

IGF 2021
MAG Meeting XVI | 24 August 2021

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Introductory sessions

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- Once the session outlines are finalised, it is the responsibility of MAG members to reach out to and invite the proposed speakers. The Secretariat may be able to assist with contact details.
- MAG members who have not yet contributed to the planning of the introductory sessions are urged to step up their involvement.
- The introductory sessions to be held on 1–3 November 2021.

Issue mapping wiki pages

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Main sessions

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 - Speakers lists can evolve after this date.

Other issues

- MAG members to inform the Secretariat and the MAG Chair whether they plan to travel to Geneva for the third Open Consultations and MAG meeting or participate online.

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

1. The sixteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 24 August 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, gave an overview of the meeting's agenda and noted that the discussions would focus on the state of preparations for the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase. A review of the action items from the [10 August meeting](#) was also given.

3. Mr. Przemyslaw Typiak, Polish government, announced that the [IGF 2021 Host Country website](#) now provides access to all [relevant information related to COVID-19](#). The Host Country has also been working with the IGF Secretariat on a [visual guide on how to register for IGF 2021](#), and with the MAG Working Group on hybrid meetings (WG-Hybrid) on tips and hints to help IGF 2021 participants and session organisers familiarise with the hybrid format of the meeting.

4. Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat, provided several updates from the Secretariat:

- The [registration for the third Open Consultations and MAG Meeting](#) (taking place on 29 September – 1 October 2021, in Geneva and online) is open.
- A [call for nominations for the 2022 MAG](#) has been launched. Nominations can be submitted until 10 September 2021. MAG members who have served for less than three years do not need to reapply to be taken into consideration for the continuation of their tenure for up to three years.
- The [call for applications for travel support to attend IGF 2021](#) is still open until 31 August.

5. Ms. Esterhuysen noted that the third Open Consultations and MAG Meeting will be an opportunity to put in practice the principles and mechanisms developed for hybrid meetings, in the run up to the Katowice IGF. To help with the planning, MAG members are invited to inform the Secretariat and the MAG Chair whether they plan to travel to Geneva or participate online.

II. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

6. Ms. Gengo explained that the Secretariat is building a webpage dedicated to the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase, which will include an interactive calendar with information about all the planned sessions. The first such session – on youth engagement – will be held on 31 August.

7. Ms. Eleonora Mazzucchi, IGF Secretariat, announced that **1–3 November have been selected as the new dates for the issue areas introductory sessions** (based on a poll conducted after the previous MAG meeting). The issue-focused wrap-up session, initially intended to be held during the preparatory phase as well, will be integrated into the recap session that will take place at the beginning of the annual IGF meeting in December. Another change that may occur in the preparatory phase schedule

relates to the date for the intersessional activities session (initially planned for 15 September), but this is still being discussed.



[IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase – draft schedule](#)

8. Ms. Esterhuysen reminded MAG members that the purpose of the introductory sessions is to give an overview of the IGF 2021 issue areas and to engage IGF stakeholders (from different regions and groups) in discussions on these issues. Issue teams then provided updates on their work on planning the introductory sessions.

- **Economic and social inclusion and human rights.** The team is proposing that the session is divided into two blocks: one looking at trends, new opportunities and risks related to the issue area, and the other exploring possible governance strategies to promote inclusion and human rights, including the role of the IGF. Speakers from various regions and stakeholder groups will be invited to provide short input talks, followed by discussions among them and with the audience. A summary of the debates is to be provided at the end of the session.
- **Environmental sustainability and climate change.** The session is intended to offer a general perspective on environment and digitalisation and discuss the role of the IGF as an important player to cover these issues, connect the dots and develop the capacity of policy makers.
- **Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation.** Planned as a moderated panel discussion, the session will revolve around several key questions: What opportunities are provided by the current focus on digital cooperation resulting from the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for digital cooperation? Is the Roadmap succeeding in consolidating cooperation and promoting a more holistic approach? Is the global debate on inclusive Internet governance becoming more focused or rather fragmented? What role should the IGF play in advancing digital cooperation? The audience will be engaged via questions and polls.
- **Trust, security and stability.** The session will provide an overview of key policy issues around trust and security, discuss ongoing initiatives such as the UN GGE and the OEWSG, reflect on the work being done by the Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity and on relevant messages from IGF 2020, and look at what should be the key topics for discussion at the dedicated main session at IGF 2021.
- **Universal access and meaningful connectivity.** The session will feature discussions on developing meaningful access to Internet infrastructure where there is none (e.g. through innovative business models and the creation of community networks), and key topics related to accessibility and the use of the Internet, such as universal acceptance, content in one's own language and digital skill-building. Speakers are being identified to address relevant policy questions.
- **Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/user rights regulation.** The session is intended to start with a stocktaking section, looking at how topics related to regulation have evolved over the years; this would be followed by a debate on the current situation, including various attempts to introduce new regulations for the digital space. Discussions are ongoing on identifying speakers and moderators.



