Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting II, 12 February 2020 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

Major Outcomes:

- *Based on the results of the Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks, the IGF 2020 programme will focus on four thematic tracks: (1) Data; (2) Inclusion; (3) Trust; (4) Environment.*
- *The MAG will break into four working groups, each focused on one theme, and by 26 February, will develop narratives and policy questions to support navigation of workshop and other session proposers.*
- *The IGF 2020 Timeline was updated with the understanding that the Call for workshops and other sessions will be launched on 2 March.*
- *IGF Secretariat will re-initiate hosting regular coordination meetings for all BPFs.*

About

1. The second virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 12 February 2020 at 14:00 p.m. UTC. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The adopted agenda is attached to this report as Annex I and the list of participants as Annex II. The list of shared input documents is attached as Annex III. The meeting's transcript is available [here](#).

2. The main focus of the meeting were analyses of the community's input to the IGF 2020 Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks and finalization of thematic focus for the 15th IGF process.

Summary of key points

3. The meeting began with brief introductions from participants. The MAG Chair followed by introducing the agenda and explaining that this meeting's objective is to finalize the main themes for the 15th IGF by reviewing the results of the IGF 2020 Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks. The IGF Secretariat was asked to present the results.

4. Through a [visual presentation](#)[1] of received inputs, the IGF Secretariat reminded that the Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks was an open, consultative process to confirm and further clarify the community's input submitted to the Call for Issues at the beginning of the year on the basis of which the MAG proposed to

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[1] https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/9615/1976

focus the programme on three thematic tracks (Data, Inclusion, Trust) and to explore the support for accommodating the theme of Sustainability that included environmental sustainability/climate change and digital economy.

5. The MAG was informed that 225 submissions in total were received for the Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks. Each submission was analyzed individually and inputs that were corresponding to individual thematic tracks were extracted and analyzed collectively, per thematic track. The IGF Secretariat clustered all received inputs for issues/subthemes and mapped the focus of submitted policy questions and solutions for all themes.

6. Based on presented results, the MAG agreed that the community expressed strong support for issues related to environment to be reflected in the 15th IGF programme structure, in addition to reiterating the support for three other proposed thematic tracks (data, inclusion and trust). In was decided that the fourth thematic track of the 15th IGF programme will be worded as 'Environment'. The overall reasoning for not titling the thematic track as 'sustainability', as initially proposed by the MAG, is the fact that 'environment' narrows down the focus and reflects more directly to the expressed interest of the community to focus on issues such as green economy, e-waste, emerging technology's impact on climate change etc. It was further added that sustainability is a cross-cutting theme that can be addressed though other agreed thematic tracks.

7. Some MAG members shared concerns regarding ways of accommodating matters pertaining to digital economy, for which the community also expressed a fair support. It was agreed that digital economy can be accommodated through all four thematic tracks and that the MAG will develop policy question on this focus for each thematic track.

8. In order to bring understanding on the thematic scope of each of four themes, it was decided that the MAG will develop corresponding thematic narratives and policy questions to guide the session proponents. For this process, the MAG Chair decided to break MAG members into four working groups. Each group will work on developing narratives and policy questions for one of four themes by 26 February. The IGF Secretariat will integrated these outcomes in the Call for workshop and other session proposals that should be launched on the 2nd of March, as per the initially agreed timeline.

9. It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will create mailing lists for each working group on themes, as well as a list of action points with a schedule for this process to be completed. MAG members will be asked to volunteer and join one or more mailing lists.

10. The IGF Secretariat added that a workshop submission form[2] has been replicated from the 2019 process and will be shared with the MAG Working Group on Workshop Process for their review by 26 February.

11. The group moved to discussing the intersessional work. Reminding on the MAG's decision that facilitators of intersessional work activities can submit updated and final work proposals by the time of this call the latest, the IGF Secretariat informed that two updated proposals were received (BPF on Local Content and BPF on Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context), displayed in the list of meeting input documents. Proponents of the new intersessional work activity on best practices related to Internet business/economic models informed that they decided to adjust the proposal to the form of a main session for which the final proposal will be communicated to the MAG in the coming days. MAG members were invited to join this preparatory work.

