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## BPF on BPFs

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## Objectives of the BPF on BPFs

*(as per MAG ToRs)*



‘document lessons learned, outputs, and where possible outcomes of BPFs organised between 2014 and 2019 and inform the process for evaluating, proposing and approving BPFs from 2021 onwards’



‘develop a systematised evaluation tool, with proposals for metrics by which the MAG could assess BPF proposals and outcomes, as well as provide guidance for best practices on organising and leading a BPF’

## Input for the report

- coordinating teams and key participants of the 26 BPFs organised in 2014-2019;
- MAG and Community feedback 3 August – 15 September
- <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/bpf-on-bpfs>

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BPFs 2014-2019: achievements and successes

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BPF definition and purpose

Selection of topics and BPF modalities

BPF cycle versus BPF 'active' period

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and suggestions

BPF modalities  
document

Metrics to evaluate  
BPF proposals and  
outcomes

## Best Practice Forum - Definition

**BPFs offer unique platforms for multistakeholder discussion on topics relevant to the future of the Internet, with the aim of facilitating dialogue and collecting emerging and existing practices to address specific issues or themes. BPFs foster a common understanding of the concrete policy challenges stakeholders may address in order to contribute to achieving the Internet policy goal the BPF is focussing on. The objective is not to develop new policies or practices, but rather to collect existing good practices, share positive and negative experiences, and flag challenges that require additional multistakeholder dialogue and/or require the attention of policy-makers, including in specified decision-making bodies.**

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*“As with the IGF overall, it remains difficult to assess and document real impact. Many people take things home from an IGF and might use or pass on the information, or people use IGF documentation archived on the website as a resource. Much of this happens under the radar and there’s only anecdotal information to prove.”*

### Examples of references to BPF work

- UN Human Rights Council’s Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Its Causes and Consequences -> 2015 BPF Gender & Access
- OECD Working Party on Security and Privacy in the Digital Economy -> 2014 BPF on CSIRTs
- UN E-Governance Survey 2018 -> BPF Cybersecurity
- Consultative Meeting of the United Nations’ Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) -> 2019 BPF Cybersecurity

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## Draft BPF Model

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## Examples

- *"There is no consolidated document that explains BPF definitions, procedures and modalities."*
- *"Targeted outreach is of key importance for a BPF"*
- *"It's challenging for a BPF to work through an ambitious program in a short time frame of less than six months."*
- *"The participation of relevant institutions and key stakeholders can give a boost to the BPF."*
- *"BPFs have proven to be successful when their focus coincides with relevant policy discussions"*
- *"BPF participants should be stimulated to take ownership of the BPF."*

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The BPF on BPFs developed a framework with metrics to assess proposals on three dimensions:

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- Is the topic relevant and suitable for a BPF?  
(e.g. will it be possible and does it still make sense to collect best practice on the topic?)

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- Is a community driven multistakeholder discussion realistic?  
(e.g. will the BPF be able to gather sufficient community interest and stakeholder involvement?)
- Predicting the BPF's potential to contribute to enhancing the IGF's impact on Internet governance and policy.  
(e.g. Is there a realistic outreach strategy to involve organisations or initiatives outside the traditional IGF community?)

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