

IGF 2021
MAG Meeting XVI | 7 September 2021

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

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Main sessions

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MAG working groups

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 - MAG members to share suggestions on how to organise a discussion at IGF 2021 on the participation of the IGF in Roadmap activities, based on the mapping table.
 - WG-Outreach to share the draft communications strategy with the MAG **by 14 September**. MAG members to then review and comment on the draft **by 21 September**.
- ❖ **The current tasks for MAG members (and related documents) are also available in the [MAG dashboard](#).**

1. The seventeenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 7 September 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 started the meeting by welcoming participants and giving an overview of the meeting's agenda.

3. Mr. Przemyslaw Typiak, Polish government, announced that the Host Country launched the ['My Internet of the future' competition](#) inviting young people to tell, write or show how they see a future Internet (through posters, videos or essays). Work is also ongoing on various issues related to the IGF 2021 including, including the high-level leaders tracks and the parliamentary track, as well as a call for volunteers to support the December meeting.

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

- MAG members were reminded to [register for the third Open Consultations and MAG Meeting](#) (taking place on 29 September – 1 October 2021, in Geneva and online) regardless of whether they plan to travel to Geneva or participate online.
- The [call for nominations for the 2022 MAG](#) is still open until 10 September.
- The [registration of remote hubs for IGF 2021](#) is open until 20 September. To date, [24 hubs](#) have registered. Some funding will be available to support remote hubs from the Global South. Hubs

are also invited to liaise with the IGF Secretariat on the topics they would want to engage on during IGF 2021, so that arrangements are made to enable their interventions.

- Information of the [IGF 2021 parliamentary track](#) is available on the IGF website.
- A Town Hall on IGF 2021 hybrid format will be hosted on 20 September at 13:00 UTC. A calendar invite will be sent in due course.

II. Agenda of third Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

5. Ms. Esterhuysen explained that the third Open Consultations and MAG meeting taking place at the end of September will be an opportunity for MAG members to consolidate the preparations for the hybrid IGF. Even if not all members will travel to Geneva, mechanisms will be put in place to allow for a hybrid meeting and meaningful participation of all MAG members. One suggestion was to start the second and third days of the meeting with a debrief of the previous day's discussion, which would also include feedback sent in writing by MAG members who might not be able to participate in real time due to time zones.

6. Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat, presented the [draft agenda for the meeting](#), explaining that it would include topics such as the implementation of the preparatory and engagement phase, the state of preparations for IGF 2021, the IGF 2021 programme (including updates and discussions on main sessions, the high-level leaders track and the parliamentary track, etc.), IGF intersessional activities and national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs), and a launch of the new IGF website.

III. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

7. Ms. Eleonora Mazzucchi, IGF Secretariat, presented the [webpage dedicated to the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase](#), which includes information about the phase's goals and schedule.

8. Ms. Esterhuysen thanked issue teams for their work on the introductory sessions outlines, which are now largely integrated into the online programme of the preparatory and engagement phase. She noted that discussions would need to be held on how to document the outcomes of the preparatory and engagement phase and enable them to feed into the IGF 2021 meeting in December.

9. Mr. Luis Bobo, IGF Secretariat, explained that there is a two-stage registration system for the preparatory phase and the IGF 2021 meeting. The first stage requires everyone participating online in the preparatory phase and the 16th IGF to register; then, for those wishing to participate in person in Katowice, a second stage of the registration process needs to be completed. This system has been developed with consideration to requests for a more user-friendly registration.

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IV. Issue mapping wiki pages

11. Mr. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat, provided a few updates and clarifications regarding the issue area wiki pages:

- The wikis are meant to showcase everything that happens within the IGF this year, in relation to the issue areas, by bringing together in one place information on relevant IGF 2021 sessions, intersessional activities, etc. They 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). At the end of the IGF 2021 cycle, the wikis will be archived and serve as a repository of information on what has happened at the IGF during the year.
- Initially created as Google documents, the wikis are now also accessible via the IGF website, through the [revamped webpage](#) dedicated to issue areas.
- The wikis are intended to be living spaces, to be continuously developed between now and the 16th IGF meeting. The Google documents continue to be the working documents for the Secretariat and the issue teams; changes made there are automatically reflected into the webpages.
- The next steps would consist in further enriching the wikis, initially with the help of MAG issue teams, and, later on, by also creating an opportunity for the community to provide contributions (for instance, through a web form). These next steps and ways to put them in practice are to be discussed at a meeting between the Secretariat and members of issue teams designated to support this work.

