

IGF 2021 Timeline (Draft)¹

(updated: 15 February 2021)



1. Announcement of the MAG for 2021: 17 November 2020

i *Announcement of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group for 2021*

- Renewal of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) for 2021: **17 Nov 2020**
- Virtual MAG Meeting I – Feedback to IGF 2021: **15 Dec 2020**

2. IGF 2021 Community Call for Inputs: Taking Stock of IGF 2020: 20 December 2020 - 20 January 2021

i *All IGF stakeholders are invited to submit inputs to the IGF Secretariat related to the [following questions](#). All inputs will be posted on the IGF website. MAG Members should periodically review these comments.*

¹ This is a draft and is subject to change as circumstances make themselves known.

3. Call for Thematic Inputs for IGF 2021: 20 December 2020 - 31 January 2021

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4. First IGF 2021 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting: 22 - 24 February 2021

i First MAG Meeting held virtually

Draft agenda points:

- IGF 2020 Stocktaking & Looking Ahead to 2021
- Strategic discussion on implementation of the Secretary-Generals Road map for Digital Cooperation and other IGF improvement proposals for moving forward
- Discussion on intersessional work streams (BPFs, DCs) and on NRIs
- Youth engagement strategy
- Discussion on IGF 2021 main thematic tracks
- IGF 2021 programme shaping & agreement (Number of: WS, OF, themes, parallel tracks, etc.)
- Approval of MAG working groups

5. Launch of IGF Intersessional Work – 1 March 2021

i Approved BPFs /Major Policy Initiatives and MAG working groups begin activities. DCs and NRIs are ongoing.

6. IGF 2021 Call for Remote Hubs: 2 March – 20 Sep 2021

i Invitation to all stakeholders interested in organizing a remote hub. Hubs are local meetings that take place in parallel with the IGF. People can watch the webcast of IGF sessions together and send interventions (via text, audio or video) that can be answered by panellists in IGF.

- Call for registration of remote/online hubs: **2 March – 20 Sep 2021**
- Review and approve remote/online hub: **25 Sep 2021**
- Preparation and publication of manuals for remote/online participation: **15 July - 15 September 2021**
- Prepare and conduct trainings for remote/online hubs/participants/moderators/panellists: **5 - 9 Oct 2021**

7. IGF 2021 Call for Village Exhibition Booths: 2 March – 15 April 2021

i During the annual IGF meeting, interested stakeholders can display or distribute relevant information about their IGF-related activities at the IGF Village. The booths are non-commercial in nature, free of charge, and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, respecting a balance of stakeholder and regional diversity. Booths are of limited availability.

8. IGF 2021 Call for Workshop and Other Sessions Proposals: 2 March – 15 April 2021

i All stakeholders were invited to submit proposals to hold workshops at the forthcoming IGF, open forums, individual sessions by IGF Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), collaborative sessions by National, Regional and Youth Initiatives (NRIs), proposals for 'pre-events' on Day 0, and other 'special sessions' by organizations wishing to hold events during the IGF.

- Submission of proposals: **2 March – 15 April 2021**
- Secretariat Analysis of Evaluations: **16 April – 19 April 2021**
- Submission of workshop proposals to the MAG for evaluation: **20 April 2021**

9. Evaluation of Workshops and Other Session Proposals: 20 April – 10 May 2021

i The MAG will evaluate all workshop proposals on the basis of pre-determined criteria.

- Evaluation of Workshop proposals by the MAG: **20 April – 10 May 2021**
- Selection of Open Forums, DC and NRIs sessions by the IGF Secretariat: **20 April – 10 May 2021**

10. Second IGF 2021 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting: 21 – 23 June 2021

i Second 3-day MAG Meeting to be at the UN office at Geneva, Switzerland (final location and dates TBC) or online depending on COVID-19 situation.

Agenda:

- Selection of workshops
- Review of the other IGF 2021 sessions (OF, BPFs, DCs, NRIs, etc.)
- Review of Day 0 sessions
- Discussion on developing 2021 programme in line with strategic priorities
- Discussion on main sessions
- Mid year virtual meeting for BPF's/DC's and NRI's ? (to be discussed)

11. Drafting of IGF 2021 Schedule and IGF Village plan: June - August 2021

i Undertaken by IGF Secretariat in consultation with MAG; takes into account all agreed-on themes, possible tracks, main sessions, workshops, open forums, DC/BPF/NRI sessions, 'other'/special and Day 0 sessions.

12. Publicising of Bilateral Meeting Request System: 15 June – 15 October 2021

i An online system maintained by the IGF Secretariat, based on demand/availability of rooms.

13. Open Registration for IGF 2021: 15 August – 6 December 2021

- i** Online registration for onsite and remote participants through IGF website/UN accreditation system with live/public participants list

14. Third IGF 2021 Open Consultations and Face-to-Face MAG Meeting: 15 – 17 September 2021

- i** *MAG will carry out review of the overall programme.*

- Review of intersessional work
 - BPF's
 - Main session progress
 - MAG Working Groups
 - IGF 2021 Programme

15. IGF 2021: Poland, Katowice - 6 - 10 December 2021

- i** *The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 6 to 10 December 2021. The main theme of the meeting is: Internet United.*

- IGF Meeting: 6 – 10 December 2021 in Katowice, Poland.

16. Finalising IGF 2021 Outputs: 6 Dec – 20 Dec 2021

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- Katowice IGF Messages: **daily messages due at the end of each meeting day (6 - 10 Dec 2021)**
- Session Final Reports: **20 Nov 2021**
- Katowice IGF Messages (final): **20 Dec 2021**
- BPF Outputs: **20 Dec 2021**
- IGF 2021 Proceedings: **20 Dec 2021**