12. A few inputs followed on the criteria and overall goals of the best practice forums (BPFs). The facilitator of the 'BPF on BPFs' intersessional working group that was tasked to assess the quality and impact of the work done so far through the BPFs and recommend improvements and criteria for future assessment and BPFs approval, briefed participants on their methodology and objectives. It was said that the group of MAG members and IGF Secretariat's editors that worked in past on BPFs are in a process of exchanging inputs on their experiences and suggestions for improvements. These exchanges will be synthesized in a report that will be presented to the MAG during the second face-to-face meeting in June. The work from there will build on that report through open consultations with the MAG and broader community. An Outline of this methodology was said to be circulated to the MAG mailing list.

13. The MAG Chair welcomed this approach and asked the IGF Secretariat to re-initiate the practice of regular coordination calls with all active BPFs in 2020 IGF cycle, for the sake of reporting on preparatory status and mutually supporting the processes, where necessary and possible.

14. Regarding the MAG activities during the upcoming WSIS Forum in Geneva (6 – 9 April 2020), the IGF Secretariat informed to be exploring possibilities of hosting outreach events for engaging stakeholder from developing countries, governments and private sector. The MAG Chair suggested that a 2-hour meeting of the MAG is hosted during the WSIS Forum, with those attending the Forum being in-person in this meeting, while others joining remotely. More information on this activity will be shared in the coming days.

15. The next virtual meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 26 February 2020 at 20:00 p.m. UTC, as scheduled in the calendar of all MAG meetings.

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[2] https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-workshop-proposal-form

Next Steps

16. The IGF Secretariat to communicate:
    a. Action points from this meeting
    b. Updated calendar of the preparatory process for the Call for workshops and other sessions
    c. Subscription links for the four mailing lists for IGF themes to which the MAG would need to subscribe as soon as possible in the week
    d. Updated workshop submission form for MAG's review
    e. Updated final timeline for the entire IGF 2020 process
    f. Updated calendar of scheduled MAG online and onsite meetings
    g. Detailed overview of received inputs to the analyses of the Call for Validation of Thematic Issues per each theme

17. IGF Secretariat to re-initiate regular coordination calls of all BPFs.

18. Facilitator of the 'BPF on BPFs' to circulate the outline of the work process to the MAG mailing list.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda
IGF MAG Virtual Meeting II
12 February 2020, 14:00 p.m. UTC

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Chair's introduction and welcome
3. Discuss the "call for validation" results,
4. Finalize intersectional work planning
5. IGF WSIS activities discussion
6. A.O.B

Annex II

List of Participants

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
MAG Chair			
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society, South Africa
MAG Members			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Mr.	Espinosa	Amado	Private Sector, Mexico
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Togo

Mr.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society, DR Congo
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Brazil, Civil Society
Mr.	N'doumba	Eric	Congo, Government
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector, Hong Kong S.A.R.
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Civil Society, Australia/USA
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Mr.	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society, Bolivia
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Mr.	Seturi	Ucha	Private Sector, Georgia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Chenai	Chair	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society, Indonesia
Ms.	Munoz	Maricela	Government, Costa Rica
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Ofianga	Mary Rose	Civil Society, Philippines

Other Participants

Mr.	Prendergast	Jim	USA
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
Mr.	Flavio	Wagner	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Markus	Kummer	Switzerland, IGFSA
Mr.	Amessinou	Kossi	Benin, Benin IGF

IGF 2020 Host Country

Mr.	Przemysław	Typiak	Minister's Cousel at the Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland

UN DESA

Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer

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

List of Input Documents

- IGF 2020 Call for Validation of Thematic Tracks: Inputs Analysis
- BPF on Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context
- BPF on Local Content Updated Proposal
- IGF 2020 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting Documents