meantime, NRIs to explore potentials to volunteer to translate these materials to the six UN official languages and beyond.

**About**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> virtual meeting of the National, Sub-regional, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) of the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle, took place on 9 March 2021 at 15:00 p.m. UTC.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2. The list of meeting inputs is annexed as Annex A3.

**Summary of key points**

1. The Host welcomed participants to the second planning meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> IGF preparatory cycle and asked to introduce themselves.
2. The discussion began with the IGF Secretariat's brief on the outcomes of the most recent MAG meetings, related to planning of the IGF 2021 design. The most recent [proposal](#)<sup>1</sup> of the MAG was shared with the participants (Annex A3). The Secretariat explained that the MAG believes the IGF 2021 process, including the 16<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting, should be of a hybrid nature, to allow for equal participation of online and onsite participants to the maximum extent possible. Some participants followed up by expressing from their NRIs' experiences that it is challenging to create equal conditions for onsite and online participation, but that improvements can certainly be made. For example, from the IGF Greece it was advised to invest efforts in mapping the underserved regions and ensure support for these have meaningful access to take active participation.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\\_download/11138/2481](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/11138/2481)

3. Going further through the draft [proposal](#) for a hybrid IGF 2021, it was said that the MAG discussed for the IGF to include an extensive online preparatory component (from 15 June to 1 December), which could invite the NRIs for a cooperating in regard to the following forms:
  - At NRIs annual meetings or intersessional workstreams, the communities could discuss thematic issues and policy questions of priority for the IGF 2021. These would feed into the IGF 2021 process to have the global community informed and invited to further discuss.
  - Collectively, the NRIs could host a mid-year review discussion on matters of mutual interest, including sharing about their progress or reflecting on the IGF 2021 thematic priorities, and feed the outputs into the IGF 2021 programme.
  - IGF, institutionally, could apply with the NRIs to host sessions on its 2021 thematic priorities at the NRIs annual meetings (as side events, or where possible, as specific capacity development workshops).

The Secretariat underlined that all these examples of potential cooperation need to respect the autonomy and bottom-up nature of the NRIs processes, as well as that they could be seen, not just as a way to enrich the IGF 2021, but also as a way to develop capacity among some communities.

4. Some of the NRIs expressed support for the above. Broadly supported was advice from the IGF-USA related to the need for the IGF 2021 to communicate its priority themes and policy issues as soon as possible, to allow for enough time for the NRIs organizing committees to consult internally on the matter. It was also said that these types of activities could be a long-term cooperation mechanism between the IGF and NRIs, leading to the IGF's annual meeting. This calls for the development of clear procedures.
5. The Chad IGF noted that these types of activities could come with costs for the NRIs and that possible support options in this respect need to be explored. The Secretariat committed to explore this, noting that in-kind support in form of experts to lead the workshops, or providing online platform for participation, or written materials, are some of the highly possible forms of support.
6. It was further advised that the MAG should document how the discussions would feed into the IGF 2021 process and its annual meeting. Participants agreed that the outcomes of this meeting will be communicated to the MAG Chair and the MAG, as well as that the Secretariat will continue informing the NRIs on the further development on this proposal.
7. Participants further discussed the webform and timeline to call for gathering of thematic issues to help define the focus of the NRIs sessions for the IGF 2021. The presented webform structure was well accepted <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris-call-for-issues> and it was agreed that the NRIs can comment on it by Friday, when the call will be launched until 3 May 2021. As the form asks if the submitted issues were discussed or will be discussed at the NRIs past or future meetings, for the newly recognized NRIs that still did not host their annual meetings or did not define the agenda for the upcoming meeting, it was agreed that the organizing committee can create the list of priority issues and have the community informed and invited to share objections before it is submitted to the Secretariat.
8. Participants also agreed that the new work item for the NRIs, as per the NRIs annual [workplan](#)<sup>2</sup> (Annex A3), could be the development of the briefing materials on the NRIs, to support broad

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\\_download/4874/2468](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4874/2468)

stakeholder engagement. The Lebanon IGF coordinator advised that these materials should be succinct and translated to six UN languages or beyond that, if possible, given the language diversity among the NRIs.

9. The Secretariat further shared two additional updates. The first related to the consultations with the NRIs on the new IGF website: through a [survey](#)<sup>3</sup> open until 9 March; and a dedicated call with the NRIs for which the details will be communicated to the NRIs mailing list.
10. The second update related to the open [call](#)<sup>4</sup> for the NRIs to apply for financial grants until 15 March. Several questions were raised by the participants related to the possibility to indicate different versions of the budget in the grant's application form, depending on the form of the meeting due to the coronavirus pandemic-related uncertainties. It was said that the budget should reflect the nature of the planned meeting, but that annexed could be explanation(s) for alternative way(s) of hosting with the corresponding budget, depending how the pandemic will develop.
11. The meeting concluded with a brief feedback from the NRIs Focal Point on the NRIs annual reporting. Based on the experience with drafting the [NRIs Compendium](#) and [Youth Engagement publications](#) (annex A3), it was said that some of the NRIs reports are submitted much later after the particular NRIs' meeting concludes, which risks losing the momentum of the community's attention. In addition, among the submitted reports, it was observed that there are inconsistencies related to the lack of reporting on the substantive outputs of the discussions. Therefore, it was offered that the Secretariat gathers some good practices existing on the NRIs annual reports, to share with all NRIs as advice that could potentially support further NRIs reporting and help endorsing some guidelines. These practices would not interfere with the independency of the NRIs in regard to the way of reporting on their processes.

