

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 57 1 June 2023 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 57th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 1 June at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Concettina Cassa (Titti). The recording of the meeting is available upon request.

The co-chair opened the meeting by introducing the agenda:

Agenda

- 1) Global Digital Compact:
 - [Note on MSDG](#)
- 2) [Policy Brief on GDC](#)
- 3) [Convening a public discussion on GDC and WSIS+20 review](#)
- 4) Update from the IGF Secretariat
- 5) AoB

Discussion

1. Global Digital Compact:
 - a. Note on MSDG

Chris shared a background and process followed while drafting the [document](#) to be sent to the Co-facilitators of the GDC, from the Chair LP and MAG Chair. He stressed the need to send the document out at the earliest.

Jorge suggested that the draft note should include a sentence underlying that mentions that all the issues that GDC plans to discuss are already being discussed under the IGF for a long time.

Antoine stressed that IGF is a place to discuss digital cooperation and the discussion being limited to ICANN and RIRs is a misnomer. Talking of GDC without citizens is misplaced.

In the composition Raquel suggested keeping it as a smaller group of 10-15 people. Bill supported Raquel on the size. He suggested not mentioning the size. Jorge clarified on the composition based on the existing body based on legitimacy of these bodies. The numbers were based on numbers of LPbased on stakeholder groups. On LP preparedness of the Multistakeholder sounding board the concept came from a LP discussion in Vienna.

Raquel might be appropriate for the previous host countries of the IGF to react to clarify the confusion.

Bruna shared her insights from the Brazilian government based on the round table on GDC was that the government has issues related to paper and are still trying to read it. She opined the Brazilian government is open to the Digital Cooperation Forum and IGF co existing She added there is a need to engage all stakeholders with the government on this topic.

Justin shared that the GDC process so far was relatively transparent compared to the NY process. He clarified the policy brief from SG was one contribution. The issue paper which will be drafted will be presented at the Summit of the Future, which they feel would be a concept . So he questioned the need of the MSDG as a formal elaborate mechanism could backfire. He suggested creating a MAG working group on GDC and discuss in an informal manner until September and work collaboratively. After the issue paper is created IGF could be one of the first to sound on the issue paper. IGF in Kyoto could be an apt place to reflect and discuss it.

Bruna argued that the process is not inclusive or transparent. Supported by Valeria, Amrita, Jorge, Mark Cavell, Alisa. There needs to be a formal stable bridge between MAG-IGF and Co Facilitators.

Alisa questioned the funding, budget for the DCF.

Wout suggested it is necessary to be part of the new process too.

Ben Wallis suggested that we propose a sounding board as a multistakeholder element in the intergovernmental process.

The WG Co-Chairs stressed on the need to finalize the content of the draft and send it out at the earliest.

Jorge suggested perhaps asking members whether there is anything else that needs to be changed? and give 24h for final comments. Chris

suggested replacing the term drafting board with sounding board, adding the line and then sending it to Vint and Paul for comments. Lynn suggested retaining the term drafting team. Justine suggested using the term sounding board for better acceptance. Amrita suggested we leave the decision of using the term drafting/ sounding board on the Chairs of LP and MAG

4. Update from the IGF Secretariat

Anja shared 800 session proposals received. After initial clearance the actual numbers can be shared

AOB: Next call on 8 June 14 UTC

Attendees:

List of participants

1. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
2. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
3. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
4. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
5. Alisa Heaver, MAG member
6. Antoine Vergne, Mission Publiques
7. Ben Wallis, former MAG member
8. Bill Drake, Columbia University
9. Bruna Martin dos Santos, MAG Member
10. Claudia Leopardi, RIPE NCC
11. Evelyn Tauchnitz, IGF MAG member
12. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
13. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
14. Justine Fair, MAG member
15. Lynn St Amour, former MAG chair
16. Mark Carvell, EuroDIG
17. Raquel Gatto, former MAG member
18. Valeria Betancourt, Former MAG member and part of the Association for Progressive Communications. Independent Expert
19. Vera Major, ICANN
20. Wout De Natris, Independent Expert
21. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat