

## IGF 2017

### MAG WG – Multi year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)

The third meeting of the MAG WG-Multi year Strategic Work Programme was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The meeting summary below is organized according to the agreed agenda (Annex I).

#### **1. Intro/Logistics/Admin**

List of Participants can be found in Annex II, and participants agreed to the meeting being recorded. The recording can be found [here](#).

#### **2 - Review draft sub-working group charter for advancing IGF outputs (posted to the MAG WG on 17 October 2017 by Jeremy Malcolm).**

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a) There was a discussion on the draft charter and the consensus of the group was that the number of members should not be overly restrictive and the type of expertise should likewise not be prescribed/limited.

b) With respect to the question of whether this should be an effort of the full WG or of a sub-WG, it was noted that the task was simply to draft a first version of possible options with a focus on what it would mean for the IGF. This first draft would consider what might be done and how it could be done within the IGF ecosystem respecting the Tunis Agenda and multi-stakeholder considerations. This 1<sup>st</sup> draft would be for the consideration of the full WG-MWP. Specifically, it would not make any final decisions or recommendations. As such, the WG determined it was more appropriately called a drafting team.

**ACTION:** it was requested that the draft charter be amended in line with these points for review and approval at the next WG meeting.

#### **3 - Review IGF Programme Component Document and determine:**

- a) if complete or if further work is required per Flávio Wagner's suggestion
- b) which areas should be further viewed for possible evolution
- c) which areas are candidates for multi-year strategic planning

- a) Group agreed the draft is quite complete, there was a suggestion made to link all intersessional work to sessions at the IGF as has been done with some of the intersessional activities. Also there was a suggestion to highlight the types of sessions that occur during the global IGF and describe activities that support them. NRIs were recognized as a critical part of the IGF while noting that they were different from other intersessional activities. It was suggested that they might be jointly evaluated for additional integration.

**ACTION:** Flávio Wagner agreed to work with the secretariat to update the document for review by the WG.

- b) While recognizing there are different management processes across IGF activities, it was said that all components are candidates for possible evolution/improvements. Suggestion to ask WG members whether there are priorities they think should be addressed. It was also suggested that we look at what can be done to facilitate information across all activities.
- c) With respect to advancing the multi-year strategic work program, there were several comments throughout the meeting that focused on finding ways to reach out to other organizations/stakeholders to ensure that important and relevant topics that could usefully be advanced within the IGF were supported (and would lead to increased participation). Additional suggestions focused on increasing involvement of UN and International organizations, building on their expected stronger participation in IGF 2017, specifically building longer-term relationships. It was also suggested that we build on the IGF as a multistakeholder platform to engage more broadly, potentially exploring where our multistakeholder experience and platform could add value.

It was noted by several members that it would be helpful to bring in a broad and longer-term view of IG issues as well as possible IG/IGF Ecosystem evolutions and suggested inviting other individuals to share their views with the WG.

There was some discussion re what the Tunis Agenda called for and how that could be facilitated by the IGF. Specifically, paragraph 72 g) was noted: *“Identify emerging issues, bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the general public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations.”* Some comments focused on the possible forms e.g. recommendations/suggestions/ range of substantiated views, etc., others how we might achieve broad agreement or consensus. Still others noted that outcomes could also highlight challenges or a problem statement if you will, while identifying where the issue might be taken up more appropriately.

Specific activities identified as candidates for multiyear strategic planning included: Best Practice Forums (BPFs), the major policy program “Connecting and Enabling Next Billion(s)” (CENB), as well as improving integration with the NRIs. The point was also made that the MAG should be open to new or more open formats as they may be better suited to increasing engagement or facilitating problem solving.

It was suggested that a community poll could be useful to help establish/validate priorities, and it was agreed a proposal would be sent to the WG. It was also mentioned that perhaps a general IGF email list (similar to some of the IETF practices could be useful as a way to informally poll or network amongst the IGF community) throughout the year.

#### **4 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items**

Follow up on open items from above.

**Next meetings agreed per Doodle poll: Nov. 2 1300 - 1400 UTC**

New doodle poll to be sent for next round of meetings.

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## **Annex 1: Agenda**

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- 5 - AOB

## **Annex II: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**CHAIR:** Lynn St.Amour

### **MAG MEMBERS:**

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### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS:**

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