

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

**Online Meeting XXI
17 June 2021 at 1 p.m. UTC**

Summary Report

The 22nd virtual meeting of the IGF MAG's Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 17 June 2021 at 1 p.m. UTC. The meeting was hosted and moderated by the Group's co-chair Concettina Cassa with a support of the co-chair Roman Chukov. The list of participants is annexed to this report. The recording of the meeting is available only to the meeting participants upon request.

The co-chair opened the meeting by introducing the agenda:

Agenda

1. Recommendations of the WG-Strategy during the OC and MAG meeting
2. MHLB discussion held on June 14
3. Comments to the [Plan and Draft schedule for the IGF 2021 Preparatory Phase](#)
4. Mapping between the IGF activities and the UN SG's Roadmap for digital cooperation initiatives next steps
5. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology.
6. AOB
 - a. Update the IGF Secretariat/UNDESA on the Parliamentary Track.
 - b. Youth Involvement in the IGF process

1. Results Recommendations of the WG-Strategy during the OC and MAG meeting

[List of recommendations to the MAG for the OC and MAG meeting \(June 23\)](#) was presented as a short report of the WG's activities and discussed by the WG participants. Among recommendations there were: an idea of multi-year plan, mapping exercise between UN SG' Roadmap and the IGF activities, Issue Teams, IGF Priority Areas and Parliamentary track.

One of the ideas expressed during the discussion was to strengthen the IGF's relationships with other institutions through potential focal point in the IGF for working with other institutions.

2. MHLB discussion held on June 14

Multistakeholder High-level Body (MHLB) discussion was held on 14 June, where the IGF Secretariat and Office of the Envoy on Technology presented the suggestion/model on how to implement the MHLB. It served as an opportunity for final comments by stakeholders in this process.

Some participants of the WG strategy mentioned the controversial sides of the MHLB with regard to its relationship with the MAG and use of the IGF limited financial resources. Additional information on the MHLB process is required.

3. Comments to the [Plan and Draft schedule for the IGF 2021 Preparatory Phase](#)

Participants discussed the Plan and Draft schedule for the IGF 2021 Preparatory Phase. The role of NRIs was discussed as a potential resource to prepare good quality intro sessions for the preparatory phase. The idea of the preparatory phase is to facilitate closer integration with the intersessional work, so similar outreach has gone to the BPFs, DCs and PNs as well. Other suggestions were encouraged to be added to the document before the Open Consultations and MAG Meeting.

4. Mapping between the IGF activities and the UN SG's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation initiatives next steps

There is a working group that will be set to take care of the mapping exercise between the UN SG's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and the IGF activities. 10 volunteers have been gathered to start this work during the next few weeks by providing a first template.

5. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology.

Jason Munyan gave an update to the WG Strategy members on the activities and developments regarding the UN SG's Roadmap on Digital Cooperation.

He informed that the Office of the Tech Envoy was involved in a virtual round table on digital inclusion, as well as different sessions at RightsCon. These are materials shared by Jason:

In conjunction with the 10th edition of RightsCon, nine United Nations Special Rapporteurs released a joint statement in which they underscored that digital rights are a 'top priority' for rebuilding civic space as part of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27140&LangID=E>

#RightsCity conference this week on human rights in the digital age hosted by Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCje5RY80cKSBay9RHCMxlQQ>

High-level Panel Discussion on the role of the Human Rights Council in promoting a human rights-based approach to new and emerging technologies <https://www.diplomacy.edu/calendar/role-human-rights-council-promoting-human-rights-based-approach-new-and-emerging>

Jason thanked everyone for participating in the MHLB discussion on 14 June, noted that 300 people attended that briefing. All the feedback and updates will be passed on to the Secretary General for operationalizing and the Envoy Office hopes that the process will follow the same procedure as nomination for members of the MAG with a call for nominations and ultimately Secretary General's decision on who will join the MHLB.

6. AOB

a. Update the IGF Secretariat/UNDESA on the Parliamentary Track.

The parliamentary track was already discussed under agenda point 1.

b. Youth Involvement in the IGF process

No updates have been presented on the youth track.

Next meeting: the next virtual meeting of the WG is planned for 1 July - 1 PM UTC.

Annex 1: List of participants

1. Adam Peake, MAG Member,
2. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI, MAG Member
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair
5. Ben Wallis, Microsoft, Independent Expert, past MAG Member
6. Carlos Alberto Afonso, Executive Director, Nupef Institute, MAG Member
7. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat
8. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy, past MAG Member
9. Eileen Cejas, Youth SIG / Coordinator of Youth IGF Argentina & Youth LACIGF,
Independent expert
10. Esteve Sanz, EC/DG-CNECT
11. Fiona Alexander, Independent expert
12. Flavio R. Wagner, CGI.br and Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul
13. Jason Munyan, Office of the Envoy on Technology
14. Joyce Chen, MAG Member, APNIC
15. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
16. Livia Walpen, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Switzerland, MAG Member (host
country rep)
17. Markus Kummer, IGFSA
18. Molly Hammond, IGF Secretariat
19. Nigel Hickson Government of UK
20. Paul Charlton, Government of Canada, MAG Member
21. Paula Martins, APC, Independent expert
22. Poncelet Ileleji, Independent Expert
23. Roberto Zambrana, President, ISOC Chapter Bolivia, MAG Member
24. Roman Chukov, Group's Co-Chair, MAG Member, Russia
25. Timea Suto (ICC)
26. Tereza Horejsova, MAG Member
27. Wim Degezelle (IGF Secretariat)
28. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, University of Aarhus