



**IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)  
Virtual Meeting XVI, 18 September 2019**

**Summary Report**

**About**

1. The sixteen Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 18 September 2019 at 13:00 p.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 contributions to the Call for Feedback on the Report of the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLDPC); review progress on the organization of thematic/introductory sessions and main/thematic sessions; as well as on updates from the MAG working groups and overall IGF 2019 intersessional work (Annex III).

**Summary of key points**

2. Following the opening remarks from the MAG Chair, IGF Secretariat delivered an update on current status of preparations for the IGF 2019 annual meeting. It was informed that to date, 1,652 applicants submitted registration requests to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF, with the [list of approved requests](#) be publicly available. Also, it was added that the interactive schedule is published, and the the Secretariat is currently inviting all session organizers to update their session profiles.

3. The IGF MAG Chair provided a brief overview of received [feedback to the HLPDC Report](#), namely its Recommendation V and IGF Plus model, available for commenting on the IGF website by 30 September. With noting that less than ten submissions were received, all members were encouraged to provide comments as the Report could be critical for advancing the Internet governance. It was reiterated that one of the main sessions at the IGF 2019, focused on Digital Cooperation and Internet Governance,

directly depends on the final outcome of this consultative period. MAG members were encouraged to provide comments within the deadline and invite their networks to do so, while the IGF Secretariat was asked to send a few reminders across its social media channels and mailing lists.

4. Participants moved to providing updates on the [Introductory session](#)<sup>1</sup> thematic tracks, with facilitators reported to work on finalizing the templates and committing to provide an update to the MAG shortly after the templates are agreed.
  
5. Updates on main sessions were covered in length:
  - a. For the main sessions on '[Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks](#)', the co-facilitator reported that the working group managed to finalize the list of sixteen (16) potential speakers, with four (4) so far confirmed participation. It was added that the group works on expanding the list of confirmed speakers to achieve gender balance.
  - b. On behalf of the main session '[Multidisciplinary frameworks for policy-making in the digital age](#)', the co-facilitator briefed that all speakers intended to be invited are identified and invited. For now, three (3) confirmed participation, while responses of other invitees are expected to be received soon. The co-facilitator noted that the group is aware of the need to have balanced representation of speakers from developed and developing countries and in that regard asked if it is possible to have the developing countries' speakers request for travel support, given that the initial deadline passed on end of June. The IGF Secretariat responded that reopening the Call for Travel Support is not feasible at this time stage. However, it was suggested that the main session co-facilitator review the list of supported stakeholders from developing countries, as soon as announced, and potentially engage some as speakers. The Secretariat noted that one of the criteria for travel support was applicants' engagement in the IGF 2019 sessions and consequently many recommended or support did indicate engagement as speakers. The main session co-facilitator agreed and underlined the importance for future

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal available at: [https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot\\_download/7505/1693](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot_download/7505/1693)

years of MAG main session co-facilitators adhering to the initially proposed timeline for speaker's confirmation, as it lined up with the Call for Travel Support. The MAG Chair concluded this update with a note that the speaking slot to funded participants should be offered as an alternative opportunity for engagement, not compulsory activity.

- c. The co-facilitator for the main session on '[Issues on the Free Flow of Data, ICT Products and Services in a Digitally Connected World](#)' updated that the group engaged with the office of the Japanese Minister for Communications for delegating a representative to be a speaker at this main session. Also, it was added that this session is also exploring opportunities for engagement of the Government of Saudi Arabia, as well as the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Internal Affairs of Japan, as well as speakers from other stakeholder groups and developing countries.
- d. For the main session on '[Applying human rights and ethics in responsible data governance and AI](#)' the co-facilitator reported that five (5) experts on the topic were invited as speakers, with one (1) confirming so far. It was added that the group needs help with reaching out to potential speakers from government stakeholder group from Asia or Africa. The group said that it will continue its planning over a virtual meeting scheduled to be in two days from the day of this meeting.
- e. For the main session on '[Securing the Interconnection of everything](#)', it was noted that the session has three (3) confirmed speakers and that the group is exploring ways to engage one (1) more speaker from Asia to bring regional balance to the overall speakers' composition.
- f. For the main session on '[Achieving the SDGs in the Digital Age](#)', the co-facilitator noted that the group had several preparatory calls and that it works in particular with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) on engaging UN speakers. The group aims to have confirmed speakers by mid-October the latest, that would bring perspectives related to impact of SDGs on the IGF and vice-versa, goals achievements and their realization.
- g. For the session on '[Emerging technologies and their interfaces with inclusion, security and human rights \(NRIs\)](#)' co-organized by the NRIs and the MAG, it was updated that the NRIs are in a process of submitting

written inputs by 25 September. These inputs will be consolidated into a unique input publication and will shape session's final substantive focus. It was added that the session has confirmed two (2) rapporteurs to be provided by the Nigeria IGF.

