The Introductory Sessions will “set the scene” for each of the IGF main themes during the week. Specifically, the Introductory Sessions will cover the theme’s narrative, explore different sub thematic areas, preview different types of sessions (Workshops, Open Forums, Best Practice Forums, Dynamic Coalitions, NRI Collaborative Sessions and Main Sessions) under the theme, and feature a scene-setting speaker. The session provides attendees the opportunity to connect with attendees who are engaged in similar work and have similar interests.

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Session agenda [DRAFT]:

0930 – 0935  Welcome and Introduction (5m)
0935 – 0950  Scene-setting remarks (15m)
0950 – 1000  Questions and discussion for previous speaker regarding scene-setting remarks (10m)
1000 – 1040  Sub-theme breakouts (40m)
1040 – 1115  Readouts and session previews (35m)
1115 – 1120  Conclusion (5m)

Sub-themes:
- Cross-border data
- Jurisdictional & sovereignty issues
- Data protection frameworks
- Data and sustainable development
- Human rights and Internet ethics
- Governance & ethics of AI algorithms

Tasks:
Organization

- Identify:
  - MAG moderator(s) – This person or team will: give the welcome and introduction (including the theme narrative); facilitate transitions (e.g. introduce the Scene setting speaker, give break-out group instructions, ask groups to come back in plenary to give previews, and give a conclusion at the end of the session).
  - Scene setting speaker
  - Subtheme leads (if not MAG volunteers)
  - Rapporteur for session
- Confirm moderators and speakers for program
- Draft invitation to workshop organizers / theme
- Work with Secretariat to send out invitations

During event

- All volunteers arrive 15 minutes early to the venue;
- Discuss the location of break-out areas (e.g. whether circles of chairs / room corners / tables can be pre-identified for break outs; consider using placards / sub-theme);
- Volunteers facilitate break out group discussions;
  - What are three or four policy questions relating to this sub-theme that you hope to address during the week?
  - If you are a workshop organizer, what policy areas will your workshop explore?
- Rapporteur takes note of readouts