

Donor's Update on IGF Multi-Donor Multistakeholder Trust Fund

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# Background

- IGF Trust Fund is extra-budgetary (XB)
- IGF Trust Fund relies on voluntary contributions from donors (multistakeholder)
- Whereas organizational costs of annual IGF meetings are covered by the Host Country, the IGF Trust Fund supports
  - Staff and operational costs of the IGF Secretariat
  - Participation of MAG Members from developing countries
  - Support to intersessional activities (BPFs, CENB, DCs)
  - Capacity development (NRIs)



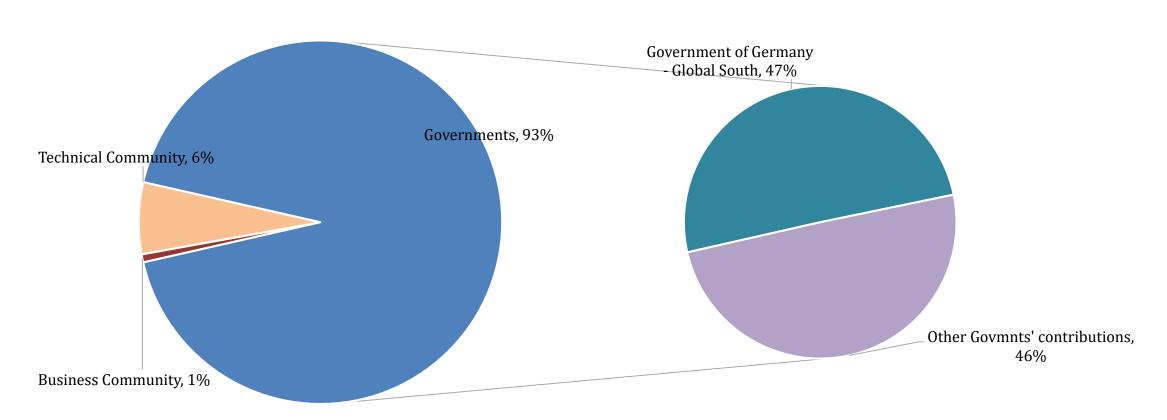
## **2019 Contributions**

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Donor	Stakholder Group		Amount	R	egular 2019	Prior period	(not	yet received)	Comment
Disney	Business Community	\$	10,000	\$	10,000				
European Comission	Government	\$	283,692			\$ 59,332	\$	224,360	The pledge refers to the contribution agreement signed in April 2019, for funding the activities of 2019-2020
Finland	Government	\$	225,180	\$	225,180				
Germany	Governments	\$	650,000	\$	650,000				For facilitating participation of the represetnatives of the Global South in MAG meetings and 2019 Annual Internet Governance Forum in Berlin
Netherlands	Government	\$	113,766	\$	-		\$	113,766	EUR 100,000 annually 2017-2021
Number Resource Orga	Technical Community	\$	75,000	\$	-		\$	75,000	
Politecnico di Torino	Technical Community	\$	13,702	\$	13,702				
United Kingdom	Government	\$	19,575	\$	19,575				
Total		\$1	1,390,914	\$	918,456	\$ 59,332	\$	413,126	

# 2019 Contributions (continued)

2019 Funds pledged/paid - overview by stakeholder group



# Expenditure as of 29 May 2019 Preliminary (vs Budget)

...by activity

	Expenditures/ Obs -						
	Budget 2019		u	up to 29 May 2019 (preliminary)		Expenditures vis-à-vis approved budget	
Office Expenses	\$	1,909,000.00	\$	310,839.51	_	1,598,160	
of which staff costs	\$	1,800,000.00	\$	273,212.68	\$	1,526,787	
Capacity Building	\$	210,000.00	\$	17,123.59	\$	192,876	
MAG meetings	\$	248,000.00	\$	187,352.54	\$	60,647	
Intersessional Activities	\$	133,000.00	\$	8,709.81	\$	124,290	
Contingency/Indirect Costs (13%)	\$	382,630.00	\$	68,123.31	\$	314,507	
Total	\$	2,882,630.00	\$	592,148.76	\$	2,290,481	



