

**IGF 2021
MAG Meeting VI | 6 April 2021**

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

IGF 2021 (sub)themes, policy questions and issues

- MAG members to [sign up](#) to join issue groups as members and facilitators. MAG chair to reach out to individual MAG members and encourage them to volunteer for facilitators roles.
- Issue teams to start/continue their work.
- Working group on workshop process to continue its work.
- A MAG meeting to be held on **15 April, from 12:00 noon UTC**, to review outputs from issue groups and the Working group on workshop process, and decide on the next steps.

Other issues

- MAG members from the Global South to contact the IGF Secretariat to express their interest in receiving financial support to cover Internet access costs for the June Open Consultations and MAG meeting. They should also indicate the estimated costs.

❖ **The current tasks for MAG members (and related documents) are also available in the [MAG dashboard](#).**

1. The sixth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 6 April 2021. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair.

Attached to this summary report are the meeting agenda and input documents (Annex I) and the list of participants (Annex II).

I. Introductions and updates from the Secretariat

2. The Chair welcomed participants and gave an overview of the meeting's agenda. Commenting on ongoing activities, she expressed concerns over limited engagement from MAG members and encouraged them to intensify their efforts, respond faster to the various calls, and be more actively involved in MAG work.

3. Mr. Przemek Typiak, Polish government, gave an update on the status of preparations for the Katowice IGF meeting and noted that, as far as the host country is concerned, everything is going

according to the plan. He also reminded MAG members to keep the host country informed about the COVID-19 situation in their countries and regions (e.g. travel restrictions, vaccination).

4. Mr. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat, informed MAG members about the following issues:

- The June Open Consultations and MAG meeting will be held online. Financial support to cover Internet access costs will be available for MAG members from the Global South. Interested MAG members are invited to contact the Secretariat and indicate the estimated costs.
- The Secretariat is still working on translations of IGF 2020 Messages, expected to be published on the IGF website shortly.
- The processes associated with contracting consultants for the Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and Policy Networks (PNs) are ongoing.
- The first round of public consultations on the new IGF website has concluded and the developers are continuing their work. As the website is being developed, specific user groups will be contacted to provide further input.

II. IGF 2021 (sub)themes, policy questions and issues

5. At the [23 March MAG meeting](#), it was decided that working groups are created to advance work on the IGF 2021 issue areas, by defining the sub-themes, issues and policy questions to be featured within each area, and help shape the call for session proposals. After the meeting, six groups (and associated mailing lists) were created and [MAG members were invited to join them](#) and express their interest in acting as group facilitators.

6. Ms. Esterhuysen noted that, unfortunately, little progress has been made within issue teams since the previous MAG meeting, and encouraged MAG members to be more engaged in the work. While some MAG members expressed appreciation for the instructions previously provided regarding the issue teams work, others noted that they were not very clear on the tasks at hand. It was also said that one reason for the slow start of the work is that some of the groups do not yet have a facilitator. MAG members were encouraged to volunteer for such a leadership role; the Chair will also reach out directly to members and invite them to volunteer. Those MAG members that have not yet signed up to be part of a group were invited to do so as soon as possible. It was explained that involvement in the process of defining the issue areas and preparing the call for session proposals would prove to be very useful later on, when MAG members will have to evaluate session proposals. Moreover, the groups do not have to start their work from a blank slate, because there is already material that can be used (e.g. the issues submitted by the community, the previous overviews prepared by the MAG Chair and the Secretariat).



- ❖ [IGF 2021 issue teams – Sign up document](#) (also includes links to mailing lists)
- ❖ [Briefing document for MAG-led IGF 2021 issue teams](#)

7. Ms. Maria Paz Canales, MAG member and co-facilitator of the team working on the issue *Emerging regulation: market structure, content data and user rights* briefly presented the [draft document](#) that she had prepared. The document, which is open for review by group members, contains the following key

elements: a description of the issue (based on a previous description developed by the MAG Chair and the Secretariat), an overview of the topics covered by the issue, and tags and sample policy questions for each topic. It was then noted that the document could serve as a template for other issue teams as they go ahead with their work.

