

**IGF 2021
MAG Meeting XIV | 27 July 2021**

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Issue teams

- Issue teams to continue their work on planning the preparatory and main sessions, taking into account the [Terms of reference for issue teams](#) and the [guidelines for main sessions](#). Focus should now be placed on the preparatory sessions, scheduled as follows:
 - Introductory session I | 21 September, from 12:00 UTC
 - Introductory session II | 22 September, from 15:00 UTC
 - Introductory session III | 23 September, from 13:00 UTC
- Completed proposals from issue teams for the MAG-led preparatory and engagement sessions on IGF 2021 issue areas to be presented for approval by the MAG at the **10 August meeting**.
- Details of the preparatory and engagement phase sessions to be made public in the schedule **by the end of August**.
- (Co)facilitators to be identified for the team working on *Environmental sustainability and climate change*.
- Issue teams to integrate into their work the approach of looking at how their issue areas have been discussed at IGF 2020, and, where relevant, other previous IGFs. The goal is to identify possible trends or key aspects that could serve as input for the planning of the introductory and main sessions.
- Issue teams that have developed templates or methodologies for their work to share those via the MAG list.
- Issue teams to invite people from outside the 2021 MAG as needed, including past MAG members.

Wiki pages

- MAG members to review the [wiki page template](#) and provide any comments and suggestions **by the end of the 26 July week**.
- Secretariat to update the wiki template based on MAG feedback and create one wiki for each issue area. Timeline: **week of 2 August**.
- Issue teams and Secretariat to populate the wikis. Timeline: **August**.

- Issue wikis to become publicly available ahead of the preparatory and engagement phase (**September**). They will then remain living documents and can be updated as needed ahead of the IGF meeting in December.
- Secretariat to liaise with the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology to check whether they are carrying out any mapping activities across the UN that might be relevant for the issue teams work

Other issues

- MAG members are invited to inform the Secretariat if they want to apply for travel support to attend the third Open Consultations and MAG meeting, planned to be held on 29 September – 1 October 2021, in Geneva and online. Deadline: **3 August**. Compliance with current travel regulations is the sole responsibility of MAG members.
 - Should MAG members still face difficulties regarding mailing lists, they are invited to contact the Secretariat.
- ❖ **The current tasks for MAG members (and related documents) are also available in the [MAG dashboard](#).**

1. The fourteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 27 July 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 and input documents (Annex I) and the list of participants (Annex II).

I. Introductions and updates from Secretariat

2. The Chair welcomed participants, gave an overview of the meeting's agenda, and explained that most of the discussions would revolve around the work of the IGF 2021 issue teams. The meeting continued with a review of the [action items from the 13 July meeting](#).

3. Mr. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat, provided several updates from the Secretariat:

- A [call for applications for travel support for the 16th IGF](#) has been launched and will stay open **until 31 August**. To be considered for travel support, stakeholders must be from a least developed country, landlocked developing country, small island developing state, or a transitional economy. Other eligibility criteria include: engagement in the IGF 2021 process, demonstrated interest in Internet governance activities, and demonstrated commitment to contributing to the IGF community after IGF 2021.
- On 30 July, the Secretariat will host a capacity development session (on access and environment) in the framework of the West African IGF.
- The [registration for IGF 2021](#) is open. To date, some 260 registrations have been received, covering onsite and online participation.

- To date 13 hubs have registered for IGF 2021. There is an intention to provide financial support to hubs, covering Internet connection costs and, possibly, other costs related to the hosting of a hub (e.g. venue, technical equipment).
- The IGF evaluation process is ongoing; the consultant undertaking the evaluation is contacting stakeholders and holding interviews about the IGF.
- The third Open Consultations and MAG meeting in the IGF 2021 cycle are provisionally scheduled for 29 September – 1 October. This is envisioned as a hybrid meeting, with participation in Geneva and online. MAG members are invited to inform the Secretariat if they want to apply for travel support to attend the meeting (deadline: 3 August). Participants will be responsible for complying with applicable travel regulations.
- An update on the functionality of IGF mailing lists was provided to MAG members via email in advance of the meeting. Should MAG members still have difficulties regarding mailing lists, they are invited to contact the Secretariat.

II. Overview of MAG-led sessions during the preparatory phase

4. Ms. Esterhuysen reminded MAG members of the schedule for the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase, which is now considered as approved. The schedule includes three (3) introductory sessions that MAG members need to prepare and host during this phase:

- **Introductory session I | 21 September, from 12:00 UTC**
 - This session will include (a) the official opening of the IGF 2021 preparatory phase; (2) an overall introduction into the IGF 2021 issue areas; and (3) a discussion on the two main focus areas: *Universal access and meaningful connectivity* and *Economic and social inclusion and human rights*.
- **Introductory session II | 22 September, from 15:00 UTC**
 - The focus will be on two emerging and cross-cutting issue areas: *Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/user rights regulation* and *Environmental sustainability and climate change*.
- **Introductory session III | 23 September, from 13:00 UTC**
 - The focus will be on the remaining two emerging and cross-cutting issue areas: *Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation* and *Trust, security, stability*.
- The goal of these sessions is two-fold: (a) to refine the scope of the issue areas with input from the perspectives of different regions and stakeholder groups, and (b) to establish a common ground on expectations for IGF 2021 outcomes. The length, format and content of the sessions are to be defined by the issue teams.