- h. For the network of Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) organizing a main session titled '[Dynamic Coalitions – Joint Efforts to achieve the SDGs](#)', the co-facilitators reported that DCs are in a process of submitting inputs for the session. These inputs are focused on the individual DCs work connected to the SDGs, achieved objectives and plans until 2025. To date, nine (9) inputs are received. It was added that in a two (2) weeks' time from now, the group will finalize its session proposal and inform the MAG. It was agreed that the co-facilitators of this session and the main session on '[Achieving the SDGs in the Digital Age](#)' will host a joint call to coordinate these two sessions content and avoid any possible duplication or redundancy.
  - i. For the main session on '**Internet Governance and Digital Cooperation**' the MAG Chair reported that the working group waits for the conclusion of the IGF's Call for Feedback to the HLPDC Report, as inputs received to this Call will help shape the session.
6. It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will create a spreadsheet for the main session co-facilitators to indicate profiles of speakers they need help in reaching out to, for the MAG to assist.
  7. The group moved to updates from the IGF 2019 intersessional work:
    - a. The co-facilitator of the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#) said that the deadline for contributions has been extended until 20 September (four contributions received so far) and that several blog posts were authored and published for the sake of rising awareness of the work this group does and BPF's topic. The group reported to reach out to the Cybersecurity Tech Accord for promoting the mentioned blog posts and drawing attention to the call for contributions, as well as to the French Government in regard to the 'Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace' for receiving their

contribution. The group is also planning the logistics of this BPF session at the IGF 2019 and should be meeting online toward the end of this month.

- b. The [BPF on Gender and Access](#) reported to have received twenty contributes from the community and that is in a process of their analysis, for the sake of providing specific recommendations on each of focus areas.
- c. The co-facilitator of the [BPF on Local Content](#) said that the work is directed toward exploring how the Internet of Things and the Internet in general can be utilized to preserve local content and cultural heritage during times of conflict or political upheaval. The group plans to call for community contributions, through various forms, including webinars.
- d. The editor of the BPF on [Internet of Things, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence](#) reported that the survey is open until the end of October. It was reminded that the survey aims to bring to understanding what advantages and concerns people have regarding new technologies and based on that will identify best practices. The co-facilitators are also reaching out to mapped stakeholder to receive contributions for a final output that should be announced between six and four weeks before the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF meeting start. In between now and the start of the IGF 2019, the group plans to have four (4) more virtual meetings, confirmed and announced through the [calendar](#) on the IGF website.
- e. For the work of the [DCs](#), the co-facilitators said that the network is primary focused on planning of their main session.
- f. For the [NRIs](#), it was reported that the network is continuously preparing six (6) collaborative sessions, as well as the agenda for their coordination session that will serve as an open work meeting between the NRIs, MAG Chair and the MAG, IGF Secretariat, UN DESA and overall community; as well as their joint booth at the IGF Village. It was informed that the NRIs network grew to 118 in total and that the calendar of the so far scheduled NRIs meetings will be shared with the MAG list. From the African IGF, it was added that the first Youth African IGF initiative was successfully launched and hosted earlier in September.