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9. Ms. Esterhuysen reviewed the next steps for the Working group on workshop process, which is expected to develop an approach to the call for workshop/session proposals for IGF 2021, and prepare the call for proposals to be launched on 20 April. In carrying out its work, the group is invited to consider several issues: (a) how the process will be different this year as a result of the issue analysis having been done prior to the call for sessions; (b) whether there should be different types of sessions/workshops for the different baskets of issues; (c) how to approach organising preparatory sessions; (d) integrating the MAG WG-Strategy's proposal on having an open call for participating in the development of some sessions, under the guidance of issue teams.



❖ [Next steps for the WG on workshop progress](#) (pages 3–4)

III. Intersessional work updates

10. Ms. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat, provided updates regarding national and regional IGF initiatives (NRIs), BPFs, and PNs.

- NRIs have expressed interest in contributing to the IGF 2021 preparatory phase, but would welcome more clarity on how their involvement is expected to work and how it would feed into the overall IGF 2021 process. With regard to their participation in the December IGF meeting, NRIs are now in the process of identifying the topics to focus on; a consultation is ongoing for NRIs to submit suggestions for topics of interest.
- The multistakeholder working group for the PN on environment (PNE) is almost constituted (only one confirmation is still pending). For the PN on meaningful access (PNMA), work is undergoing on updating the proposal and integrating elements from the previous BPF on local content and the proposed BPF on committed actions to make access to the Internet sustainable and affordable for everyone. A multistakeholder working group is to be created for PNMA;

suggestions are welcome from MAG members on organisations that could be invited to join this group.

- The Secretariat is developing a document to provide more details on the nature of PNs and how they are different from other IGF intersessional workstreams. This is to be shared with MAG members in due course.

11. Mr. Wim Degezelle informed participants that the coordinators and lead experts of the BPF cybersecurity have had a meeting and are developing a work plan for this year, which would most likely include three streams (two focusing on substantive issues and one focused on outreach). An update is expected to be provided to MAG members in due course.

12. Ms. Sorina Teleanu, IGF Secretariat, informed MAG members that the [Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group \(DCCG\)](#) is progressing well with the work on developing a DC paper. A survey has been launched to collect input from active DCs on issues such as their work and their contribution to the overall IGF process. The survey results will feed into the paper, along with input from several other activities that will be conducted over the next few months. The DCCG plans to have the paper finalised by the end of October 2021. A draft version of the paper will be shared with MAG members and the IGF community for comments.

13. The next MAG meeting will be held on 15 April 2020, from 12:00 noon UTC.

Annex I

Meeting agenda and input documents

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. IGF 2021 (sub)themes, policy questions and issues (groups presentations)
5. Intersessional work updates
6. AoB

Input documents

- [IGF 2021 issue teams – Sign up document](#)
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Annex II Participants

| Last name | First name |
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| MAG Chair | |
| Esterhuysen | Anriette |
| IGF 2021 Host Country | |
| Typiak | Przemysław |
| MAG members | |
| Afonso | Carlos Alberto |
| Astbrink | Gunela |
| Attoumani | Karim |
| Canales | Maria Paz |
| Castex | Lucien |
| Charlton | Paul |
| Peake | Adam |
| Radsch | Courtney |
| Seturi | Ucha |
| Zambrana | Roberto |
| UN DESA | |
| Kwok | Wai Min |
| Representatives of intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and European Commission | |
| Russo | Lucia |
| Other participants | |
| Carvell | Mark |
| Cassa | Concettina |

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| Cohen | Frederic |
| Degezelle | Wim |
| Faith | Afia |
| Munyan | Jason |
| Parris | June |
| Prendergast | Jim |
| Sutto | Timea |
| Wagner | Flavio |
| Wallis | Ben |
| IGF Secretariat | |
| Bobo Garcia | Luis |
| Gengo | Anja |
| Masango | Chengetai |
| Teleanu | Sorina |