

**IGF 2021**  
**MAG Meeting XV | 10 August 2021**

**Summary report**

## **Action items & Next steps**

### **Introductory sessions**

- Secretariat to propose alternative dates for the introductory sessions, taking into account the need to avoid clashes with other major events or initiatives (e.g. events of national, Regional and youth IGF initiatives, ICANN meetings). A doodle poll with alternative dates to be shared with MAG members.
- Issue teams to submit their updated proposals for the introductory sessions before the following MAG meeting (24 August). **Deadline: 23 August.**
- MAG Chair to distribute a session outline template.
- MAG members who have not yet contributed to the work of the issue teams are invited to do so as soon as possible.
  - MAG members who want to join a particular issue team to contact the Secretariat with a request to be added to the relevant mailing list.

### **Issue mapping wiki pages**

- Issue teams to contribute to populating the wiki pages, by:
  - Adding relevant information about the introductory sessions (e.g. short session descriptions, links to more information when available). **Deadline: by the following MAG meeting (24 August).**
  - Adding relevant outcomes and messages from previous IGFs, if these have been identified while the teams worked on planning the introductory sessions.
  - Adding relevant information about the main sessions (e.g. short session descriptions, links to more information when available).
  - Indicating any stakeholder initiatives they are aware of with relevance for the issue areas.
- Each issue team could designate one member to be responsible for contributing to the relevant wiki page.
- MAG members could address questions about the wikis to Mr. Wim Degezelle and Ms. Sorina Teleanu.

### **Main sessions**

- More in-depth discussions on the IGF 2021 main sessions to be held at the upcoming MAG meeting. Issue teams to then start shaping these sessions.
  - Main sessions proposals to be finalised by issue teams **by 5 October.** (See [main session guidelines.](#))

- Deadline for finalised main sessions (including in terms of having speakers confirmed) is **2 November**.

### **Other issues**

- MAG members to review the concept note for the IGF 2021 high-level leaders track and provide feedback and suggestions for speakers. Deadline: **12 August 2021**.
- ❖ **The current tasks for MAG members (and related documents) are also available in the [MAG dashboard](#).**

1. The fifteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 10 August 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 Host Country and Secretariat**

2. After welcoming participants and noting apologies, the Chair gave an overview of the meeting's agenda and explained that the discussions would focus on the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase.

3. Mr. Wiktor Skwarek, Polish government, informed participants that the Host Country is progressing well with the preparations for IGF 2021. The public tender procedure for selecting the logistic operator for the Katowice meeting is in the process of being finalised. The Host is also following regional and global COVID-19 developments and plans to publish more information in this regard in September. Meanwhile, it is working with the MAG Working group on hybrid meetings (WG-Hybrid) and the Secretariat on clarifying modus operandi issues related to the hybrid IGF.

4. Ms. Esterhuysen drew MAG members' attention to [an open letter](#) signed by several civil society groups and individuals, which urged IGF 2021 organisers 'to ensure that the decision of adopting a hybrid model is accompanied by relevant measures to ensure a truly inclusive meeting'. The Chair encouraged the MAG to consider making information available that address concerns raised in the letter.

5. Mr. Masango provided several updates from the Secretariat:

- A [formal invitation to IGF 2021](#) was issued by the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin.
- To date, [763 participants](#) have registered to attend IGF 2021, 583 of which indicated an intention to participate on site, in Katowice.

- To date, 16 remote hubs have registered for IGF 2021. Small grants may be available to support hubs by covering Internet connection costs and, possibly, other costs such as renting a venue or technical equipment.
- A concept note detailing the sessions included in the IGF 2021 high-level leaders track had been shared with MAG members, together with a request for feedback and suggestions on potential panellists until 12 August 2021. The concept note has been prepared by the Host Country (traditionally in charge of the high-level leaders track), with input from the Secretariat/UN DESA.

## II. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

6. The issue teams gave updates on their work on planning of the issue areas introductory sessions (part of the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase).

- **Economic and social inclusion and human rights.** The team has looked at the IGF 2021 workshops and intersessional activities relevant to the issue area, tried to identify relevant messages from previous IGFs, and started discussing the format and content of the session. The idea would be to invite several speakers to give short overviews on trends they can identify in relation to the issue area's sub-themes, and then have breakout groups for participants to discuss more in depth. Ideally, these discussions would help identify topics for the main session to be held in Katowice.
- **Universal access and meaningful connectivity.** The team has started shaping the content of the session, which would include: an introduction by a MAG member; setting the scene remarks by a keynote speaker, who would focus on defining universal and meaningful access and on barriers to such access; and discussions structured around two main issues – universal access to infrastructure and accessibility and use. Suggestions for speakers are also being collected. Moreover, a mapping of relevant IGF 2021 sessions has been conducted.
- **Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/users rights regulation.** The team intends to plan the session in such a way that it brings together different stakeholders (including platforms, legislators and young people) to tackle policy questions relevant to the issue areas. A setting the scene section will also be included, to allow for a historical overview of how the discussions around Internet regulation have evolved. Synergies with the parliamentary track could also be explored. Ideally, the session would conclude with a set of recommendations or outputs that could later on be widely promoted within and beyond the IGF community.
- **Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation.** The plan developed by the issue team for this session includes: introductory remarks from a MAG member; statements from three speakers (10 minutes each) on advancing digital cooperation; and a moderated discussion that will build on the speakers statements and will look at how the IGF could advance the debate of global digital cooperation in 2021 and beyond.
- **Trust, security and stability.** The team started by looking at IGF 2021 workshops relevant to this issue area to identify key topics explored. On the content of the session, the team envisions a setting the scene section to cover key issues around security and trust, followed by an overview of how IGF 2021 will tackle these issues, and a discussion framed by the issue area's policy questions. The goal is for the session to provide input on how to frame the corresponding main session for December.

- **Environmental sustainability and climate change.** The team has made little progress, due to low engagement from MAG members. After looking at relevant workshops, team members noted that they cover very specific issues. Against this backdrop, the introductory session would focus on providing a more zoomed-out view on the issue area, while portraying the IGF as a very important platform for discussing linkages between digitalisation and environmental issues. The session will also help shed light on the work being done with the Policy Network on Environment (PNE).



### [Issue teams central document](#)

7. Commenting on the updates provided by the issue teams, Ms. Esterhuysen made several observations:

- One element that all teams could take on board is to look at the role that the IGF could play in taking forward discussions and engagement on the issue areas.
- Given that the introductory sessions are envisioned to be of maximum 90 minutes each, teams would need to be very careful in how they plan the sessions' format, especially if they intend to have both overviews provided by speakers and break-out groups for in-depth discussions.
- Given the work that issue teams still need to do on the introductory sessions, holding the sessions on 21, 22 and 23 September, as planned, might not be realistic. These sessions might also benefit from being held closer to the December IGF meeting. These views were shared by several MAG members, so options will be explored for moving the sessions to later dates.

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9. Mr. Masango reminded MAG members that a calendar of activities for the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase had been shared during previous meetings. The current version will be used to populate the online calendar with sessions and other activities included within this phase.



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

### III. Issue mapping wiki pages

10. Ms. Sorina Teleanu, IGF Secretariat, gave a recap of the issue mapping wiki pages, which are meant to (a) provide an introduction to the issue areas, (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 will include:

- **Overview of issue areas and sub-themes.**
- **IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase:** information on (a) activities related to the issue area held during the preparatory phase, and (b) a mapping of relevant outcomes and messages from previous IGFs.
- **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.



The wiki pages for IGF 2021 issue areas can be accessed via [this central document](#).

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#### IV. Planning the IGF 2021 main sessions

12. MAG members were reminded of previously agreed timeline regarding the planning of IGF 2021 main sessions:

- Main sessions proposals to be finalised by issue teams **by 5 October**.
- Main sessions to be finalised (including in terms of having speakers confirmed) by **2 November**.

13. It was agreed that issue teams would focus on finalising the proposals for the introductory sessions by the following MAG meetings, and start discussions on the main sessions afterwards.

#### V. Updates from intersessional activities

14. Several updates were given by best practice forums (BPFs), policy networks (PNs) and the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group (DCCGs).

- **[BPF on Gender and Digital Rights](#)**: The BPF continues working on a framework exploring the concept of gendered disinformation. Depending on progress, it may host a session during the IGF 2021 preparatory phase to present and discuss its findings and collect feedback to help further shape the output document.
- **[BPF on Cybersecurity](#)**: Work is progressing within all the workstreams and the groups are planning to have their first draft output documents ready by the first half of September.
- **[PN on Environment \(PNE\)](#)**: The PNE has started drafting its output document, to be ready by the Katowice IGF. The first chapter – on setting the scene – should be available for comments soon.
- **[PN on Meaningful Access \(PNMA\)](#)**: The policy network is holding meetings and has started planning the work needed to develop its output document.
- **[Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\)](#)**: DCs continue work on the paper documenting their experiences and looking into how they could further contribute to IGF processes. The aim is to finalise the paper by the end of October; an interim version will be available for comments. Various sources of input are used to develop the paper: a survey for DCs, a survey for MAG members and the broader IGF community, and individual discussions with DCs. Coalitions have also been invited to consider contributing to the IGF 2021 preparatory phase; some of them will hold sessions during this phase. In September, the DCCG will start the preparatory work for the DC main session at the Katowice IGF.

#### VI. AOB

15. The next MAG meeting will be held on 24 August. A doodle poll will be sent to MAG members to help identify the most suitable time.

## **Annex I**

### **Meeting agenda**

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase
  - 4.1 Presentation of proposals for sessions by issue teams followed by discussion (5 mins per issue team)
  - 4.2 Next steps to finalize and promote prep/engagement phase sessions
  - 4.3 Issue mapping wiki pages
5. Planning of the main sessions: next steps on the timeline
6. Updates from the intersessional work
7. Next steps
8. AOB

#### **Input documents**

1. IGF 2021 Preparatory and Engagement phase - draft schedule
2. MAG 2021 Issue Teams - Central Document (version of 9 August 2021)
3. IGF Main Session Guidelines
4. IGF 2021 Issue Areas

## Annex II Participants

Apologies noted from the following MAG members: Hana AlHashimi, Chenai Chair, Afi Edoh, Juliana Harsianti, Adam Peake, Arsene Tungali.

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