### **2019 Forecast**

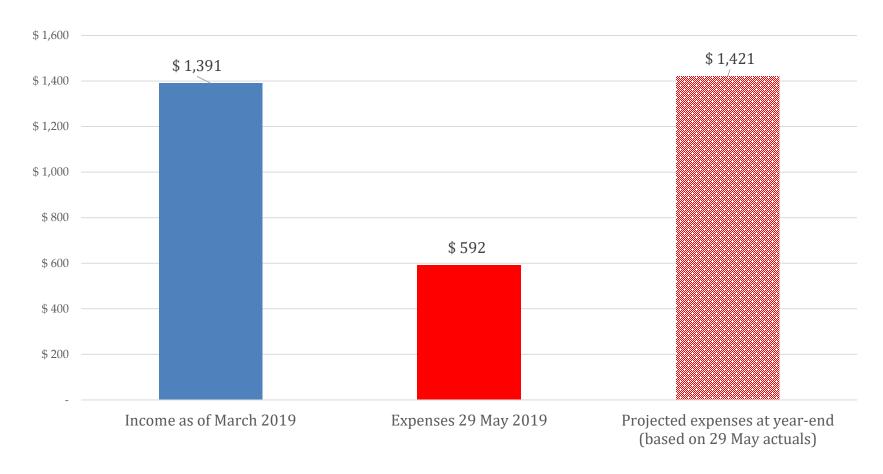
#### ... by nature of expenditure

		Expenditures/ Obs -	<b>Expenditures vs</b>			Projected
		up to 29 May 2019	approved budget	Expenditures	Expenditures 2018	Increase 2019
Nature of expenditure	Budget 2019	(preliminary)	2019	2019 (projected)	(preliminary)	vs 2018
Staff / Consultants	\$ 1,904,000	\$ 291,316	\$ 1,612,684	\$ 699,159	\$ 595,344	\$ 103,814
Supplies	\$ 16,000	-	\$ 16,000	-	\$ 226	\$ 226
Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,806	\$ 2,806.	\$ 18,734	-	\$ 18,734
Contractual Services	\$ 12,000	\$ 804	\$ 11,196	\$ 1,930	\$ 18,672	\$ 16,742
Travel	\$ 322,000	\$ 196,666	\$ 125,334	\$ 471,999	\$ 225,288	\$ 246,710
Grants-Out/Fellows	\$ 105,000	-	\$ 105,000	-	-	-
Other operating costs	\$ 136,000	\$ 27,433	\$ 108,567	\$ 65,839	\$ 52,812	\$ 13,026
Programme Support/Conting	\$ 382,630	\$ 68,123	\$ 314,507	\$ 163,496	\$ 109,210	\$ 54,286
Total	\$ 2,882,630	\$ 592,149	\$ 2,290,481	\$ 1,421,157	\$ 1,001,553	\$ 409,404



# Income vs Expenditures (projected) 2019

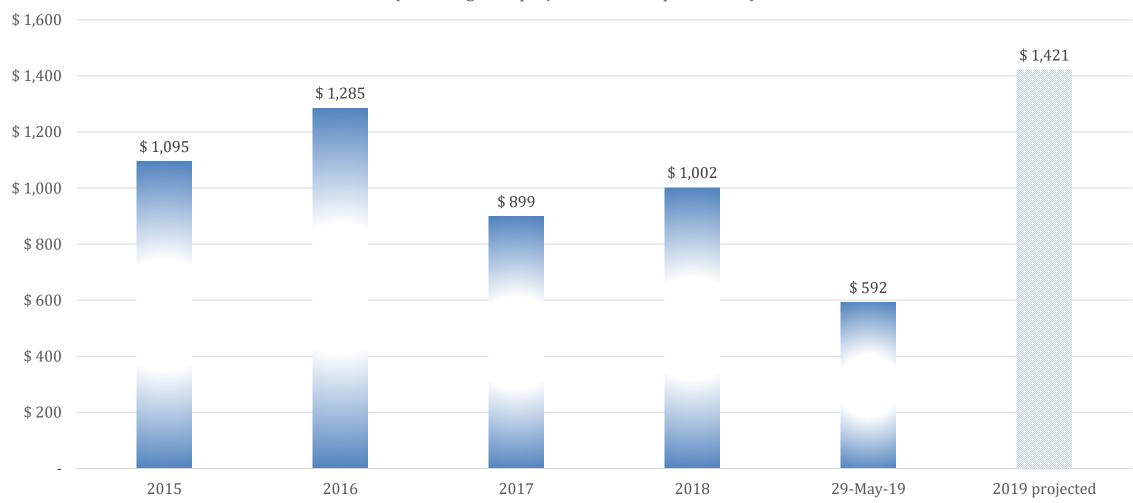
Income vs Expenditures (projected) 2019, in thousands of USD





