IGF 2018

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

The ninth meeting of the 2018 MAG WG-Multi-year Strategic Work Programme was held on Thursday, September 25th, 2018.

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. That recording can be found here.

2 - Review status of the following activities:

a) Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework” - review updated document

It was reported that the “framework” is ready for broad community review, pending a review by the IGF Secretariat. Goal is to launch by September 28th, leaving four (4) weeks for community review and two (2) weeks for consolidation of comments by the WG.

b) Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs

A brief update was provided on this proposed pilot, noting that funds were still being sought (separate from regular donations to the IGF Trust Fund).

There was a discussion on what else might be done with respect to written IGF outputs, suggestions such as improvements in WS reports, more of an executive level summary than the current Chairs report, more searchable repository, building on last years IGF messages, etc.

The Chair reported that discussions had begun with DESA and the IGF Secretariat on ways we might improve various communication efforts, as they are supported through the Secretariat and consultants. It was noted that the various efforts were “distributed” and that there might be improvements possible if these were consolidated and documented. Ben Wallis agreed to work with the Secretariat to begin documenting current efforts, and invited other WG members to join him.

Re a repository of searchable reports, the work of the Friends of the IGF was noted and it was also noted that they would be available to help with any improvements. Friends of the IGF (FoIGF) is a community initiative focused on making content from the Internet Governance Forum meetings more accessible. Recent efforts include reports from all the NRIIs.

c) Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018

The document has been updated for comments received during the last WG meeting. It was further noted that a pilot has, in practice, been underway based on a topic that
arose during a WS from IGF 2017 – based on activities underway in the IETF and that was a candidate for further and new collaboration.

It was noted that the Strengthening Cooperation proposal has been taken as far as possible in this cycle of work, and the author recommended that it be sent to the MAG as is as a status report of this activity from the WG. It could be picked up next year if agreed by the incoming MAG.

Further, there was a brief presentation from Missions Publiques on a project they are running called ‘Global Citizens Debate’ which has 11 pilots of 40 – 50 individuals (lay citizens). Four (4) will be run before IGF 2018 (Russia, Uganda, France, Italy) and will focus on what topics matter to them when they consider the “Future of the Internet”. The second round (7) will happen in November/December and they are also showcasing this project at the Paris Peace Forum. It was also reported that Germany is interested as well.

3 - Review status of concrete proposal for the development of a multi-year strategic work programme

There was a brief discussion on a past suggestion that we work to capture the Option Paper on Methodologies, the Strengthening Cooperation, and the multi-year strategic work programme efforts in one process/document. This is an evolving point as the author of the Strengthening Cooperation Proposal has moved forward with finalizing that document to be sent to the MAG as a status report, and the other efforts would seem to be best advanced in that way as well.

The small drafting group formed to agree a concrete proposal for how the MAG and the IGF community might advance a multi-year strategic work programme (MWP) requests final comments over the next two weeks with a goal of finalizing it soon thereafter.

4 - Next steps/future agenda items

There was a suggestion that as a future item the WG consider creating an inventory of relevant organizations that should be interested in cooperating with us once the community has identified a short list of strategic multiyear topics.

Future Meetings:

Oct. 10th, 2018 – 1500 – 1600 UTC
Oct. 30th, 2018 – 1500 – 1600 UTC

5 – AOB

No items requested
ANNEX I - AGENDA

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

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   c) Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018

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ANNEX II – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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