## Next Steps

3. A full summary report will be sent to the NRIs mailing list.
4. The webform for the NRIs call for issues will be subject for feedback by Friday (12 March). After this deadline, the call will be launched until 3 May 2021.
5. The Secretariat will communicate draft content and design ideas for the briefing materials on the NRIs.
6. *Next meeting*: Next meeting will be hosted within the four weeks' times. A doodle poll will be sent one week before the proposed meeting options.
7. For any suggestions or questions regarding the Report, kindly contact the IGF Secretariat, NRIs Focal Point at: [anja.gengo@un.org](mailto:anja.gengo@un.org).

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<sup>3</sup> [www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UGRPsJMuMkWOg\\_w5TGdwKCZV6aFHX7dLm2P6Uy\\_dg11UOVJFVTFQkFaM0VTUjVTSTJMRfJUTRJIUy4u](http://www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UGRPsJMuMkWOg_w5TGdwKCZV6aFHX7dLm2P6Uy_dg11UOVJFVTFQkFaM0VTUjVTSTJMRfJUTRJIUy4u)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-call-for-nris-grants>

**ANNEX A1**

**AGENDA: Virtual Meeting II**

1. Debrief from the IGF 2021 Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
  - a. Advice from NRIs on a draft proposal for the 16th IGF format to be hosted in Katowice 6-10 December (outputs to be communicated to the MAG Chair)
2. Final NRIs work plan: first-step implementation: capturing NRIs priority topics to define the focus of the NRIs sessions at IGF 2021
3. NRIs 2019/2020 Compendium and Youth Engagement Publication: outreach support and NRIs Focal Point advise on the NRIs reporting emerged from this experience
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**ANNEX A2****MEETING PARTICIPANTS** *(in alphabetical order<sup>5</sup>):*

1. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Chad IGF
2. Abdias Zambrano, Panama IGF
3. Alexei Marciuc, Moldova IGF
4. Amir Mokabberi, Iran
5. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
6. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair
7. Beatriz Rossi Corrales, Uruguay IGF
8. Ben Rachad Sanoussi, Ghana IGF
9. Carlos Alberto Afonso, Brazil IGF
10. Charalampos Kyritsis
11. Chike Jerry-Alagbaoso, Nigeria IGF
12. Cristina Morales, Honduras IGF
13. Dustin Loup, IGF-USA
14. Eileen Cejas, Argentina Youth IGF, Youth LACIGF, YCIG
15. Elizabeth Yisa
16. Everton T Rodrigues, Brazil IGF
17. Fanny Salyou, Ivory Coast IGF
18. Fotjon Kosta, Albania IGF
19. Francisco M.
20. Giacomo Mazzone
21. Herman Ramos
22. José Félix Hernandez, Spain IGF
23. Juan Pajaro Velasquez, Youth SIG
24. June Parris, Barbados IGF
25. Karen Landa, UNESCO
26. Konstantina Nathanail, Greece IGF
27. Lucien Castex, France IGF
28. Luis Daniel Prieto Herrera
29. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF
30. Makane Faye, African IGF
31. Makane Faye, African IGF
32. Markus Kummer, IGFS
33. Melinda Clem, IGF-USA
34. Michel TCHONANG LINZE, Central African IGF
35. Mohammad Abdul Haque Anu, Bangladesh IGF
36. Moustapha Abakar Abdramane
37. Muriel Alapini, Benin IGF
38. Nigeria Internet Governance Forum Secretariat
39. Obed Sindy, Haiti IGF
40. Olatokunboh Oyeleye, Nigeria IGF
41. Pierre-Jean Darres, Quebec IGF
42. Poncelet Ileleji, The Gambia IGF
43. Rakotondrainibe Harimino Lalatiana, Madagascar IGF
44. Richard Jordan
45. Rita Wehbé
46. Roberto Zambrana, Bolivia IGF

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<sup>5</sup> Names indicates as participants have identified in the Zoom online participation tool.

47. Sandra Hoferichter, EuroDIG Secretariat
48. Shin Yamasaki
49. Stephen Dakyi
50. Titti Cassa, Italy IGF
51. Vinicius W. O. Santos, Brazil IGF
52. Vrikson Acosta
53. YingChu Chen, APriIGF community
54. Zeina Bou Harb, Lebanon IGF and Arab IGF

**ANNEX A3**

**MEETING INPUTS**

- IGF 2021 NRIs Annual Work Plan  
[https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\\_download/4874/2468](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4874/2468)
- MAG's Draft Proposal for IGF 2021 design  
[https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot\\_download/11138/2481](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/11138/2481)
- NRIs Call for Issues webform  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-nris-call-for-issues>
- Call to NRIs to apply for grants  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-call-for-nris-grants>
- NRIs 2019/2020 Compendium  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/nris-compendium>
- Youth Engagement publication  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/youth-initiatives>