



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting V 27 February 2019

Summary Report

1. The fifth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 27 February. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on review and finalization of various aspects of the 2019 Call for Workshop Proposals, namely, the descriptions or short concept notes on each of the major programme themes, and the proposal requirements, evaluation criteria and submission form.

2. The meeting began with short updates from the Secretariat. MAG members were told that a project to translate the IGF 2018 Chair's Summary into the six UN languages was proceeding apace. Translators were found for every language except Spanish, and thanks to the Secretariat's Intern, the Chinese version of the summary was now complete. Volunteers among the MAG or their communities for a Spanish translation, it was said, would be greatly appreciated. A 'Save the Date' for the 14th Annual Meeting had also recently been sent by the Secretariat to approximately 16,000 recipients, drawn from the IGF website and past annual meeting registrations. Recipients would have the option to unsubscribe from this communication channel, through which periodic updates will be sent leading up to the annual meeting. The Secretariat further reported it had participated in the European Commission's high level meeting on Internet Governance in Brussels, where the IGF was discussed at some length. Some of the primary IGF-related recommendations were to: increase engagement of the Global South; at the Government level, diversify the types of ministries invited to participate in the meetings; strengthen the IGF's ability to make concrete policy recommendations; finalize a multi-year strategic outlook; and better integrate the IGF's intersessional activities and National, Regional & Youth Initiatives (NRIs). In addition, a specific suggestion had been made to consider a 'three Chair' structure for the IGF each year, consisting of a representative of the current year's host country, co-chairing with those from the prior and following years' countries, as a way to maintain continuity between annual meetings.

3. MAG members then reviewed the narrative descriptions for each of the three themes decided on for the 2019 programme: [Data Governance](#), [Digital Inclusion](#), and [Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience](#). Regarding the first Data Governance theme, it was observed that its subthemes, on 'data and economic development', and 'data and human rights', inadvertently compartmentalized these issues when a more productive framing would combine them, to have data governance for the achievement of both economic development and human rights. A possible solution would be to eliminate subthemes altogether, as they tended to create silos around the policy questions, and instead identify a broad range of Issue tags that could be associated with the overall theme. This suggestion found favour with other members, who said that this might be applied across the themes.

4. In a review of the Digital Inclusion theme, it was felt that its description contained far too many policy questions, especially as compared to the other two themes, and that these should be reduced. One comment was that too many policy questions could potentially 'straightjacket' the proposal process and prevent workshop proposers from putting forward their own questions. On this front, members were reminded that the policy questions under each of the themes were intended to be illustrative only. It was agreed that the Digital Inclusion description would contain fewer questions and combine them in a paragraph format, as had been done with the Security theme.

5. The Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience description was felt to be well-presented overall, although the drafters agreed to place more of an emphasis on trust and accountability issues, in response to feedback. While it was said the subthemes could be useful for structuring policy questions, the Security group would be open to eliminating these to replace them with Issue tags.

6. An overview was given by the Working Group on [Workshop Review and Evaluation Process \(WG-WREP\)](#) of the [few proposed changes](#) to the workshop submission requirements and their inclusion in the [electronic form](#). All were largely supported, although questions were raised as to whether it would be necessary to give detailed guidelines to proposers on formulating titles, and whether it was appropriate to expect a determination on what the workshop's outcomes might be, especially at the proposal stage. It was agreed to dispense with title guidelines, and on the latter issue, the outcomes question could be maintained but would not necessarily figure in the evaluation criteria, which revolve around the Policy Questions, Relevance, Content, Format, Diversity & Interaction of the proposals. It was also agreed that some reference would need to be provided on country classifications when setting up the expectation of inclusion of speakers from developing countries. It was asked whether proposers should be given the option to select 'Other' among the themes and determine their own. There was consensus on not giving this option at the level of themes, so as to maintain the three-theme structure, but to give proposers the ability to identify their own subthemes or Issue tags.

7. It was ultimately agreed that Issue tags would be adopted in lieu of subthemes, and that proposers would be able to select among these in the submission forms. The tags could be taken largely from the results of the Call for Issues, which had several topics associated with each of the themes. In addition, it was agreed that the policy questions must be limited to no more than 3 to 5 for each theme. The Secretariat, meanwhile, would prepare the text for the Call, including links to resources for proposers, and share this with the MAG for review. With these elements in place, the Call for Workshops could be launched on time, on 4 March.

8. The next virtual meeting of the MAG will cover the pending item from this meeting's agenda, on [MAG Working Group](#) updates. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 March, 13.00 UTC, per the [calendar](#).

Annex I

MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting V Wednesday 27 February - 20.00 UTC

Draft Agenda

- 1 - Opening/Adoption of Agenda [5 mins]
- 2 - Secretariat Updates [5 mins]
- 3 - Overview of Finalized Thematic Narratives - purpose is to agree final text
 - Data Governance
 - Inclusion
 - Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience [45 mins]
- 4 - IGF 2019 Call for Workshop Proposals
 - a. Input from WG-WREP
 - b. Workshop Proposal Form
 - c. Supporting documents and text of the Call [45 mins]
- 6 - WG Updates (2 mins. each) [15 mins]
- 7 - AOB [10 mins]

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