IGF 2018

MAG WG – Multi-year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)

The third meeting of the MAG WG-Multi-year Strategic Work Programme was held on June 26th, 2018.

The meeting summary below is organized according to the agreed agenda (Annex I).

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin/Meeting Summary Approval

List of Participants can be found in Annex II, and participants agreed to the meeting being recorded. That recording can be found here.

The meeting summary from the 2nd meeting was approved and was to be posted on the WG page.

It was also agreed that the request for Co-chairs would be left open for another week.

2 - Continue with review on the following proposals - purpose is to agree next steps:

1. Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework”
2. Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs (updates only as largely covered on last call)
3. Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018 (updates only as largely covered on last call)

The group reviewed the 1 - “Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework”. Objective is to map all the processes within the IGF agenda setting and organization processes with the aim of having a clear process to aid community understanding. It began by building on the document produced by the secretariat and the WG last year, and includes a graphical representation of the inputs, outputs, and all supporting processes. Another aim is to see how the outputs from one cycle could be used to support future cycles for the Annual Meeting as well as the Intersessional work such as BPFs, etc. At the moment, it attempts to capture the current state but it is expected that the IGF community and the MAG would all be asked to identify steps that are disputed or lack clarity in order to ensure a consistent view of all the processes and allow everyone to maximize their contributions on substantive topics.

There was discussion on a timeline which would deliver a proposed plan in the September – October timeframe and includes engagement with the MAG and the community. The need to engage more deeply with the Intersessional activities and the NRIs was again stressed, with a request that we do all we can to facilitate engagement.

It was agreed that this document was ready to be sent to the MAG, Intersessional activities and the NRIs in order to begin engaging.

At the conclusion of this topic, it was noted that the other two activities mentioned here: Development of Written IGF Outputs and Strengthening Cooperation would also fit within this framework.
The group then moved to reviewing the “Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs” and “Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018”. Building on the last few WG calls, the group discussed possible pilots that might allow us to test 1: tools that would facilitate broader engagement/community position development to see if there is an opportunity for the IGF to produce more substantive outputs. To this end, a WG member agreed to review possible tools and make a recommendation to the WG for a pilot(s), and 2 – advance some of the principle suggestions behind the “Strengthening Cooperation” proposal.

There is recognition that these approaches are sensitive to many in the community and at the same time there is a very clear and compelling call for the IGF to do more. It was also noted that everyone is committed to the Tunis Agenda and this is not meant to move from there.

As previously discussed, one option is to start with an existing position, enabling us to explore opportunities within the IGF ecosystem to advance that topic. The example was given of the Global Commission On the Stability of Cyberspace’s (GCSC) Call to Protect the Public Core of the Internet. Starting with such an existing position (assumed to be broadly supported), would allow the IGF community to explore how we might concretely help advance critical topics through all the activities across the IGF ecosystem as well as what else might be done to reach other parties to help advance these issues.

Other proposals for pilots had been mentioned previously in the lead up to IGF 2018. For example, invite the IGF community (virtually), and with the IGF Annual Meeting and NRIs (physically and virtually) to reflect on how a topic (TBD) would impact politically, economically, or socially, etc. and what might be done to positively impact the outcome, etc.

It was agreed that we would keep moving forward thoughtfully, one step at a time, listening carefully to the community, and checking in regularly with thMAG, IGF community, etc.

With respect to the Agenda setting process, and in light of all the existing community inputs, it was suggested that we might pull together a process that would draw on key messages from across the IGF ecosystem and then identify possible topics that might go forward in a multi-year program.

3 - Next steps on engaging MAG, IGF community, Intersessional activities, and NRIs in the development of a multi-year strategic work programme

This topic was covered in the individual items above.

4 - Next steps/future agenda items

Future meetings:

1 August 2018 — 1600 - 1700 UTC
15 August 2018 — 1500 - 1600 UTC
28 August 2018 — 1500 - 1600 UTC

5 - AOB

No items were requested.
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ANNEX I - AGENDA

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

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   As a proposed next step, we could discuss how to engage the full MAG and the community in identifying topics to go forward in a multi-year program. From the last meeting summary: “...it was suggested that an agenda setting process drawing on existing processes and IGF intersessional work, could lead to activities during IGF 2018, which could draw on key messages from across the IGF ecosystem and then be used to identify topics to go forward in a multi-year program."

   We have or will have the following to begin guiding the discussion:
   - 'IGF Call for Issues’ - community process
   - 'IGF 2018 WS Call for Proposals’ - community process
   - IGF Intersessional activities - community process
   - NRI activities - community process
   - ‘IGF 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda (will have in July) - MAG/community process
   - UN ”Frontier” issues (as the IGF is chartered by the UN, understanding the issues concerning UN member states is a key input)

   This could (I believe should) be further informed by a community wide poll, perhaps building on our draft poll from last year. Some options are: an open-ended poll, or one derived based on inputs above, or ???

4 - Next steps/future agenda items

Future Meetings schedule:

July 17th, 2018 - UTC

5 - AOB
ANNEX II – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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