# Expenses 2015 - 29 May 2019

Expenditure per year in thousands of USD for the period 2015 – up to 29 May 2019 (including total projected 2019 expenditures)



## Funding improvements made in 2018

- Better reporting and greater transparency through information sharing during Open Consultations and through IGF website
- Secretariat's concerted efforts to follow up on routine/ad-hoc contributions of existing donors
- Individual letters from DESA Director to all donors, with appreciation and request for continued support
- Secretariat's participation in MAG Working Group, e.g. Factsheet/FAQs on IGF published

# Acknowledging in-kind support

### **In Kind Contributions**

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)  (Covers transcription for MAG Face-To-Face Meetings)	ICANN
CISCO (Provides WebEx Tool for Virtual Meetings)	cisco
Google (Provides extended Youtube Account for Sessions Videos)	Google
ITU (Provides remote participation for one face to face meeting)	
IGFSA  (Covers transcription for MAG and Dynamic Coalitions Virtual Meetings)	Internet Governance Forum Support Association



# **Staffing IGF Secretariat**

- Executive Coordinator of IGF Secretariat (vacant)
- 3 x Professional Staff (filled)
- 1 x Support Staff (filled)
- 1 x Fellowship (budgeted in 2019)
- 2 x Interns (unpaid)



# Challenges

- Sustainable funding to support existing functions of IGF Secretariat
- Sustainable funding to support participation of MAG Members from developing countries
- Increased funding to support meaningful participation of stakeholders from developing countries
- Increased funding to support capacity development, especially for national, regional and youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs)

Noted: Ref made to CSTD Working Group Recommendations, DESA's IGF Retreat 2016

# Improve stakeholder inclusion at the IGF

- IGF mandate calls for strengthening and enhancing stakeholders engagement from developing countries and building capacity;
- At IGF 2018, UN SG called for increased efforts to draw upon 'weak and missing voices' into the IGF;
- Several donors called for the engagement of the IGF in capacity development activities across developing countries.
- To respond to this, the IGF focuses its support towards a twofold objective:
  - (1) Advance the inclusion of unrepresented and underrepresented communities in IGF processes
  - (2) Strengthen the capacity of communities in developing countries

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# Advancing inclusion at the IGF 2019

- Government of Germany allocated funds to support the inclusion of stakeholders from the Global South
- IGF 2019 Call for Travel Support announced on the IGF website (closes on 30 June)
- Call aims at supporting underrepresented stakeholders from LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS and transition economies. (Statistics show there are 31 unrepresented and 67 underrepresented countries at the IGF; these are to be given priority)
- NRIs Organizing Committees will provide advice on the quality of applications before IGF Secretariat/UNDESA makes the final selection

# **Developing capacity**

- For 2019, the aim is to support the advancement of national and regional IGF processes in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS
- 9 national and regional IGFs identified to be supported in:
  - (1) implementation of the NRIs annual meetings and/or
  - (2) inclusion of underrepresented stakeholders in NRIs processes
- IGF Secretariat works closely with identified NRIs to provide substantive support (e.g. trainings/workshops, publications) for strengthening local processes and global IGF engagement



# Planned Improvements in 2019

- Enhanced relationship management with existing donors
- Proactive engagement with potential new donors
- More funding resources allocated to capacity development (\$180,000 budgeted)
- Improve UN donor process for IGF, e.g. non-government entities
- More efficient workflow and consideration of smaller contributions



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