**DRAFT FORMAT FOR IGF2021 PREP AND ENGAGEMENT PHASE ISSUE AREA SESSION PROPOSALS**

**Issue area: Economic and Social Inclusion and Human Rights**

**Brief description:**

While the topic of economic and social inclusion and human rights is not new to internet governance, this issue area has been gaining strength as compared to previous IGFs. This was also reflected by the total number of workshop applications received (34%), which made this the issue group with the highest number of submissions. On the one hand, the increased importance of inclusion and human rights as compared to previous years may be attributable to middle to long term tendencies as is also reflected in the UN Secretary General’s Road map for digital cooperation that identified inclusion and human rights as central to digital public goods. On the other hand, however, this new trend might at least partly be attributed to the disrupting effect of the still ongoing covid-19 pandemic. Social and economic consequences have affected societies to different extents and stressed the need to rethink the values that we want digital technologies and the internet to serve.

High-level speakers from government, business, academia and civil society will discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities. How can the rising significance of inclusion and human rights in societal debates and public awareness be explained? What new risks have emerged since the pandemic? How can we use new opportunities offered by digital technologies and the internet for positive change? And to this aim, what governance strategies should international organizations, governments, civil society and business adopt to promote inclusive societies (e.g. sustainable development, education, health) recognising the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups and at the same time prevent new harms and risks to civil and political rights (e.g. data privacy, freedom of expression, new forms of surveillance and manipulation of behaviour by private and state actors, AI ethics, hate speech, child protection)? What is the role of the IGF to promote economic and social inclusion and human rights?

**Format:** Moderated panel discussion, 90 min

**Moderators:**

* **Verbal inputs and discussion:** Courtney Radsch & Evelyne Tauchnitz
* **Chat moderation:** Afia Faith

**Speakers (suggestions):**

* **International Organization / government:** 
  + UN Hub for Human Rights and Digital Technology: Contact them and ask them for a speaker for the preparatory session. For the Main session: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres (if possible?) or his tech envoy
  + Dr. Iakovos Iakovidis, First Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN in Geneva and expert on human rights & digital technologies
* **Business**
  + Wafa Ben-Hassine, Responsible Technology Principal at Omidyar Network (established by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar and his wife)
  + Somebody from UNCTAD, CSTD
* **Academia**
  + Yuval Noah Harari (Israel)
  + Nanjala Nyabola (Nigeria)
* **Civil Society**
  + Branka Panic, Founder and Executive Director of [AI for Peace](https://www.aiforpeace.org/)
  + Neema Iyer, CEO of Pollicy (Civic tech organisation based in Uganda with an Africa regional focus)

**Rapporteur:**

* **Adama Jallow**

**Agenda:**

* **Introductory remarks** by moderator / MAG member, welcome to the audience, short description of topic and introduction of speakers (5 minutes)
* **First block - Trends, new opportunities and risks (35 min)**
  + Short input talks of 4 speakers / panellist, 4 min per speaker (16 min)
  + Possibility to respond to other speakers’ inputs, 2 min per speaker (8 min)
  + Poll, ranking the top risks and opportunities identified by panellists
  + Questions from the audience (10 min)
* **Second block - Possible governance strategies to promote inclusion and human rights, including the role of the IGF (35 min)**
  + Short input talks from speakers / panellists, 4 min each (16 min in total)
  + Possibility to respond to other speakers’ inputs, 2 min per speaker (8 min)
  + Poll, ranking the top governance strategies identified by panellists
  + Questions from the audience (10 min)
* **Final discussion among audience and panellist (15 min)**
* **Short summary** of main points by the moderator and **outlook** to the main session at IGF 2021 (5 min)

**Needs for tech or other forms of logistical support:**

* Captioning of presentations and discussion