

# IGF 2020

## Best Practice Forum Cybersecurity

Virtual meeting 2  
10 September 2020

*Summary*

### 1. Introduction

Ben Wallis (BPF co-facilitator) announced that the [registration](#) is open for the IGF 2020, which will be hosted online from 9 to 17 November with a number of pre-events scheduled between 2 and 6 November ([IGF 2020 Schedule](#)). The BPF Cybersecurity workshop will be on Tuesday 17 November, from 12:50 to 14:20 UTC.

Maarten Van Horenbeeck (BPF lead expert) briefly explained that the purpose of the current meeting is to provide updates from the three individual workstreams that were activated after the BPF kick-off call, and to invite comments on their draft outputs ahead of their sharing them more widely as part of the BPF's call for contributions.

### 2. Workstream 2 - background paper on understanding and documenting methods of norms assessment.

Mallory Knodel (Lead Workstream 2) presented the [workstream 2 draft paper](#), which looks at norms in different contexts than cybersecurity to gain insight into what worked well and how cybersecurity norms and norm setting initiatives could be improved.

- BPF participants are invited to review the [draft paper](#) and provide feedback until Monday **14 September COB**.

It was suggested that WS2 would include a few implementation case studies as examples and that a future BPF could look at the full cycle from norm to implementation, monitoring, evaluation and feedback. Future research should also look into the adherence to norms, in particular norms that may never be part of international treaties or large agreements.

### 3. Workstream 1 - paper on identifying new agreements and developments since last year.

John Hering (Lead Workstream 1) introduced the [workstream 1 draft paper](#) that focuses on identifying new cybersecurity agreements and critical developments for agreements included in last year's analysis. The WS refined the scoping compared to last year's BPF to focus solely on voluntary non-binding agreements, and identified 25 international agreements for its analysis.

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It was noted that the WS1 paper aims to describe an ecosystem of norms and can serve as a basis for further analysis on how different norms relate to each other. Conclusions would require some caution as the recurrence of a certain norm through different initiatives does not necessarily mean that the norm is understood in the same way across these places.

It was suggested to consider a gap-analysis of the different agreements against the main WSIS internet [governance criteria](#), such as multistakeholder collaboration, role of civil society, etc..

#### **4. Discussion on the call for contributions**

The call for contributions is intended to gather input on the WS1 paper, while the WS2 paper is intended to serve as a background document to provide insight and understanding to those answering the call for contributions.

The call for contributions will be distributed via the IGF mailing lists and communication channels but also directly with relevant organisations and initiatives identified by the BPF (see Workstream 3). The tentative timeline for the call for contributions is to launch on 17 September and invite responses by 17 October. After this date the workstream leads will work with the BPF consultant to compile the Draft BPF 2020 Output that will be published ahead of the IGF meeting

A draft call for contributions will be shared with the BPF mailing list for review and feedback. It will be structured along the following questions:

- Is an organisation signatory to any of the agreements identified by the BPF?
- Are there other international agreements that intend to improve cybersecurity that are not covered by the BPF's analysis?
- Are there particular projects or programs that organizations have implemented to support the agreements?
- Are there any cybersecurity issues that are not yet addressed by a cybersecurity agreement but should be?

#### **5. Outreach**

Sheetal Kumar (Lead Workstream 3) explained the approach to widen participation in the BPF and get as much input as possible from as many stakeholders as possible from within and outside the traditional IGF community.

- BPF participants are invited to review the [BPF Cybersecurity outreach list](#) developed by WS3 and suggest additional relevant organisations and persons.

#### **6. AoB**

The BPF will organise another virtual meeting ahead of the IGF meeting (details will be shared on the mailing list).

Participants were also informed of the launch of a new Dynamic Coalition (DC) on Internet Standards, Security and Safety ([link](#)).

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