



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XV, 4 September 2019

Summary Report

About

1. The fifteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 4 September 2019 at 11:00 a.m. UTC. 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 the current status of feedback to the consultations on the Report of the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation; approval of the updated concept for thematic/introductory sessions; updates on the main/thematic sessions, updates from the MAG working groups and overall IGF 2019 intersessional work (Annex III).

Summary of key points

2. The meeting opened with a set of updates from the IGF Secretariat on the state of preparations for the IGF 2019 annual meeting. Participants were informed that an updated version of the schedule has been posted on the IGF website and that any future updates to it will be on exceptional basis conditioned by the agreement of two session-organizers.

One MAG member asked for a possibility of rescheduling a few collaborative sessions of the national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) as they overlap with the African Open Forum and the Introductory Session. The Secretariat explained that at this stage it is challenging to address this request, as many session organizers have already confirmed logistics with their speakers. It was further said that the Secretariat will engage with the organizers of the African Open Forum to explore potential rescheduling options.

Also, a MAG member asked that workshops and concluding sessions from the same thematic track not overlap, and the IGF Secretariat agreed to explore options to address

this matter.

The IGF Secretariat further updated on the current statistics regarding number of registrations received for the IGF 2019. It was informed that the registration process is progressing well compared to previous years, with over 1,300 registration requests received.

Regarding the Remote Hubs, the Secretariat reported that so far 10 are registered and that by the deadline of 15 October 2019, many more are expected.

MAG members were asked to encourage their networks to register online for the meeting as soon as possible and to help with the outreach on the open call for registering remote hubs. Upon the request of several MAG members, the IGF Secretariat committed to produce statistics on the regional and stakeholder breakdowns of the participants registered to date for IGF 2019.

The Secretariat concluded its update with noting that as of next week, the confirmations of bilateral room bookings will be sent out.

3. The IGF 2019 Host Country representative shared an update regarding the invitation letters for the members of parliaments, reporting that around 50 parliamentarians confirmed attendance.

It was further updated that there is a good turnout from the high-level representatives from the civil society, private sector and government stakeholder groups regarding their attendance to the high-level meetings, to be hosted during the pre-event day on 25 November 2019. The MAG was informed that around 30 participants at the CEO level from the business sector confirmed to attend in person the mentioned high-level sessions and the meeting itself.

The Host Country concluded its update by noting that planning is underway on segmenting the high-level track on Day 0 to possibly three tracks, one of which might be focused on the Future of Internet governance.

On an inquiry of a MAG member, the Host Country and the IGF Secretariat confirmed that the final deadline for the parliamentarians to apply for travel support for the organizer's consideration is extended by 16 September 2019 and that the Host Country can provide invitation letters to the parliamentarians and ministers upon request. Finally, the Host Country representatives responded to MAG inquiries that they can inform MAG, on individual basis and upon a request, if a high-level Government official

from their country is invited to the IGF 2019 annual meeting.

4. The MAG Chair reminded participants that the call for feedback to Recommendation 5 and the 'IGF Plus' model of the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLDPC) Report is open until 30 September. MAG members were asked to help with the outreach.

The Chair emphasized that inputs to this Call will help shape the agenda of the IGF 2019 main session focused on Digital Cooperation and Internet governance.

It was informed that the IGF Secretariat has updated the HLPDC Call with an explanation that in addition to submitting feedback as in-line comments to the review platform, written statements will also be accepted and posted at the IGF website.

A MAG member announced that the German Government will be sending a consolidated input to this Call ahead of the deadline.

Another MAG member followed explaining that the network that is focused on human rights within the Internet governance field, has highlighted all human rights-related matters in the HLPDC Report and contacted over 1,000 organizations to provide feedback. Final submission from this group should be submitted to the IGF's Call for HLPDC Feedback.

The Chair concluded this agenda item by noting that MAG members (past and present) can provide feedback (in their personal capacity) and invited all stakeholder groups, especially those historically underrepresented in the IGF processes to expand their outreach efforts and submit comments. The Chair noted that it is important to ensure all voices are heard. The Chair also noted that the views of those participating in the IGF's intersessional work communities and the NRIs are very important and urged them to comment as well.