[Schedule for the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase](#)

III. Issue teams

5. MAG members were reminded about (a) the overall Terms of reference for the issue teams and (b) the main task of the issue teams – preparing the introductory sessions to be held during the preparatory phase and the main sessions to be held during the December IGF.



[Terms of reference for IGF 2021 issue teams](#)

6. Updates were then provided by the issue teams, and the following key points were made:

- Five out of the six teams have facilitators and co-facilitators to lead the work. (Co)facilitators need to be identified for the team working on *Environmental sustainability and climate change*.
- At the proposal of some teams, an approach was agreed for the issue teams to look at how their issue areas have been discussed at IGF 2020 and, where relevant, other previous IGFs (for instance, by reviewing the outputs and messages published at the end of the past several IGF meetings) and identify possible trends or key aspects that could serve as input for the planning of the introductory and main sessions. This would help achieve several goals: (a) avoiding repetition with what was discussed in previous years; (b) enabling a continuation of the discussions from previous years, building on the messages from past IGFs; (c) ensuring that outcomes of previous IGFs are put to use by the IGF itself.
- It was suggested that, as issue teams work on the introductory and main sessions, they could also give consideration to what the IGF could do to further shape the debates on the issue areas.
- There were suggestions for issue teams to liaise with Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Policy Networks (PNs) and Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) in the preparation of the introductory and main sessions. It was further noted that it would be important for the issue teams to also take into account the work being done outside of the IGF ecosystem on the issue areas.
- It is up to each issue team to decide on when and how to open the issue teams beyond current and past MAG members.



[Issue teams – Central document](#)

IV. Issue mapping

7. Mr Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat, recalled that wiki pages are to be developed for each IGF 2021 issue area, to (a) provide an introduction to the issue area, (b) map ongoing dialogues, initiatives, discussions across the IGF community and beyond, as they relate to the issue area, and (c) facilitate the identification of synergies and opportunities to collaborate. As a starting point, the Secretariat has opted for using Google documents as initial wiki pages for the issue areas; later on, once the new IGF website is available, options will be explored for integrating these into the website. In terms of structure, each wiki would include:

- **Overview of issue areas and sub-themes.**
- **IGF 2021 programme:** information on sessions included in the IGF 2021 programme that are relevant for the issue area (main sessions, workshops, open forums, BPF/DC/PN sessions, etc.).
- **Community initiatives:** IGF intersessional activities – BPFs, PNs, DCs – will be invited to share information on their work as it relates to a specific issue area. National, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) will also be invited to provide links to reports/recordings of sessions that they have organised or plan to organise that are relevant for an issue area.
- **Stakeholder initiatives:** This section will include information about initiatives undertaken by various stakeholders outside the IGF space (at the national, regional and global level), which are relevant/related to the issue area.
- Building on the discussions during the meeting, another section is to be added to the wiki to include the analysis that issue teams will conduct on how their issue areas have been addressed at previous IGFs.



[Wiki page template for IGF 2021 issue areas](#)

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9. Building on a point raised during the discussions, the Secretariat will liaise with the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology to check whether they are carrying out any mapping activities across the UN that might be relevant for the issue teams work. Meanwhile, issue teams may also benefit from the work being done by the MAG Working Group on Strategy, which is working on a [matrix connecting activities in the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation with relevant IGF activities](#) (past and ongoing).

V. AOB

14. The next MAG meeting will be held on 10 August (from 15:00 UTC) and will be dedicated to reviewing reports from issue teams on the planning of the preparatory sessions.

Annex I Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. Overview of MAG-led sessions during prep phase
5. Reports from issue teams
6. Breakout groups
7. Reports to plenary
8. Issue mapping
9. Next steps
10. AOB

Input documents

- [Schedule for the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase](#)
- [Terms of reference for IGF 2021 issue teams](#)
- [Issue teams – Central document](#)
- [Wiki page template for IGF 2021 issue areas](#)

Annex II Participants

Apologies noted from the following MAG members: Maria Paz Canales, Courtney Radsch.

Last name	First name
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Astbrink	Gunela
Attoumani	Karim
Castex	Lucien
Chair	Chenai
Chalmers	Susan
Charlton	Paul
Chen	Joyce
Chharia	Rajesh
Choudhury	Amrita
Chukov	Roman
Dofel	Sook-Jung
Edoh	Afi
Espinosa	Amado
Harsianti	Juliana
Hordynski	Ryszard
Horejsova	Tereza
Khanal	Raj Ananda

Koubaa	Khaled
Peake	Adam
Roach	Carol
Tauchnitz	Evelyne
Tao	Xiaofeng
Tungali	Arsene
Zambrana	Roberto
Past and future IGF host countries	
Wildner	Heiko
Other participants	
Amessinou	Kossi
Cassa	Concettina
Croll	Jutta
Galstyan	Lianna
Kummer	Markus
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Masango	Chengetai
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