

IGF 2021
MAG Meeting X | 18 May 2021

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Call for session proposals

- MAG members to reach out to their networks and encourage them to submit session proposals before the 26 May deadline. It should also be explained that session proposals can be submitted regardless of whether submitters plan to be present onsite in Katowice or attend IGF 2021 online.

Workshop evaluation process

- MAG WG-Workshop process to finalise the content of the workshop evaluation form and consider the points raised during the meeting regarding the criterion for the hybrid format.

Preparatory phase

- Discussions to continue within the MAG on the various components of the IGF 2021 preparatory phase and the work of the issue teams.

- ❖ **The current tasks for MAG members (and related documents) are also available in the [MAG dashboard](#).**

1. The tenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 18 May 2021. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair and Mr. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat. Attached to this summary report are the meeting agenda (Annex I) and the list of participants (Annex II).

I. Introductions and updates from Host Country and Secretariat

2. The Chair welcomed participants and gave an overview of the meeting's agenda. She explained that the purpose of the meeting was to look at ongoing and upcoming tasks of MAG members regarding the IGF 2021 meeting and the preceding preparatory phase.

3. Mr. Przemek Typiak, Polish government, gave a brief update on the COVID-19 situation in Poland (where restrictions are gradually being lifted) and encouraged MAG members to continue to send updates regarding the situation in their countries and regions (e.g. travel restrictions, vaccination).

4. Mr. Masango gave a few updates from the Secretariat:

- The [call for session proposals](#) is open until 26 May (and no deadline extension is envisioned). MAG members are encouraged to reach out to their networks and invite stakeholders to submit session proposals before the deadline. It should be made clear to the community that physical participation in Katowice is not a condition for session organisers, so proposals can be submitted regardless of whether submitters plan to be present onsite in Katowice or attend IGF 2021 online.
- For the second Open Consultations and MAG meeting, 30 June was provisionally selected as the second day of the MAG meeting. As this will also be the second day of the EuroDIG annual meeting, consideration is to be given to whether to keep this date or try to avoid the clash.
- MAG members can request financial support to cover Internet connection costs for the June MAG meeting; interested members are invited to send an email to the Secretariat with the estimated costs.
- The dates for the September Open Consultations and MAG meeting have not yet been set, but options are considered for the middle or the end of September.

II. Workshop evaluation process

5. Ms. Esterhuysen briefly explained the process for evaluating workshop proposals. MAG members will do the evaluation in groups that will work on the different IGF 2021 issue areas. While each member is evaluating session proposals independently, the groups then also come together to look at the overall set of proposals allocated to them. The Secretariat is randomly assigning MAG members to these groups, while considering the need for diversity in terms of stakeholder groups, region, etc.

6. Mr. Roberto Zambrana, MAG member, gave an update on the progress made by the Working Group on Workshop Process (WG-Workshop process) in preparing the [content of the workshop evaluation form](#). Starting from the 2020 form, the group has adjusted the evaluation criteria to have them aligned with the specificities of IGF 2021; these criteria cover issues related to session content and description, response to policy questions, relevance of the proposal to Internet governance and to the selected issue area, format, hybrid approach (interaction and engagement), and diversity among participants.



[IGF 2021 workshop evaluation form - working document](#)

7. During the discussions a concern was raised regarding the hybrid format criterion in the workshop evaluation form. It was said that stakeholders who are considering to propose a fully online session have difficulties in explaining how they plan to include on-site participants, given that there is no information regarding the facilities that will be available in Katowice to enable the engagement of on-site participants in fully online sessions (e.g. an on-site moderator, speaking queue, microphones, camera, etc.). To address this challenge, it was suggested that (a) either more information is made available on the facilities that will be in place in Katowice or (b) the hybrid format criterion is changed into a more general one on participants engagement. Mr. Masango explained that facilities for on-site participants to join online sessions will be available in Katowice and more information will be made available in this regard.

