

IGF 2018 – PUBLIC CALL FOR ISSUES

Based on the community inputs during the IGF 2017 stocktaking processes, the earlier CSTD Working Group on IGF Improvements and the IGF Retreat organized by UNDESA, as well as the first 2018 IGF Open Consultations, many MAG members expressed their preference for having **more concrete, focused and cohesive discussions during the IGF annual meeting**, trying to avoid duplicate sessions and reducing the number of parallel sessions.

During the first 2018 IGF MAG meeting, those community inputs have been taken into account to **provide a thematic approach** that is more likely to deliver the requested results. Therefore, **this year's process incorporates a public call for issues before the traditional call for workshop proposals** to better understand which themes or topics the broader IGF community would like to see included in the 2018 agenda.

Benefits

Having an early, concrete and short poll of the community helps broaden the IGF's outreach efforts and is more inclusive. The results of this poll will also help inform the MAG's deliberations on the overall shape of the IGF programme.

Baskets and Issues

With this in mind, the call invites stakeholders to submit **issues** as classified under **baskets** – in other words, a basket is a broad theme which contains a variety of specific issues. Issues are defined in 200 characters or less. Some examples are listed below:

- *Basket:* Emerging Technologies.
 - *Issues:* Blockchain; Cryptocurrencies; Artificial Intelligence.
- *Basket:* Cybersecurity, Trust and Privacy.
 - *Issues:* Cybersecurity strategies; Child online protection; Phishing.

Note: actual issue submissions would describe the issue in 200 characters or less and not simply bullet points

Process and Next Steps

MAG members have identified the baskets taking into account the various regional models discussed during the Open Consultations and MAG meeting as well as the specific suggestions made during the meetings.

The IGF Secretariat drafted the call for issues, ensuring the following:

- a) the call for issues is **open to everyone**;

- b) the submission form leaves **room for anyone to suggest specific baskets** not already called out specifically (the contributions for these issues also have a limit of 200 characters).

The **submission form for issues** is simple and asks for the following information, among a few other identifying details:

Name:	
Organization:	
Stakeholder group:	[drop down menu]
Regional group:	[drop down menu]
Category/Basket:	[drop down menu]
Issues:	[up to 200 characters]

The link for the full call is here:

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2018-call-for-issues>

The MAG will review and concatenate issues in each basket, with support of the IGF Secretariat. A grid or a heat map will be developed in order to better visualize the presence of cross-cutting issues and preference of the community. For example:

	Basket 1	Basket 2	Basket 3	Basket 4	Basket 5	Basket 6	Basket 7	Basket N
Issue A	7							
Issue B	28							
Issue C		14						
Issue D		46				12		
Issue N				24				

Following an assessment of the community preferences and priorities, a traditional call for workshops will be launched in keeping with the current methodology and criteria.