IGF Leadership Panel
Meeting I
10 February 2023 | 13:00-14:30 UTC | Online

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel held its first meeting of 2023 on 10 February online. The meeting discussed the Panel's organization of work for the cycle, including its proposed division into action-oriented working groups in line with its mandate, as well as preparations for its face-to-face meeting in Vienna, Austria, on 6-7 March. It also explored opportunities for members to advocate for the IGF in wider conferences and fora where they plan to participate.

<u>Decisions, Action Items & Next Steps</u>

- The Panel agreed upon four working groups based on proposals developed by Ms. Garza and Ms. Fuhr, as follows:
  - **Group A on Awareness-Raising and Outreach**, whose focus will be to map fora and processes within and outside the UN System where members can promote IGF, as well as organize possible outreach events
  - **Group B on Inputs to the IGF and Liaison with the MAG**, which will ensure close cooperation with the MAG throughout IGF programme planning, including for the selection of themes
  - **Group C on Fund Raising**, which will work together with the Secretariat, DESA and donor community to help increase contributions to the IGF Trust Fund; and
  - **Group D on Opportunities for Substantive Contributions and Guidance**, which, in taking advantage of the significant expertise and areas of interest on the panel, will develop common issues-based statements and recommendations, including a tentative framework on "The Internet We Want"

- Regarding the detailed objectives of each group, namely Group D and its emphasis on a shared narrative on "The Internet We Want", it was agreed this would be continuously discussed and elaborated on by the group, with no enumerated principles yet fixed.

- The Panel appointed volunteer administrative chairs and assigned members to each group, as follows:
  - ***Group A:*** *Krzysztof Szubert (Admin Chair); Hatem Dowidar; Karoline Edtstadler; Maria Fernanda Garza; Amandeep Singh Gill; Lise Fuhr; 'Gbenga Sesan*
  - ***Group B:*** *Vint Cerf (Admin Chair); Lise Fuhr; Paul Mitchell*
  - ***Group C:*** *Vint Cerf (Admin Chair); Krzysztof Szubert; Lan Xue*
  - ***Group D:*** *Lise Fuhr (Admin Chair); Huria Ali; Hatem Dowidar; Karoline Edtstadler; Maria Fernanda Garza; Amandeep Singh Gill; Paul Mitchell; 'Gbenga Sesan*

- As to the Panel's upcoming meeting in Vienna, a tentative press briefing and its details are still to be defined; it was said the Panel should use programme segments on "Common Messages" and its meeting with the MAG as opportunities to give input on the themes for IGF 2023.

- Looking ahead to the IGF in Kyoto, the Panel plans to meet a minimum of 3-5 times to maximize their in-person time together.

- Separate engagements of the members in meetings where they can advocate for the IGF are, as communicated: the UNESCO Internet for Trust conference (attended by Ms. Ressa and Mr. Sesan); World Mobile Congress (attended by Mr. Dowidar, Ms. Fuhr and Mr. Gill); ICANN Meeting (attended by Ms. Fuhr); Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum (organized and attended by Mr. Sesan); RightsCon (attended by Ms. Fuhr and Mr. Sesan); and a meeting of the UN Commission for Science and Technology for Development - CSTD (attended by Mr. Mitchell).

- Panel members are to share their participation in the above using the calendar and documents tool supplied by the Secretariat.

- The Secretariat will facilitate closer communication between the Panel and the World Economic Forum.

Annex I – Draft Agenda

1. **Discussion on IGF LP Work Plan, including:**
   a. Determining action-oriented working groups
   b. Outlining objectives for working groups
   c. Assigning members to groups

2. **Preparation for Meeting in Vienna**
   a. Reviewing proposed agenda
   b. Identifying priority discussion areas with MAG

3. **Upcoming Engagements of LP Members**
   a. Overview of meetings LP Members will or should attend
   b. Strategic approaches to promoting IGF in the above settings: what messages for what audience, etc.
   c. Shared tool for logging meetings

4. **AOB**

Annex II – Attendance

Panel Members

Mr. Vint Cerf, Chair

Ms. Maria Ressa, Vice-Chair
Ms. Huria Ali
Mr. Hatem Dowidar
Ms. Lise Fuhr
Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill
Mr. Paul Mitchell
Mr. 'Gbenga Sesan
Mr. Krzysztof Szubert
Mr. Lan Xue

Panel Support Persons
Ms. Meni Anastasiadou
Mr. Pradeep Verma
Mr. Christian Ebner
Mr. Yoichi Iida
Mr. Clemens Mayr-Harting
Mr. Wiktor Skwarek
Mr. Bert Theuermann

Regrets
Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves

IGF Secretariat

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