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V. Main sessions

13. MAG members were reminded that the main sessions are an ideal opportunity to show how the IGF can contribute to advancing the debates on topical or mature Internet policy issues. They should go beyond scoping the issues at a general level, and instead feature a meaningful multistakeholder debate on specific topics. At the same time, main sessions should not feature too many speakers, as this would risk transforming the discussions into a series of interventions, without an opportunity for real conversations.



[Main session guidelines](#)

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VI. Updates from MAG working groups

15. The following updates were provided by MAG working groups (WGs).

- **WG on hybrid meetings (WG-Hybrid):** The group has been working on a [set of frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) about the hybrid IGF](#), in consultation with the MAG Chair, the IGF Secretariat and the Host Country. The guide is dedicated to both session organisers and regular IGF participants and is aimed to provide clarity on the mechanisms put in place to ensure that onsite and online participants will be able to contribute fully to IGF 2021.
- **WG on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy):** The group is advancing with its work on a [mapping of linkages](#) between activities carried out in the context of the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation and activities undertaken within the IGF community. Best practice forums (BPFs), policy networks (PNs) and dynamic coalitions (DCs) have been invited to contribute to this exercise. The result is expected to be presented and discussed at the IGF meeting in December, and the WG welcomes suggestions on how such a discussion could take place.
- **WG on outreach and communications (WG-Outreach):** The group is working on a [communications strategy for the IGF](#), which is intended to set out concrete and realistic targets, as well as clarify the various areas of responsibility when it comes to communications activities. The strategy will also be looking into how to strengthen communications efforts targeted at the general public, beyond the IGF, Internet governance and digital policy communities.

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VII. AOB

17. A brief discussion was held in a follow up to a series of email exchanges on the MAG Chair appointment process. A comment was made that, while it is understood that the appointment of the MAG Chair is fully at the discretion of the UN Secretary-General, more clarity and transparency would be welcome on issues such as the length of terms (to avoid having Chairs serve for different lengths of time), the rotation among stakeholder groups, etc. Appreciation was also expressed towards the current MAG Chair's work and leadership.

18. In response to these comments, it was noted that the call for MAG Chair candidates was by no means reflecting an unfavourable assessment of the work of the current Chair. With regard to the term of office, the [MAG Chair Terms of reference](#) states that Chairs are appointed for one year, with the possibility of extension. As the IGF MAG is a multistakeholder body, the intent is that each stakeholder group should have the opportunity to provide a Chair. Given that of the current ten-year year mandate of the IGF there are four years left, consideration is given to enabling the Chair role to rotate amongst at least two more stakeholder groups.

19. The Chair thanked MAG members for their support, expressed her full support for the principle of rotation of MAG chairpersonship among stakeholder groups, and reiterated that she would continue to actively contribute to IGF processes regardless of the role.

20. The MAG will convene on 29 September – 1 October, in the context of the third Open Consultations and MAG meeting.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the MAG Chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. Agenda of 3rd Open Consultations and MAG meeting
5. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase
6. Issue mapping wiki pages
7. Main sessions: next steps on the timeline
8. Updates from MAG-WG's
 - a. Hybrid-WG: FAQ's
 - b. Strategy-WG: Strategy Map
 - c. Outreach-WG: Communications Strategy
9. A.O.B

Input documents

1. IGF 2021 Preparatory and Engagement phase - Draft Programme
2. MAG 2021 Issue Teams - Central Document
3. IGF Main Session Guidelines
4. IGF 2021 Issue Areas/ Wikis

Descriptions/agendas 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 MAG member Ryszard Hordyński.

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MAG Chair	
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AlHashimi	Hana
Astbrink	Gunela
Attoumani Mohamed	Karim
Canales	Maria Paz
Chair	Chenai
Chalmers	Susan
Charlton	Paul
Chen	Joyce
Chharia	Rajesh
Choudhury	Amrita
Chukov	Roman
Dofel	Sook-Jung
Espinosa	Amado
Fantinati	Mattia
Harsianti	Juliana
Horejsova	Tereza

Ofianga	Mary Rose
Peake	Adam
Radsch	Courtney
Roach	Carol
Seturi	Ucha
Tauchnitz	Evelyne
Tungali	Arsene
Zambrana	Roberto
UNDESA	
Kwok	Wai Min
Past and future IGF host countries	
Iida	Yoichi
Representatives of international organisations	
Frank	Nicola
Nemiguentcheva-Grau	Velimira
Russo	Lucia
Other participants	
Carvell	Mark
Cassa	Concettina
Croll	Jutta
Guenther	Lisa
Jallow	Adama
Kummer	Markus
Lopez-Barajas	Gonzalo
Parris	June
Regoje	Nebojša
Suto	Timea

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