

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy
Online Meeting
17 April 2025 at 13:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 95th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 17 April 2025 at 13:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Chris opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

Agenda

1. Update from the IGF Secretariat
2. Update on the second Open Consultations and MAG meeting
3. Update on the 6 sub-working groups
4. General updates – WSIS+20/GDC/AI governance
5. AoB

Discussion

1. Update from the IGF Secretariat

Anja shared few information on the ongoing activities saying that the number of IGF registrations reached 3000. In terms of intersectional works the consultants have been contracted. On the program itself, the high level sessions, the topics have been announced during the open consultations and MAG meeting and published on the website. For the program there is at least space for 41 workshop proposals and there are some discussions internally on how to make more space for other good workshops which are on the pending list. Celine will share the updated list of workshops next week. There are still several elements to be confirmed as the Government participation and related speakers. She suggested also to look at the [host presentation](#) shared on the first day of the meeting during the Open Consultations, which contains some useful information on logistics.

2. Update on the second Open Consultations and MAG meeting

Chris shared some reflections on the recent Open Consultations and MAG meetings held from 14-16 of April focusing on the preparation of the upcoming IGF, discussing workshop selection, main sessions, and positioning the IGF for WSIS discussions. He said that he perceived a positive impression in terms of MAG participation but less participation from the community on the first day. He mentioned the constraints related to the physical space in the venue and the smaller number of workshop and

session slots. Another important discussion held among MAG members and with the LP was the WSIS+20 discussions and the positioning of the IGF.

Some participants shared that some unclarity was noted in terms of main sessions and on how it all will work with high level sessions organized by the host, main sessions organized by the MAG, and the main room sessions organized by the Dynamic Coalitions and the NRIs. Further discussion is also needed on the High Level and WSIS+20 sessions.

3. Update on the 6 sub-working groups

Chris gave an update on the status of the activities of the 6 subgroups sharing the link to the working documents.

- *WG 1 (Bruna): Work on a paper reinforcing the mission of the IGF and its long-term contribution to the digital cooperation and internet governance space.* https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dp19oLro_xLDXGx6jC17C-VaY2GJ7Qwc1f9Ik1U4DGg/edit?tab=t.0
- *WG 2 (Chris): Draft a panel submission to the WSIS+20 Open Consultation Process (OCP) in order to host a discussions during the High-Level Event in Geneva:* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lvTxDECW1hX9CJbchhBCfpMonkd06q0DRa862YcAWKI/edit?tab=t.0>
- *WG 3 (Titti): Host a dialogue webinar with ODET and other UN Agencies on the implementation of Para 68-71 of the GDC (MAP), together with DCs, NRIs and other intersessional work:* https://docs.google.com/document/d/1suCaQDM-TWem29QZXTXcpxZS3_0JW8YL/edit
- *WG 4 (Flavio): Host a webinar on the implementation of the NM+10 Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines implementation to the IGF work.*
- *WG 5 (Amrita): Consider actions for fostering governmental engagement,* https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zras1z1RQMaZyhkLkqWd_Q01tok419DVtoauShV_GQQ/edit?tab=t.0
- *WG 6 (Bruna): Draft a high level Multistakeholder statement addressing the UNGA Presidency highlighting the importance of the IGF and the need for it to be transformed into a permanent effort and fora:* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezsfdAT5-y48GUfG9IJ96wK2cxAAbmc5h626UYE6XZY/edit?tab=t.0>

Ana shared that there will be a webinar on *NM+10 Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines implementation* during EuroDIG..

Wout shared that on DCs side they assigned one person each to each of the 6 objectives, that are contributing to the six topics.

On Objective 4 Mark Carvell has put out a call to all DCs to show how they do their internal governance, on decision making membership and what sort of rules they have, and he's collecting those data as a part of the input to sub-group 4 to underscore how the Sao Paulo principles work for dynamic coalitions.

4. General updates – WSIS+20/GDC/AI governance

A recent update on the WSIS+20 review process was shared, noting that:

1. UNDESA will be Secretariat for WSIS+20 Review; David Souter (UKCIT) to be hired as contractor and will be "pen"
2. The Co-Facilitators for the WSIS+20 process need to be [re-]appointed in May
3. There will be PGA-led consultations in May/June (NY/hybrid)
4. An 'Elements Paper' published mid-June
5. Co-Facs are planned to attend IGF and the WSIS+20 High-Level Event in Geneva
6. A Zero draft of Final Resolution will be published in late-August
7. Second PGA Consultations in October (NY/hybrid)
8. First round of Informal Consultations in October
9. Second round Informal Consultations in November
10. WSIS High-Level Event in mid-December in New York

Saba shared few information on the application for IGF 2025 Youth Mentorship Program: <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/application-for-igf-2025-youth-mentorship-program>

5. AoB

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be held on 1 May at **06:00 UTC**.

List of participants

1. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
2. Titti Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Alishah Sharriff, Independent Expert
5. Fiona Alexander, Independent Expert
6. Ana Neves, IGF MAG member
7. Bill Drake, Independent Expert
8. Jorge Cancio, Swiss Government
9. Goudsway Kubi, Independent Expert
10. Maria Paz, former IGF MAG member
11. Eleonora Mazzucchi, IGF Secretariat
12. Herman Johansen, Independent Expert
13. Adam Peake, former IGF MAG member

14. Ellen Taylor, Independent Expert
15. Jasmine Ko, Independent Expert
16. June Paris, Independent Expert
17. Kaelo, Independent Expert
18. Lucien Castex, Independent Expert
19. Andrew Flavin, Independent Expert
20. Peter Koch, Independent Expert
21. Tiago Martins, Independent Expert
22. Maurenn Owutsu, Independent Expert
23. Teresa Horejsova (IGF MAG member)
24. Nabel Yasin, Independent Expert
25. Washinton Jiang, Independent Expert
26. Philippe Schulte (German Government)
27. Saba Tiku, former IGF MAG Member
28. Wout De Natris, Independent Expert