5. The discussion continued over the next agenda item and focused on the Introductory/Thematic sessions. Participants were informed that each of the three thematic tracks have assigned MAG members as co-facilitators (Annex III). The ad-hoc group of MAG members developed a draft template that projects plans for the organization of breakout groups in each of the three main theme introductory sessions during IGF 2019. These templates will be finalized soon, so that the co-facilitators can start organizing sessions. The MAG members that volunteered to be the track co-facilitators were invited to sign-up to dedicated mailing lists and suggest candidates

that could be the key speakers in each of the three sessions.

On the concluding session, it was said that the Ad-hoc Working Group on Reporting will also work on defining this session's logistics, in addition to reporting and producing IGF 2019 messages.

6. The MAG members in their role as co-facilitators of the IGF 2019 main sessions provided most recent updates on these sessions.

For the **main session on 'Content governance'**, the co-facilitator informed about the final change of the title to: 'Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks'. It was further updated that the group agreed for this session to engage a maximum of eight speakers and that they currently search for potential speakers from the technical community and government from the Global South. Specifically, the co-facilitator invited MAG members to suggest potential speakers from the African Union.

Co-facilitators of the **main session on 'Multidisciplinary Framework for Policy Making in the Digital Age'** informed that the two-hour long session will be split into two main segments, with the first one be theoretical, outlining the notion of the multidisciplinary framework for policy making, while the second section is intended to be more pragmatical, bringing concrete examples from around the world and providing multistakeholder views on these. It was concluded that the group is already inviting speakers and that it will inform the MAG about those that confirmed their participation.

For the **main session on 'Digital Governance and Digital Trade'** the co-facilitator informed that the group is reaching out to potential speakers and that for now the representatives from the Ministry for Internal Affairs and Communication in Japan are in a process of confirming their engagement at this session. In addition, the Japanese Ministry for Industry and Financial Services, as well as one of the biggest business federation, also from Japan, are interested to take part in this session.

The co-facilitator for the **main session on the 'Internet of Things'** said this session's working group is focused on mapping and inviting speakers.

The discussion continued with updates on the **'Artificial Intelligence - chances and**

challenges to data governance’ main session. It was reported that this session has reached out to a few potential speakers and that the group waits for their final responses. An updated session proposal was promised to be communicated to the MAG mailing list shortly after this meeting.

For the **NRIs main session on the ‘Emerging technologies and their interfaces with inclusion, security and human rights’**, it was reported that the participating NRIs are in a final stage of submitting inputs for a dedicated publication on the topic to be published prior to the session start; as well as that up to ten NRIs from different regions and of different economic status, are pre-selected to be the key speakers and set the stage for the overall discussion of all participating NRIs.

For the **Dynamic Coalitions (DCs)’s main session**, it was informed that the DCs have developed policy questions that focus on the sustainable development goals. The co-facilitator said to inform the MAG as soon as all DCs respond to the survey the network created to gather specific inputs to this session.

This agenda item concluded with an update from the MAG Chair on the preparatory status of the **main session focused on ‘Digital Cooperation and Internet governance’**. It was said that the organizers of this session wait for the conclusion of the Call for comments to the HLPDC Report, to help in setting the session’s agenda. The Chair remarked that the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) of the United Nations indicated their expectations from the community discussions are forward-looking concrete proposals for implementation and that this session will aim for action-oriented deliberations.

All main sessions proposals are attached to this report (Annex III).

7. The meeting also included a set of updates from the IGF 2019 intersessional work.

For the **Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Cybersecurity**, it was noted that the Call for Contributions is open until 6 September 2019 and that its editor has made efforts in promoting this BPF’ work on social networks through dedicated articles. Discussion on

possible extension of a deadline for gathering contributions is under discussion and the MAG was promised to be informed.

For the **BPF on Internet of Things, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence**, it was updated that its working group will host a meeting on 10 September 2019 and that a full update from that meeting will follow. Participants were encouraged to contribute to the work of this BPF.

Co-facilitator of the **BPF on Local Content** gave an update, noting that they consider announcing a survey on specific questions and that their final decision on this is dependent on knowing how many subscribes this BPF's mailing list has. The IGF Secretariat confirmed that the mailing lists has 105 members in total.

Finally, the co-facilitator for the **BPF on Gender and Access** concluded this agenda section by reporting that this BPF closed its survey, receiving 25 responses in total.

