

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting IX**

26 May 2020 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

Major Outcomes:

- *MAG members to comment on Draft Agenda for the Second Open Consultation and MAG Meetings by **5 June**.*
- *Deadline for evaluation of workshop proposals extended until **31 May**.*

1. The ninth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 26 May 2020 at 14:00 UTC.

- Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG.
- Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.
- The Host Country was represented by **Ms. Anna Podgórska Buompane** from the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs.

The following are attached as annexes to this report:

- Adopted agenda
- List of participants
- List of shared input documents

The meeting's transcript is available on the website at

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-mag-virtual-meeting-ix-0>

2. The meeting focused on the experience of the MAG members in evaluating the workshop proposals, as well as preparations for the Second Open Consultation and MAG Meetings to be held 15-19 June 2020.
3. The Chair noted that it is possibility that IGF 2020 may need to be held virtually, and requested that MAG members consider ways that this could be achieved successfully, if needed.
4. The Chair reported that after consultations with the Internet Society, it had agreed to co-sponsor a paper analysing stakeholder participation at the IGF since its first event in 2006. She requested MAG members to think about topics for a series of short papers this year that would reflect on IGF's achievements and mandate.
5. Update on action items:

- Completed: order of fields on the workshop proposal and the workshop evaluation form put into the same order.
 - Completed: updated next version of draft agenda for the Second Open Consultation and MAG Meetings, including putting times in UTC.
6. The IGF Secretariat gave an update on workshop evaluations: 17 MAG members have completed their allotted evaluations, 16 MAG members have partially completed their evaluations, and five MAG members have not yet started in the online system, but some may be doing the evaluations offline, then uploading them when they're completed, while others may be having connectivity problems during COVID-19 lockdowns. The deadline for MAG members to complete their evaluations was extended by two days, until **31 May**.
7. MAG members discussed the workshop evaluation process:
- A MAG member suggested that in future, the Secretariat work with the host government to ensure that first time workshop proposals from stakeholders within the host country understand the process and requirements. The Chair suggested looking at this suggestion after the evaluations have been completed, but before the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meetings are held.
 - In a quick online poll about the ease of the evaluation process, MAG members responded in the following way:
 - The process was smooth: 30%
 - The process was mostly smooth, but with difficulties at times: 58%
 - The process was challenging: 13%
 - The process was very challenging: 0 %
 - A MAG member suggested that proposers needed more help understanding the policy questions area of proposals.
 - It was also noted by a number of MAG members that diversity amongst proposed speakers was lacking, possibly due to COVID-19 making it harder for proposers to reach out to a wider range of people.
 - A MAG member suggested that given the COVID-19 pandemic, which wasn't a factor that was considered when the call for workshop proposals first went out, diversity in workshop speakers could be increased by encouraging workshop proposers to take advantage of virtual participation – this would enable speakers who wouldn't have even considered travelling to participate entirely online.
 - A MAG member raised the question of what to do with proposals that didn't work as workshops, but could be Day Zero or Open Forums.
 - A MAG member noted that perhaps an instructional video could be created in future to help workshop proposers better understand what is expected of a proposal.

- A MAG member also raised a question about how to evaluate workshops with a specific regional focus.
 - The Working Group on Workshop Process ([WG-WSP](#)) reported on the progress it has been making on its draft document, General Guidance For Workshop Evaluation Process. The Working Group hopes to share it with the wider MAG shortly.
 - A MAG member highlighted that there will be a lot of preparatory work for the workshop evaluation groups to do in the week before the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meetings, and urged members to make time for that.
8. Regarding the cost of Internet connectivity, and the high cost of connection in some countries, the IGF Secretariat reported that in response to queries by some MAG members, UN DESA was investigating how it could reimburse MAG members from developing countries for their Internet connections.
9. Regarding the Second Open Consultations and MAG meetings:
- The Secretariat gave an update on the updated agenda for the meetings, to take place over five days, instead of the usual three days for a physical meeting, with sessions to take place in short bursts over different hours to cater for the many time zones people will be working in.
 - Due to the way that the meeting sessions have been organized to cater for as many participants as possible online, cost considerations mean there will be English and French interpretation available for the Open Consultations, but not for the MAG meeting. The Secretariat hopes to have presentation and briefing videos that are submitted before the meeting translated into French and English subtitles or for interpreted French and English audio versions to be made available.
 - Zoom supports breakout groups, so similar breakout sessions during the MAG meeting can take place in the virtual space.
10. [There were brief updates from the Best Practice Forum on Local Content and the Dynamic Coalitions Coordination Group.](#)
11. The IGF Secretariat encouraged any NRI that required assistance holding its event in a virtual space to contact the Secretariat for support.
12. In response to a query about the progress of the IGF website redevelopment, the IGF Secretariat noted that there were procedural rules to follow before the money could be received and for a public tender process to begin, but that ideas for improving the website could start to be collected now.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting IX: 26 May 2020 at 14:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Checking on action items from the previous call
3. Updates from the host country
4. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
5. Questions on the Workshop evaluation process
6. Finalization of the Agenda for the June Meeting
7. Updates on inter-sessional activities*
8. A.O.B

** Those WGs, BPFs, DCs and NRIs who have announcements or activity to report are invited to request a slot and submit a short report prior to the meeting*

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.	Afonso	Carlos	Civil Society	Brazil
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government	United Arab Emirates
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community	Australia
Mr.	Attoumani Mohamed	Karim	Private Sector	Comoros
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community	Colombia
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society	Chile
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government	Italy
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community	France
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society	Zimbabwe
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government	USA
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government	Canada
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community	India
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector	Hong Kong S.A.R., China
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society	Germany
Ms.	Dahmani	Wafa	Government	Tunisia
Mr.	Espinosa	Amado	Private Sector	Mexico
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society	Armenia
Ms.	Glavor	Nataša	Government	Croatia
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolf	Government	Germany
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society	Indonesia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community	Serbia

Mr.	Ji	Zhaoyu	Government	China
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government	Nepal
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Civil Society	Australia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community	Bulgaria
Ms.	Muñoz Zumbado	Maricela	Government	Costa Rica
Mr.	Ndoumba	Eric Armel	Government	Congo
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector	Barbados
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Rontal	Mary Rose Ofianga	Private Sector	Philippines
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector	Namibia
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government	Estonia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector	Romania
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community	Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector	UK/USA
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society	Bolivia
Other Participants				
Mr.	Aboulyazed Ali	Hisham Alaa	Government	Egypt
Dr.	Amessinou	Kossi	Benin IGF	Benin
Mr.	Chen	Yu		China
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	IGFSA	Switzerland
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	EBU	Switzerland
Mr.	Prendergast	Jim		USA
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	CGI.br	Brazil
Ms.	Walpen	Livia	OFCOM/ IGF 2017 Host Country	Switzerland
IGF 2020 Host Country				
Ms.	Podgórska Buompane	Anna	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland	Poland
Ms.	Potocka	Elżbieta	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland	Poland
IGF Secretariat				
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer	
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Consultant	
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point	
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow	
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager	
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Consultant	

* Apologies received from: Sylvia Cadena, Arsène Tungali, Afia Faith, Adama Jallow

Annex III

List of input documents:

- [Draft Agenda for the IGF 2020 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting](#)
- [Call for workshops timeline \(1-week extension\)](#)
- [IGF 2020 Timeline](#) (*last update: 12 February*)