

IGF 2022
MAG Meeting V | 10 May 2022
Summary report

Action items & Next steps

MAG working groups

- WG-Strategy will proceed with its work based on the two documents approved at the meeting ([plan of activities for 2022](#) and a [matrix of actionable items from the Secretariat's synthesis document](#)).
- WG-Hybrid will schedule its second meeting.
- WG-Comms will share a document with MAG members inviting them to provide contact information for organisations to be targeted with IGF-related communications.
- WG-Workshop process to continue discussions on the weighting of evaluation criteria, based in particular in feedback related to diversity and hybrid elements, and put forward a revised proposal to be discussed and approved by the MAG at the next meeting.

Other issues

- The IGF Secretariat to start preparing a training session for MAG members to be held before the start of the workshop evaluation period.
- MAG members to remind their communities about the call for session proposals and encourage early submission.
- The IGF Secretariat to share details about the outreach session to be organised at the WSIS Forum. MAG members participating in the Forum are invited to join the sessions and encourage others to do the same.
- MAG members interested in supporting youth engagement activities are invited to contact the Secretariat.

1. The fifth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2022 preparatory cycle was held on 10 May 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. Updates from IGF Secretariat

2. The following updates were provided by the IGF Secretariat:

- The [call for session proposals](#) is open until 3 June. By the meeting date, 2 workshop proposals had been submitted, and 20 were work in progress.
- The IGF Secretariat will host an [outreach session](#) during the WSIS Forum, on 3 June.
- Two new Dynamic Coalitions were formed recently: A [DC on Environment](#), to follow up on the work of the Policy Network on Environment; and a [DC on Digital Health](#).

- The Secretariat has started preparations for the youth track at IGF 2022. Details about youth engagement are available in a [Proposed plan of activities](#).

3. Action items

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- Secretariat to share details about the outreach session to be organised at the WSIS Forum. MAG members participating in the Forum are invited to join the sessions and encourage others to do the same.
- MAG members interested in supporting youth engagement activities are invited to contact the Secretariat.

II. Updates from MAG working groups

4. The MAG approved two documents previously submitted by the **Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy)**: a [plan of activities for 2022](#) and a [matrix of actionable items from the Secretariat's synthesis document](#).¹ The WG will proceed with its work based on these documents.

5. The **Working Group on Hybrid Meetings (WG-Hybrid)** held a first formal meeting in which participants were briefed about the group's scope of work and about discussions held at the IGF Expert Group Meeting on issues related to the hybrid approach to IGF meetings. WG members have been actively involved in the work related to the development of criteria for evaluation of IGF 2022 workshop proposals. The upcoming meeting of the WG is to be announced soon.

6. The **Working Group on engagement and communications (WG-Comms)** is working on an updated document to be shared with MAG members inviting them to provide contact information for organisations – from all stakeholder groups – to reach out to with IGF-related communications. MAG members are also invited to share any suggestions on how to improve IGF outreach.

7. The **Working Group on workshop process (WG- Workshop process)** has been working on [criteria and associated weights for evaluating IGF 2022 workshop proposals](#). The five criteria against which proposals will be evaluated are related to: the proposed topic, workshop content, policy question(s), hybrid organisation strategy, and diversity. The group is still discussing the weights associated to each criteria; proposals have included both equal and different weights for the five criteria.

8. Key points raised

- Some concerns were raised that there might be too much weight allocated to the *hybrid organisation strategy* criterion, to the detriment of criteria related to the content of the proposals. Suggestions were made to carefully assess the weight that the MAG wants to assign to form and content.
- With regard to the diversity criterion, points were made that attention should be paid not only to diversity in terms of gender/region/etc., but also to diversity of views and opinions.

¹ The synthesis document is [Contributions Taking Stock of IGF 2021 and Looking Forward to IGF 2022 Synthesis Paper](#).

- Some points were made that the MAG needs to be transparent towards session proponents with regard to the weighting of criteria.
- It was clarified that, when a workshop proposal is evaluated, MAG members will allocate a score from 1 to 5 to each of the 5 criteria. The final score for each proposal will be calculated automatically, based on the weight associated with each criteria (which is built into the system developed by the Secretariat). Guidelines will be available for MAG members to assist in the application of the 1-5 scale. A training session for MAG members will be held before the start of the workshop evaluation period.

9. Action items

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III. AOB

10. Following one member's question about the overall conditions of hosting the meeting in Ethiopia, the Secretariat confirmed that the planning activities – carried out together with the host country – are on a good trajectory.

Annex I Meeting agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from the Secretariat
3. Updates from MAG WGs
 1. Working Group on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy)
 2. Working Group on Hybrid Meetings (WG-Hybrid)
 3. Working Group on Workshop Process (WG-WSP)
4. AOB

Annex II Participants

Last name	First name
MAG Chair	
Mitchell	Paul
MAG members	
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Attoumani	Karim
Birarda	Carina
Buckridge	Chris
Choudhury	Amrita
Espinosa	Amado
Fudzulani	Bram
Horejsova	Tereza
Kawauchi	Junko
Koubaa	Khaled

Lagakali	Cherie
Martins dos Santos	Bruna
Palovirta	Maarit
Radsch	Courtney
Ramirez Garcia	Alan
Roach	Carol
Simona	Tenanoia
Tauchnitz	Evelyne
Tiigimäe	Meelis
Zambrana	Roberto
Past and prospective IGF host countries	
Glushchenko	Vadim
Skwarek	Viktor
Other participants	
Afonso	Carlos Alberto
Brudek-Slegers	Karolina
Cassa	Concettina
Edoh	Afi
Esterhuysen	Anriette
Oluoch	Elizabeth
Parris	June
Prendergast	Jim
Suto	Timea
Wagner	Flavio
IGF Secretariat	
Bobo	Luis
Degezelle	Wim

Garde	Pascal
Gengo	Anja
Masango	Chengetai
Teleanu	Sorina