8. As a final round of updates, for the NRIs it was said that the network is focused on planning its collaborative sessions and other modes of representation at the IGF 2019, as well as that a few NRIs meetings will be hosted in September: Chad IGF, African IGF, Youth African IGF, Haiti IGF and Nepal IGF.

9. The co-facilitator of the DCs confirmed that the DC network is focused on planning its main and seventeen individual sessions for the IGF 2019 meeting and due to its supporting Secretariat staff being on leave asked for new Secretariat support. The IGF Secretariat committed to inform the DC Network about a new coordination mechanism.

10. The MAG working groups also shared their individual updates. From the **Working Group on the Workshop Process (WG-WSP)**, the MAG was asked for their views on publishing a survey to collect feedback from the community on this year's IGF workshop submission process. Following a broad endorsement of participants for a WG-WSP to create a survey, the MAG Chair asked the co-facilitators to share the survey content with the MAG members for a final review and the IGF Secretariat to gather any discussion references on this topic the MAG had in past. The Chair shared updates for

the **MAG Working Group on Ad-Hoc Reporting**, noting that this groups' planning process for a virtual call is underway and inviting participants to respond to the poll and join the next meeting where innovative approaches to the IGF 2019 session reporting will be explored. The Chair also shared updates for the **MAG Working Group on Fundraising**, noting that this groups' planning process is also underway and inviting participants to respond to the poll and join the next meeting where a very focused outreach effort on potential donors is planned.

11. The next virtual meeting of the MAG is scheduled for 18 September 2018 at 13:00 p.m. UTC, per the [calendar](#).

Next Steps

12. IGF Secretariat to explore with the African Open Forum the need to be rescheduled; to communicate to the DCs new coordination mechanism and to confirm to the WG-WSP the references on MAG 2019 discussion regarding the workshop submission system.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XV: Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 11:00 a.m. | UTC | 2 hrs

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat (5 min)
4. UN Digital Cooperation report consultation (10 min)
5. Update/approval of thematic/introductory sessions (20 min)
6. Updates from the main sessions (20 min)
7. Updates from the Best Practice Forums and other intersessional activities (20 min)
8. Updates from the working groups (20 min)
- 9 A.O.B (5 min)

Annex II
List of Participants

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
MAG Chair			
Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Technical Community, USA
MAG Members			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector, Hong Kong S.A.R.
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society, Sri Lanka
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Ms.	Cassa	Concenttina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolph	Government, Germany
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government, USA
Mr.	Ilishebo	Michael	Government, Zambia
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Tunisia
Mr.	Jeftovic	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government, UAE
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Lo	Mamadou	Private Sector, Senegal
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community, Vanuatu
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China

Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Mr.	Mochizuki	Kenta	Private Sector, Japan
Ms.	Canales Loebel	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society, DR Congo
Other Participants			
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Technical Community, Brazil
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	Civil Society, Switzerland
Ms.	Walpen	Livia	Government, Switzerland
Mr.	Van Rijn	Arnold	Government, The Netherlands
Ms.	Milosevic	Desiree	Technical Community, UK
Mr.	Nelson	Mike	Private Sector, USA
M.	Ren	Yilin	Not indicated.
M.	Xinli	Wang	Not indicated.
M.	Chen	Yu	Not indicated.
M.	Li	Yijing	Not indicated.
IGF Secretariat			
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert / NRIs Focal Point
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Best Practice Forums Editor

Annex III Input Documents

IGF 2019 Main Sessions

- **Main Sessions (Co-)Facilitators**
- **Main Session Planning Activities Timetable**
- **Main Session Guidelines**
- **Main Session Template [Draft]**
- **Main Sessions Draft Table**

IGF 2019 Introductory and Closing Sessions

- **Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting**
- **Introductory Session - Data Governance**
- **Introductory Session - Digital Inclusion**
- **Introductory Session - SSS&R**

IGF 2019 Session Reporting

- **Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure**

IGF 2019 Themes

- **Data Governance WS Groupings/Flowchart**
- **Digital Inclusion WS Groupings/Flowchart**
- **Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience WS Groupings/Flowchart**

Main Session Proposals:

- **Main session on Content Governance**
- **Main Session on multidisciplinary policy frameworks**
- **Main Session on Trade & Jurisdiction**
- **Main Session Proposal on AI**
- **Main Session on IoT and Cybersecurity**
- **Main Session on SDGs**
- **NRIs Main Session**
- **DCs Main Session**
- **Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting**