

IGF 2021
MAG Meeting XII | 15 June 2021

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Workshop evaluation process

- Individual MAG members to finalise the evaluation of workshop proposals by 17 June, 23:59 UTC.
- An updated list of tasks to be shared with MAG members regarding the expected work after 17 June.

Preparatory phase

- MAG members to continue to add their comments and suggestions on the draft preparatory phase implementation document; discussions will continue at the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting on 22, 23 and 30 June.

Intersessional work

- MAG members are invited to contribute to BPF work and join their meetings.

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

1. The twelfth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 15 June 2021. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair.

Attached to this summary report are the meeting agenda and input documents (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, explaining that most of the meeting would be dedicated to discussing the preparatory phase of IGF 2021.

3. Mr. Przemek Typiak, Polish government, informed meeting participants that the Host Country is in the process of finalising the selection of the logistics operator for the Katowice meeting. He also noted that the COVID-19 situation in Poland is improving, with some 45% of the population vaccinated with at least one dose, and with restrictions gradually being lifted. MAG members were encouraged to continue to send updates regarding the situation in their countries and regions (e.g. travel restrictions, vaccination).

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

- The registration for remote hubs is open and eight hubs had registered by the time of the meeting. MAG members were invited to encourage their communities to consider organising hubs, if the COVID-19 situation allows.
- 34 requests for booths had been received. Onsite and virtual booths will be accommodated for IGF 2021.
- At the time of the meeting, only one third of the workshop evaluations had been submitted by MAG members.

II. Updates on workshop evaluation

5. MAG members were reminded that the deadline for evaluating workshop proposals is 17 June, 23:59 UTC. After that, the Secretariat will compile the results and share them with each evaluation group; the groups will be able to discuss issues such as variances in scores, whether to request some session proponents to consider merging their sessions, and whether some proposals are better suited to the preparatory phase. Members were also encouraged not to be very strict when assessing the hybrid elements in session proposals, as long as the proponents acknowledge the integration of online participants throughout their sessions. It was said that the MAG may consider introducing an intermediary step allowing proponents of accepted session proposals to provide further details on the hybrid elements at a later stage. The Working Group on hybrid meetings and the Working Group on workshop process may take up this issue.

III. IGF 2021 preparatory phase

6. Ms. Esterhuyzen explained that the IGF 2021 preparatory phase is intended to support the goal of a more focused and impactful IGF and to maximise inclusion and stakeholder engagement. The phase should not be too heavy nor too demanding, but feed into the Katowice IGF in a way that strengthens the content and the discussions.

7. Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat, presented a proposal on the implementation of the preparatory phase, which would include several key elements:

- **Deep diving into the IGF 2021 issue areas**

- **Introductory sessions** aimed to help participants unpack the IGF 2021 issues areas and prepare for the sessions that will be hosted in December. These will be facilitated by MAG issue teams and are expected to be held in September.
- **Multistakeholder community-organised sessions** (once the MAG concludes the evaluation of workshop proposals, they might identify proposals to include in the preparatory phase with the agreement of session organizers). These sessions, expected to be held between 27 September and 1 October, will be asked to document outcomes, which will then feed into the Meeting Guide on Issues and Policy Questions.
- **Synergies between IGF 2021 issues areas and intersessional workstreams.** Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Policy Networks (PNs) and National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) will be invited to consider (a) providing written input on an IGF 2021 issue area or (b) include discussions on the issue areas as part of their activities and there the outcomes to feed into the IGF 2021 programme.

- MAG issue teams shared space for tracking issue discussions. It is proposed that the MAG will use public wiki pages to track the issues discussed during the various sessions and to gather relevant information and resources.

- **Days of IGF 2021 intersessional work**

- Several rounds of open consultation will be held on some of the policy questions in the focus of the BPFs and PNs.
- An open exchange, tentatively planned for 1 September, to provide an overview into the work of BPFs, PNs, DCs, and NRIs and how the community can contribute to them.
- DCs will be invited to consider addressing Internet governance issues of interest, in the framework of individual or collective sessions. Outputs of such sessions will feed into the IGF 2021 documentation.
- NRIs will be encouraged to host a substantive exchange on a policy question of their collective interest.

- **Capacity development activities**

- A series of online capacity development workshops will be held (ideally in collaboration with NRIs) on engagement in IGF processes.
- Training will be offered to session organisers and stakeholders from developing countries on how to meaningfully host and participate in the hybrid IGF 2021 meeting.
- A series of multistakeholder capacity development workshops on digital transformation and cybersecurity will be hosted, primarily for stakeholders in developing countries.



[IGF 2021 Preparatory Phase: Draft implementation schedule](#)

8. Mr. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat, explained that the role of MAG issue teams is to explore what is happening within the IGF community (e.g. intersessional activities, previous meetings), in relation to the IGF 2021 issue areas, and to capture and bring input into the annual programme.

9. MAG members were then divided into three break-out groups and invited to discuss and provide feedback on the preparatory phase and on the issue teams. When reporting back, the groups highlighted the following key points:

- On the preparatory phase:
 - General support was expressed for the preparatory phase and the intended goals.
 - It was noted that the meetings envisioned for the preparatory phase (especially for the month of September) will have to compete with people's busy agendas; as such, this phase will need to be balanced.
 - It will be important to have clear and explicit communication about the purpose of the preparatory phase, especially if we want to attract new stakeholders. For instance, it was suggested to be more explicit with terms such as 'unpacking issue areas'. Another essential element will be to make sure that sessions held during the preparatory phase are not seen as being sessions that did not make it to the December forum; instead, they should be promoted as being highly relevant and suitable for the preparatory phase.
 - A suggestion was made to share the draft preparatory phase implementation document with DCs, BPFs, PNs and NRIs and invite them to provide feedback and indicate how they

think they could contribute. It was also suggested that the MAG may consider hosting briefing sessions with DCs, BPFs, PNs and NRIs to better explain the goals and plans for the preparatory phase.

- On the issue teams
 - It was suggested to build on the groups that initially worked on the issue descriptions, but give MAG members an opportunity to change groups, while also ensuring that the groups remain balanced.
 - In principle, the issue teams can be open, with observers being able to contribute in line with a predetermined set of guidelines (on when and how they can contribute).

10. Action items & next steps

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IV. Updates from MAG WGs, BPFs, NRIs

11. Ms. Chenai Chair, MAG member and co-facilitator of the [BPF on Gender and Digital Rights](#), provided a series of updates regarding the BPF work, whose focus in 2021 is on gendered disinformation. The BPF held two learning sessions on 18 May and 3 June, and two other sessions are scheduled for 25 June and 8 July. To kick off the work, the BPF has launched a [short survey](#) on the definition of gendered disinformation and possible activities for the BPF. It has also started compiling a [resource list on gendered disinformation](#) with research, case studies, best practices and regulatory initiatives related to the topic. The list is intended to be a living document developed during the BPF's term, and everyone is [invited to contribute](#) suggestions. The BPF coordinating team is actively reaching out to specialists, organisations and initiatives to participate in the work of the BPF.

12. Mr. Markus Kummer, co-facilitator of the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#), explained that the BPF has three work streams, on (1) mapping of cybersecurity agreements; (2) testing norms concepts against Internet events; and (3) outreach and cooperation with other IG(F) initiatives. A public call for volunteers to sign up to the work streams was launched on the BPF webpage and mailing lists. The streams are working in parallel and are regularly updating the full BPF; the next update call is scheduled for 1 July.

13. Action items & next steps

- MAG members were invited to contribute to BPF activities and join their meetings.

14. Updates from MAG WGs and NRIs were deferred to the next meeting.

V. Debrief on the MHLB briefing session

15. On 14 June, an online briefing session was held to provide an overview of the proposed approach for the IGF Multistakeholder High-level Body (MHLB). It was noted that the comments made during the

meeting were being compiled in a summary report to be made public, and would be considered for a potential update of the proposed MHLB approach.

16. During the brief discussion that followed, a few points were made:

- The 14 June meeting showed that more clarity is needed regarding the role and purpose of the MHLB, how it fits within the broader IGF ecosystem, and what relations it has with the MAG and other bodies.
- If the proposed MHLB approach is revised, a further opportunity for stakeholders to comment would be welcome.
- While time and resources are being devoted to the MHLB, it is important not to lose sight of the MAG and the fact that it also needs resources, support, and updated terms of reference to reflect the current work that the group is doing. Likewise, if the Secretariat capacity is strengthened, this should be done not only in relation to the MHLB, but also with the broader set of tasks that the Secretariat is/could be undertaking.

VI. AOB

17. The MAG will next meet in the framework of the [Second Open Consultations and MAG meeting](#) on 22, 23 and 30 June.

18. The MAG was invited to consider how to schedule meetings for July and August, given that these are usually slow months for people in the Northern hemisphere.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. Draft outline of the preparatory phase
5. Issue teams: composition and tasks
6. Update on workshop evaluation
7. Updates from MAG WGs, BPFs, NRIs etc.
8. Debrief on MHLB briefing session
9. AoB

Input documents

- BPF Cybersecurity Status
- BPF Gender & Digital Rights Status
- IGF 2021 Preparatory Phase

Annex II
Participants

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