III. IGF 2021 preparatory phase

8. Mr. Masango gave an overview of the IGF 2021 preparatory phase:

- The phase is intended to include:
 - A build-up phase between July and September, consisting of sessions linked to the IGF 2021 issue areas organised by IGF intersessional activities on a voluntary basis; introductory sessions on the IGF 2021 issue areas organised by the MAG; strategic discussions linked to the issue areas and policy questions organised by the MAG; intersessional components of the the high-level track and parliamentary track; and capacity building events.
 - An intersessional event possibly linked to the third Open Consultations and MAG meeting in September, which could consist of sessions organised by IGF intersessional activities (not linked to the IGF 2021 issue areas) and MAG-led sessions on the issue areas.
- The preparatory phase will be planned by the MAG – working in issue teams (which have already been formed when the MAG developed the narratives for the IGF 2021 issue areas). *(More details on issue teams below.)* Intersessional workstreams and NRIs will also be invited to engage in this phase .
- An online space will be created to track feedback and document outcomes from the discussions, which MAG issue teams can then draw on when they prepare main sessions for the annual forum in Katowice.
- One of the goals of this phase is to create synergies between IGF 2021 issue areas and intersessional workstreams. This can be achieved through an open call to all intersessional workstreams and the NRIs to consider cooperating on the following: respond to the IGF 2021 issue (pre)meeting guide; communicate which issue areas are of the highest priority for their work; host (informal) discussions on the issue areas and feed with outputs into the IGF 2021 programme. NRIs could host discussions back to back to their meetings.



[IGF 2021 Preparatory phase - overview](#)

IV. Issue teams

9. Mr. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat, presented the draft terms of reference for the issue teams.

- During the preparatory phase, the issue teams are expected to (a) explore the IGF community at large and, from the perspective of their issue area, actively look for synergies and linkages, and (b) serve as focal points for their issue areas, collecting information on how the issue is being addressed within the larger IGF community. Actions that could be undertaken, in cooperation with the Secretariat, include outreach to intersessional activities, wiki pages per issue areas, and IGF preparatory phase sessions.

- The work of the issue teams during the preparatory phase will serve as a starting point for feeding diverse perspectives and experiences into the preparation of the IGF main sessions. They will also constitute the main session organising teams for their issue area.
- Issue teams are led by MAG members and open to other interested stakeholders, in particular people and institutions active in IGF intersessional activities. MAG members and the Secretariat can also actively reach out to members of the IGF community to join these issue teams.



[IGF 2021 issue teams – Draft terms of reference](#)

V. AOB

10. During the AOB part of the meeting, several points were raised and clarified:

- Proposals for networking sessions will be treated in a manner similar to proposals for Day 0 events, with the goal to accommodate as many of them as possible.
- As a general approach, the MAG is evaluating workshop proposals, while other session proposals (e.g. open forums, dynamic coalitions, town halls) are assessed by the Secretariat. This assessment, however, will also be presented to MAG members, who will have an opportunity to provide their views and insights.

11. The next MAG meeting will be held on 1 June, from 11:00 UTC.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. Workshop evaluation process (WG-WSP to brief)
5. Preparatory phase
6. Building issue teams
7. AoB

Annex II Participants

Last name	First name
MAG Chair	
Esterhuysen	Anriette
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MAG members	
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AlHashimi	Hana
Astbrink	Gunela
Attoumani	Karim
Canales	Maria Paz
Charlton	Paul
Chukov	Roman
Dofel	Sook-Jung
Edoh	Afi
Espinosa	Amado
Fantinati	Mattia
Hordynski	Ryszard
Koubaa	Khaled
Peake	Adam
Radsch	Courtney
Roach	Carol
Zambrana	Roberto
Representatives of former and future IGF Host Countries	

Iida	Yoichi
Wildner	Heiko
Representatives of intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and European Commission	
Russo	Lucia
Other participants	
Carvell	Mark
Cassa	Concettina
Cohen	Frederic
Jallow	Adama
Mazzone	Giacomo
Munyan	Jason
Nelson	Mike
Parris	June
Prendergast	Jim
Suto	Timea
Wagner	Flavio
Wallis	Ben
IGF Secretariat	
Bobo Garcia	Luis
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Masango	Chengetai
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