

IGF 2017

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

The second meeting of the MAG WG-Multi year Strategic Work Programme was held on October 5th, 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 III, and participants agreed to the meeting being [recorded](#).

2 - Advance open items from previous meeting:

2a - conclude on next steps for the request that this WG consider "over the long term, what could be done to adapt the IGF so that the entire community can be allowed to deliberate upon and address a policy proposal and to reach a rough consensus position upon it, in the same way as Internet technical community organisations do."

WG members discussed what might be done to help explore options leading to more concrete, useful (and accessible) outcomes (the above request being one contribution to the discussion). There was also a discussion on whether a sub-working group would be helpful in order to explore options more broadly, considerations being the ability to bring in other interested parties as well as having a more focused discussion. It was proposed that the work of the sub-WG could set out options for consideration, and be a concise resource for what might be possible, advantages/dis-advantages, etc, all of course, within the Tunis agenda. It could also cover what kind of structures or processes would be appropriate.

Some members felt the topic could be addressed sufficiently in the full WG, and that a sub-WG was not necessary. It was agreed that a small group would draft a proposal for the full WG to review. The proposal is expected to frame the work, expectations, etc. in order for the WG to determine next steps, as well as whether a sub-WG is needed.

2b – respond to a previous request "that as part of the discussion on Financial Sustainability of IGF and Planning that we also work to clarify and get agreement on who makes decisions regarding prioritisation of MAG work activities, MAG Chair? MAG members? Community? etc. "

The IGF secretariat provided a [DRAFT document](#) that captured all the components of an "IGF". It was noted that the IGF had evolved from one annual forum to also include year round intersessional activities as well as having given rise to the National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) – now nearing 100. These component pieces each evolved differently and have different management processes and responsibilities, and which are not universally understood. The document identifies key aspects such as selection/oversight responsibility (as it has been practiced!).

The WG was asked to review it for completeness/accuracy in order to have an agreed base for future discussions. The next step is (per the agenda point below) to determine what strategic multi-year efforts might be undertaken, as well as identify other areas of improvement.

3 - Discussion on the IGF overall as well as each component of the IGF Program (WS, Main Session, BPFs, DCs, etc.) to determine efforts needed by this WG for strategic multi-year objectives/evolution.

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting pending review of the "IGF Component" document above. Specifically, the WG will look at improvements, as well as multi-year strategic efforts.

With respect to the IGF overall, there was a proposal that we focus on what might be done to increase participation from key parties and improve the balance of participation across all stakeholders. It was noted that it was especially important to increase participation from the private sector and government. It was suggested that it may be useful to identify what would attract stakeholders who are not participating in IGF today, and also to identify the reasons why people who had previously participated have disengaged from the process. This will be taken up in a future meeting.

4 - Revisit need for sub Working Groups or WG Activities in order to advance efforts in parallel.

Discussed as part of agenda item 2(a) above, to be (re)considered as appropriate.

5 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items

Discussed as part of agenda items 2 and 3 above.

The point was again made that we should rely more on the WG email list to increase participation, particularly given fairly light participation on the calls.

Next meetings agreed per Doodle poll:

- Oct. 19 1300 - 1400 UTC

- Nov. 2 1300 - 1400 UTC

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Annex 1: Agenda

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2b - in response to a request "that as part of the discussion on Financial Sustainability of IGF and Planning that we also work to clarify and get agreement on who makes decisions regarding prioritisation of MAG work activities, MAG Chair? MAG members? Community? etc." the IGF secretariat and I have been working on a DRAFT document that attempts to capture all the components of an "IGF" identifying key aspects such as selection/oversight responsibility (as it has been practiced!). We would like to introduce this on the call to kick off a fuller review by the WG.

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Annex II: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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