

## IGF 2017

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

The fifth meeting of the MAG WG-Multi year Strategic Work Programme was held on Nov. 29th, 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 IGF Programme Component Document for submission to MAG**

The WG approved release of the document (pending a few additional days for those members not on the call to review). The document attempts to capture the current state of the components of the annual IGF meeting and the other activities in the IGF Ecosystem. The purpose was to provide a common base for future discussions across the MAG, IGF community and the IGF Secretariat.

#### **3 - Review progress on proposal from last meeting that "the WG focus on recommendations to the incoming MAG for multi-year topics for Best Practice Forums (BPFs), Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), and the major policy initiative - Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB), as well as any areas noted for improvement.**

The WG reaffirmed that this should be (and has been) done with the current leaders of those efforts. Those leaders will follow the processes agreed with their communities to get their input. The Chair indicated that there had been outreach to the leaders/co-facilitators of the various pieces of intersessional work.

**BPFs:** One of the BPF co-facilitators suggested the BPFs could signal any new or unaddressed issues they had identified in their efforts and forward these to the MAG for possible inclusion in next years program/activities. For example, from the Cybersecurity BPF the following topics were identified but were not able to be addressed: Internet shut-downs, Digital Cybersecurity Divide, Norms for dealing with Cybersecurity, IoT, Artificial Intelligence, etc. It was agreed to create a multi-year template to help capture suggestions, and it was suggested the submissions include policy questions to be addressed, why the topic is important, etc. and not simply bullet points.

There was also a suggestion that guidelines/principles for BPF work be updated. Current understanding is that they should deal with clearly defined issues that can build on a body of work and in a multistakeholder fashion.

**DCs:** It was reported that DCs have also had discussions and they too could contribute to the discussion on multi-year topics. Given the complementarity between some BPF topics and some DCs, it was suggested it would be worthwhile creating more substantial linkages and cross-participation between DCs and BPFs. More specifically, some DCs recommended that this WG focus on setting in place mechanisms, and/or channels of communication between various intersessional activities to better integrate all this

work and bring it more into the main stream and increase its impact.

**CENB:** there was a suggestion that it might be time for the MAG to approve a new major policy initiative, and a WG member agreed to open up this discussion with an email to the MAG.

There was a discussion on whether it was appropriate for this WG to send suggestions to the MAG on possible topics for BPFs, DCs, and CENB. Some members felt the WG should not go into substance. This was not universally supported with a number of MAG members saying sometimes substance and process/methods are interlinked. Another point made was that some of the ideas on process come forward from specific needs on content. There was also a suggestion that in future the outgoing MAG send suggestions to the incoming MAG, as part of the annual transition. This, in addition to the Taking Stock activities which give insight into suggested improvements.

**WS:** Finally, there was a strong plea for more flexibility in the WS selection process to enable more progress on important issues as well as potentially better integration between intersessional work and IGF Workshops. The expectation was that this would lead to more in depth discussion/more progress.

Finally, a specific proposal for a multi-year topic was suggested: Model Creation and Management practices for (a) participatory governance and (b) consultative governance

#### **4 - Review proposed poll to IGF community**

Following up on an earlier call, it had been suggested that all the work above could be supplemented with an open poll for the IGF community and given to the MAG as input. Resources were offered by the European Broadcasting Union to help properly draft a poll based on questions submitted by the WG and the WG supported this offer, while recognizing that the time was very tight if the intent was to launch this at the IGF.

#### **5 - Discussion on how best to engage NRIs in the development of an IGF multi-year work program to benefit all**

Postponed to the next meeting given time pressure, and the desire to have more NRIs present (this meeting conflicted with an NRI meeting).

#### **6 - Update on the “Drafting team for advancing IGF outputs” activity**

Membership sign up has been open for a while, and the drafting team now has enough members and is ready to start.

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

- Follow up on open items from above.
- Next meeting: Dec. 11th, 2017 1100 – 1200 UTC

#### **8 – AOB**

A WG member asked for a meeting during the IGF in person to help advance our work. WG agreed it should be looked into.

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## ***ANNEXI - AGENDA***

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## **ANNEXII – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**CHAIR:** Lynn St.Amour

### **MAG MEMBERS:**

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### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS:**

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