8. The MAG Chair invited for updates from the MAG Working Groups.

- a. From the [Working Group on Outreach and Engagement \(WG-OE\)](#), the co-facilitator informed that the group has finalized its assessment of the IGF's marketing activities, through analyzing received inputs from the IGF Secretariat on their marketing assessment questionnaire. It was further explained that the group aims to develop content calendar and posters related to the IGF 2019 process and disseminate it through the IGF's Twitter and Facebook accounts for which the group will ask the IGF Secretariat for editing rights. It was added that a graphic designer will be engaged into the work of the group to help with poster designing.
- b. The [MAG Working Group on Improvements](#) updated that the members met online last week and have agreed on action items to be taken by the end of year. The co-facilitator invited volunteers to join the work of this group and sign up to a dedicated [mailing list](#). It was concluded that the group has booked a bilateral room to meet in person during the IGF 2019 annual meeting.
- c. The co-facilitator of the [Working Group on Workshop Process \(WG-WSP\)](#), updated that the group developed a [survey](#) for feedback to the IGF 2019 Call for Workshops process and made it public and open through the IGF website for the next four weeks, until 14 October. The WG-WSP also encouraged proposers of workshops that were not selected to be part of the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF programme to advise if their proposed speakers would be available to speak in any of the IGF's sessions, in case needed.
- d. From the [Working Group on Fundraising](#), it was noted that the group has met earlier in the week with strong participation from the IGF 2019 Host Country and UN DESA. The MAG Chair informed that this group has agreed to host a dedicated open session about the IGF participation and donations on 26 November during lunch break. It was further informed that the group plans to do some targeted outreach toward potential donors to the IGF Trust Fund. For that purpose, the WG will update the postcard that invites everyone to donate to the IGF. It was suggested that the postcard could be added to the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF participant's tote bags. The Chair said that the tool to design the postcard and its template will be made available to everyone to adjust to their needs (e.g. NRIs could use it for their meetings). Also, the last year's 'Champion Letter' will be updated

for distribution to the IGF 2019 high-level participants and legislators. Following a suggestion of one MAG member, the MAG Chair said to further explore opportunities for both the postcard and the Champion Letter to be translated to a few different languages.

- e. The Working Group on ad-hoc Reporting<sup>2</sup> informed on key outcomes of their recently hosted online meeting. It was briefed that the group met to discuss reporting mechanisms for this year's IGF. With recognizing significant efforts to improve the reporting process by the Host Country that contracted an external organization (DiploFoundation) to support the process, the MAG Chair added that the group explores options of advancing the process through smaller-groups of rapporteurs and/or DiploFoundation reporting on the IGF 2019 thematic tracks in accordance with the developed thematic narratives. The MAG was consulted for a feedback on the proposal to have session pre-reports submitted one month before the meeting start. There were no objections to this proposal expressed. Finally, it was added that the group will continue discussing if the writer of the annual IGF meeting's proceedings could report on the overall meeting discussions happened within three thematic tracks. The WG will continue working on defining ways for making the overall reporting process more robust and focused and the IGF's outputs and final messages improved.

9. Participants have agreed that the next virtual meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 1 October 2019 at 20:00 p.m. UTC, per the [calendar](#).

### **Next Steps**

10. IGF Secretariat will create a shared spreadsheet for the MAG main session facilitators to indicate requirements for profiles of speakers for their sessions.

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<sup>2</sup> Report from the latest meeting and a dedicated online page to be communicated to the MAG.

## **Annex I**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XVI: Wednesday, 18 September 2019 at 13:00 p.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. Update from the Host Country (5 min)
5. UN Digital Cooperation report consultation and Main session planning (10 min).
6. Updates on thematic/introductory/concluding sessions (20 min)
7. Updates from the main sessions (20 min)
8. Updates from the Best Practice Forums, DCs, other intersessional activities and NRIs (30 min)
9. Updates from the working groups (20 min)
10. A.o.B (5 min)

**Annex II**  
**List of Participants**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group, Country</b>
<b>MAG Chair</b>			
Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Technical Community, USA
<b>MAG Members</b>			
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.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China
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
Ms.	Sikingo	Alaa	Government, Sudan
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Civil Society, Brazil
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society, Indonesia
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France

Ms.	Ofianga	Mary Rose	Private Sector, Philippines
Mr.	Candia	Miguel	Government, Paraguay
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojsa	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
<b>Other Participants</b>			
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	Civil Society, Switzerland
M.	Chen	Yu	Not indicated
M.	Li	Yijing	Not indicated
Ms.	Tallarico	Rebecca	Not indicated
<b>UN DESA</b>			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer
<b>IGF Secretariat</b>			
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
Ms.	Anriette	Esterhuysen	Best Practice Forums Editor

## **Annex III Input Documents**

### **Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation**

#### **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 Themes**

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

#### **Main Session Proposals:**

- **Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks**
- **Multidisciplinary frameworks for policy-making in the digital age**
- **Issues on the Free Flow of Data, ICT Products and Services in a Digitally Connected World**
- **Applying human rights and ethics in responsible data governance and AI**
- **Securing the Interconnection of everything**
- **Achieving the SDGs in the Digital Age**
- **Emerging technologies and their interfaces with inclusion, security and human rights (NRIs)**
- **Dynamic Coalitions – Joint Efforts to achieve the SDGs**

#### **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 Session Reporting**

- **Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure**

#### **IGF 2019 Registration Statistics**