9. Following up on the updates provided by the issue teams, Ms. Esterhuysen suggested that:
- Attention is paid to speaker diversity (to ensure that they are representative of different regions and stakeholder groups) and to interactivity and engagement of participants.
 - Issue teams consider how they intend to document the discussions and capture the outcomes of the session. These outcomes will need to be shared with the Secretariat and will feed into the revised issue guide.
 - Issue teams do not try to cover everything during the introductory sessions. These sessions could also be used to tease out trends, issues and challenges, some of which could then be addressed during the main sessions.

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III. Issue mapping wiki pages

11. Mr. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat, provided a recap on the issue mapping wiki pages:
- The wiki pages are primarily meant to collect information on everything that happens within the IGF this year, in relation to the issue areas. They are not intended to create an additional task for MAG members per se, but merely to bring together in one place information that already exists elsewhere (e.g. introductory session descriptions, lists of relevant sessions and intersessional activities).
 - The wikis are also meant to showcase linkages and synergies between what is happening at the IGF and what is happening outside of the IGF (i.e. how various platforms, forums, organisations discuss and address the IGF 2021 issue areas). This is where issue teams and the IGF community are invited to contribute, by helping identify relevant activities/initiatives outside of the IGF.
 - At the end of the IGF 2021 cycle, the wikis will be archived and serve as a repository of information on everything that has happened at the IGF during the year.

12. Ms. Esterhuysen further explained that the wiki pages are a way to bring together in one place information on what is already happening at the IGF and beyond it. They will form part of the IGF 2021 records and outcome documentation.

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IV. Planning the IGF 2021 main sessions

14. Issue teams are expected to finalise their proposals for main session outlines **by the end of September**. Speakers lists can evolve after this date.

V. AOB

15. The MAG was informed that a meeting had been held between the MAG Chair, the WG-Hybrid, the Secretariat, the Host Country and UN DESA to discuss the open letter from civil society organisations (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'). A response has been drafted and the letter initiators will be invited to a meeting to discuss their concerns and way to address them.

16. The next MAG meeting will be held on 7 September, from 11:00 UTC.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the MAG Chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase
 - 4.1 Confirming the new dates for the introductory sessions
 - 4.2 Presentation of the final proposals for the sessions by issue teams followed by discussion (5 mins per issue team)
 - 4.3 Next steps to finalize and promote preparatory and engagement phase sessions
5. Issue mapping wiki pages: status on adding relevant content
6. Planning of the main sessions: next steps on the timeline
7. AOB

Input documents

1. [IGF 2021 Preparatory and Engagement phase - draft schedule](#)
2. [MAG 2021 Issue Teams - Central Document](#)
3. [IGF Main Session Guidelines](#)
4. [IGF 2021 Issue Areas](#)

Proposals for the introductory sessions:

- [Economic and social inclusion and human rights](#)
- [Environmental sustainability and climate change](#)
- [Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation](#)
- [Trust, security, stability](#)
- [Universal access and meaningful connectivity](#)
- [Emerging regulation: market structure, content, data and consumer/users rights regulation](#)

Annex II Participants

Apologies noted from the following MAG members: Gunela Astbrink, Sook-Jung Dofel.

Last name	First name
MAG Chair	
Esterhuysen	Anriette
IGF 2021 Host Country	
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AlHashimi	Hana
Canales	Maria Paz
Chalmers	Susan
Charlton	Paul
Chen	Joyce
Chharia	Rajesh
Choudhury	Amrita
Chukov	Roman
Espinosa	Amado
Harsianti	Juliana
Hordynski	Ryszard
Horejsova	Tereza
Ofianga	Mary Rose
Peake	Adam
Radsch	Courtney
Seturi	Ucha

Tauchnitz	Evelyne
Tungali	Arsene
Zambrana	Roberto
Past and future IGF host countries	
Iida	Yoichi
Walpen	Livia
Representatives of intergovernmental organisations	
Nemiguentcheva-Gra u	Velimira
Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology	
Munyan	Jason
Other participants	
Amessinou	Kossi
Bambo	Samuel
Carvell	Mark
Cassa	Concettina
Cohen	Frederic
Croll	Jutta
Guenther	Lisa
Jallow	Adama
Kummer	Markus
Nelson	Mike
Parris	June
Prendergast	Jim
Tatarova	Vlada
Wagner	Flavio
IGF Secretariat	
Bobo	Luis

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Gengo	Anja
Masango	Chengetai
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