IGF 2021

MAG Inclusive Internet Governance Ecosystems and Digital Co-operation

**FORMAT FOR IGF 2021 PREP AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE ISSUE AREA SESSION PROPOSALS**

**Issue area**: Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation

**Brief description** that can be used in promotional materials and in the schedule (also to be added to the issues wiki):

The Internet’s contribution to social, cultural and economic growth and opportunity is recognised; yet key questions of governance, accountability, misuse and access still remain. As the Internet cannot be dealt with from an one-dimensional perspective, a collaborative and inclusive Internet governance is imperative and requires a well structured coordination and consolidation that, however, is challenging. Recent discussions about the roles and responsibilities of governments and international corporations have raised issues relating to national security, economic growth, the governance structures of a borderless Internet, cross-border business transactions, digital sovereignty, data localisation, and human rights. Nevertheless, there has not been a solution-driven and fully inclusive global debate on advancing global digital cooperation. There is also a need for further engagement on the evolution of the IGF itself as a widely distributed and inclusive platform for deliberating on inclusive Internet governance processes and ecosystems. What opportunities are provided by the current focus on digital cooperation resulting from the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for digital cooperation? Is the Roadmap succeeding in consolidating cooperation and promoting a more holistic approach? How to strengthen the capacities of policymakers, business and citizens to stay abreast of the rapid technological developments and adequately engage in Internet governance discussions to respond to the challenges these developments present? What is the future of multistakeholder Internet governance and who will shape it?

Is the global debate on inclusive internet governance becoming more focused, or further fragmented? What role should the IGF play (and how) in advancing global digital cooperation?

IGF 2021 Emerging and cross-cutting issue area on Inclusive Internet governance ecosystems and digital cooperation will be addressing these questions by assessing Internet governance approaches and mechanisms and fostering inclusiveness and discussing Governance and cooperation for an evolving Internet taking into account technical Internet governance e.g. the development of standards and protocols, and the management of critical resources.

**Moderators**: see below

**Speakers**: see below

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| **Government:**  Yu Ping   or  Jason  Munyan from the tech envoy's office, Programme Officer UN |
| N.N. smart Africa |
| Chrystiane Roy, First Secretary (Digital Business Affairs and Cybersecurity) Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN, Geneva OR Carl Frederik Wettermark, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| Ambassador Asoke Mukerji, Former Permanent Representative of India to the UN in New York |

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| **Business:** John Frank (MS UN liaison) jfrank@microsoft.com, |
| Vint Cert, Google |
| Gonzalo Lopez-Barajas Huder, Telefonica |
| Tech: Paul Wilson APC NIC |
| Chris Buckridge, RIPE NCC |
| Constance, ISOC |

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| **Academia:**  Chinmayi    Arun, University of Delhi/Berkman Klein Centre Harvard |
| Milton Mueller, Internet Governance Project OR  Jyoti Panday from the Internet Governance Project, both at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta |
| Jeanette Hoffmann, Berlin Social Science Centre (WZB) |
| Fiona Alexander, American University DC |
| Wolfgang Kleinwaechter |
| David Souter, Oxford Internet Institute |

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| **Civil society:**  Nnenna    Nwakanma, Web Foundation |
| Sean O’Siochru, Just Net Coalition |
| MAG member Maria Paz |
| Gbenga Sesan, Paradigm Initiative, Nigeria |
| Peter Micek, Access Now |
| Paula Martins, APC |
| N.N. Sida, GIZ or SDC. |

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| **Moderator:** Jovan Kurbalija, Diplo Foundation |
| Thomas Schneider, Internet Ambassador Switzerland |
| “Other” stakeholder:  MAG Strategy WG or former MAG member |

**Rapporteur**: Sook-Jung Dofel

**Agenda**:

Duration: up to 90 minutes

Format: moderated panel discussion

1.     **5 minutes: Introductory remarks** by MAG member (Sook-Jung Dofel): “setting the scene”, introduction into topic and of speakers

2.     **30 minutes: Statements** of 4 speakers (each speaker has 10 minutes) on:

“Advancing global digital cooperation: What opportunities are provided by the current focus on digital cooperation resulting from the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for digital cooperation? Is the Roadmap succeeding in consolidating cooperation and promoting a more holistic approach? Is the global debate on inclusive internet governance becoming more focused, or further fragmented? What role should the IGF play (and how) in advancing global digital cooperation?

3.     **30 minutes: Moderated Discussion** on what has been said in the statements and where to put focus at IGF 21 and how IGF can advance discussion, interaction with audience via questions, polls etc. via chat

4. **5 minutes:** summary of main points by moderator

**Needs for tech or other forms of logistical support**: tech support for panel discussion (e.g. uploading ppt), support to monitor chat