IGF 2022
MAG Meeting III | 5 April 2022
Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Call for session proposals

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- MAG members to review the call by Monday, 11 April.
- A MAG meeting to be held on 11 April to approve the call.
- The call for session proposals to be launched in the week of 11 April.

EGM

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1. The third virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2022 preparatory cycle was held on 5 April 2022 and was moderated by Mr. Paul Mitchell, MAG Chair.

Attached to this summary report are the meeting agenda (Annex I) and the list of participants (Annex II).

I. Introductions and updates from MAG Chair and Secretariat

2. MAG members were reminded that an [Expert Group Meeting](#) (EGM) took place on 30 March – 1 April 2022, in New York, to consider how the IGF can contribute to advancing digital cooperation and implementing proposed initiatives in this area, within the broader context of the ongoing process on strengthening and improving the IGF as a space for global multistakeholder discussions on Internet policy issues. A report from the meeting – outlining key input and action points – is being prepared and will be published for community feedback.

3. Key points raised
- The EGM was described as an intense, useful and frank three-day meeting by the MAG members who had attended it.
- Some of the issues discussed at EGM were: a suggestion to have the MAG Terms of Reference looked at, with a view to determining whether changes should be made; the need for capacity development for IGF session organisers throughout the entire process of planning the session, as much as possible; a suggestion to integrate dynamic coalitions (DCs) and national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) into the main sessions focused on the key IGF themes (as opposed to them having their own separate main sessions), as a way to bring more visibility to these processes and strengthen their integration into the broader IGF programme.

- It was noted that EGM discussions have led to many suggestions; some of them need more thinking, others more resources, and others are practical and could be implemented in the short to medium term.

4. Action items
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5. Other updates from the Secretariat included a note that the [latest edition of the IGF newsletter](#) had just been published, and an observation that the call is closed for MAG members to express interest in financial support for the second Open Consultations and MAG meeting (to be held in July 2022).

II. Call for IGF 2022 session proposals

6. The MAG Working Group on Workshop Process has worked on preparing the **[call for workshop proposals](#)** and the **[workshop proposal form](#)** for IGF 2022. It was explained that, in its work on revising the call and the form for proposals, the group considered several key issues: the need for more focused sessions; the importance of using innovative approaches to building hybrid sessions and ensuring the meaningful participation of online and onsite attendees; and adjusting various criteria used before, to provide more clarity as to what the MAG will evaluate.

7. Key points raised
- The call for session proposals requires the proponents to clearly indicate how their proposal is related to the selected theme (among the [five themes of IGF 2022](#)). A suggestion was made to also integrate a point requiring proponents to explain how their session contributes something new to the debate on a specific topic.
- The MAG was invited to explore ways to encourage new stakeholders to host sessions at the IGF. It was said, for instance, that during the evaluation process, the MAG could look into how to strike a balance between the quality of proposals and the need for diversity and new perspectives. At the same time, the MAG needs to be objective in its assessment of proposals and apply the same criteria consistently during the evaluation process.
- A suggestion was made for the session proposal form to include checkboxes with suggestions for how to make sessions inclusive and participatory considering the technology available at the IGF. This will give proponents a clear idea on what is possible from a technical point of view, and avoid suggestions that go beyond such possibilities.
- Another suggestion was to develop a cover page for the call for proposals – to be published on the IGF website – to serve as a guide for session proponents in developing their proposals.
- Based on IGF 2021 experiences, the MAG could develop additional guidance for session proponents/organizers on how to organize a session and deal with unexpected situations such as last minute cancellations from speakers.
- It was mentioned that all sessions should by default provide a hybrid experience for all participants; this is something session organizers should consider when they propose a session format.
- A call was made for more concentrated efforts to be dedicated to building the capacity of session organizers to host truly hybrid and inclusive sessions.

- A discussion was held on the language(s) in which the community can submit session proposals. It was noted that the Secretariat and the MAG do not have resources available to allow for the submission and review of session proposals in languages other than English. But this is an issue that the MAG could look into over the course of the year and consider making recommendations on how to address this gap over time.

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Annex I
Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from the Secretariat (Incl update from EGM)
3. Call for session proposals (approval of call and form)
4. AOB
5. Next Steps

Annex II
Participants

Last name	First name
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Fudzulani	Bram

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Horejsova	Tereza
Kawauchi	Junko
Lagakali	Cherie
Martins dos Santos	Bruna
Miliza	Josephine
Oteguy	Paula
Peake	Adam
Ramirez Garcia	Alan
Radsch	Courtney
Roach	Carol
Simona	Tenanoia
Sultanov	Talant
Tauchnitz	Evelyne
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Zambrana	Roberto
Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology	
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Past and prospective IGF host countries	
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Croll	Jutta
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Parris	June
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