

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XVIII**

22 September 2020 at 11:00 UTC

Summary Report

Open Action Items:

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| MAG2020-XVIII-1 | MAG Chair to schedule a dedicated MAG meeting to a deeper discussion on the recommendations in the BPF on BPFs report. |
| MAG2020-XVIII-2 | MAG members involved in the introductory session (thematic track groups, NRI, BPF and DC coordinators) to work with the secretariat on developing a guide for how to make the recordings for the introductory session. |
| MAG2020-XVIII-3 | The MAG Chair to share with the wider MAG the draft response by the MAG Working Group on Strategy and Strengthening to the options paper on Recommendations 5A/B. |
| MAG2020-XVII-1 | Secretariat to provide a narrative description to accompany the flowcharts describing the inputs and outputs of IGF 2020 and provide a more detailed timeline of what happens when in the processes related to public comment periods for the high-level synthesis documents created by the secretariat.

<i>Update:</i> Ms. Esterhuysen reported that she had added the narrative description to version 2 of the draft Overview of approach to planning the annual IGF (section 8.2). The timeline for public comment periods is still to be finalised by the secretariat. |

1. The eighteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 22 September 2020 at 11:00 UTC.
 - Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG.
 - Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.
 - Mr. Deniz Suzar represented the host of IGF 2020, UN DESA.

The following are attached as annexes to this report (no shared documents for this call):

- Adopted agenda
- List of participants

The meeting's transcript is available on the website at <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-mag-virtual-meeting-xviii>

2. The meeting focussed on the draft plan for producing IGF 2020 outputs and a walk-through of the meeting schedule.
3. The Chair welcomed MAG members to the virtual meeting and noted that the secretariat had been working very busily in the background on preparations for IGF 2020 and that the MAG had also been busy working on the main sessions.
4. There was a review of the open action items:

Completed

MAG2020-XIV-1 **MAG members** to provide feedback on the “BPF on BPFs” draft report and its recommendations, with a discussion to be held at a future MAG meeting, when the recommendations have been finalised.

Update: The comment period has ended and a status update on the report to be given later in the current MAG meeting.

MAG2020-XIV-7 **MAG members** to capture the process for organising introductory and concluding sessions for thematic tracks used last year so that it can be adapted based on lessons learned. Paul Rowney and Ben Wallis volunteered to start this effort.

Update: There had been a call between the members of the MAG working on the conceptual outline for these sessions and the secretariat, with Mr. Rowney to provide a full update of the outcome later in the current MAG meeting.

Ongoing

MAG2020-XVII-1 **Secretariat** to provide a narrative description to accompany the flowcharts describing the inputs and outputs of IGF 2020 and provide a more detailed timeline of what happens when in the processes related to public comment periods for the high-level synthesis documents created by the secretariat.

Update: Ms. Esterhuysen reported that she had added the narrative description to version 2 of the [draft Overview of approach to planning the annual IGF](#) (section 8.2). The timeline for public comment periods is still to be finalised by the secretariat.

5. The IGF Secretariat provided an update on its activities:
 - The secretariat is continuing to work on the new interactive schedule available for meeting participants after they have registered for the meeting and are logged into the

IGF website. Mr. Luis Bobo Garcia walked MAG members through the functionality of the new schedule.

- The secretariat has shared the schedule with the MAG mailing list, and as yet, hasn't had any suggestions for scheduling changes, but the secretariat welcomes the MAG to contact them if changes are needed.
- The second youth webinar was held on 21 September, with over 70 participants. The final youth webinar will be held on **14 October** and MAG members are welcome to join the call.
- The deadline for remote hubs has been extended until the end of September.
- There will be two identical webinars to train IGF session organisers, remote hub organisers and speakers learn how to use the online platform:
 - [12 October](#), 8:00-9:30 UTC
 - [14 October](#), 14:00-15:30 UTC

6. There were updates from the main session organisers:

- The data main session is still finalising its agenda and speaker list and welcomed speaker suggestions from other MAG members and the secretariat.
- The environment main session has a gap in government speakers for the session and called for suggestions. Any speaker suggestions from Small Island Developing States were also welcomed.
- The inclusion main session is also looking for possible government speaker suggestions.
- The trust main session has had five of its invited six speakers confirm, and is considering adding some discussants to add to the diversity of its participants.
- The digital cooperation main session will be broader in its focus than just the UN Secretary-General's roadmap for digital cooperation. The organisers are looking for a private sector speaker, preferably female.
- The NRI main session has its policy questions and is in the process of delegating speakers from amongst the various NRIs.

Ms. Esterhuysen encouraged all the main session organisers to have no more than three policy questions for their sessions.

7. Ms. Esterhuysen presented section 8.2 of the [draft Overview of approach to planning the annual IGF](#), which describes the process of inputs and outputs related to IGF 2020 documentation. The secretariat noted that the idea behind the pre-meeting thematic and issue guide for IGF 2020 was for it to be modular, so different parts of the guide could be used separately as needed. Ms. Esterhuysen explained that section 8.2 was a small part of the much larger [draft Overview of approach to planning the annual IGF](#) document, which aims to capture the various processes used to plan IGF, some of which have been documented in the past, but never have all the strands been brought together into a single guide that can be useful for future MAG and secretariat members to refer to.
8. Mr. Markus Kummer and Mr. Wim Degezelle presented an overview on the [BPF on BPF report](#), highlighting that one area for the MAG to consider further is the way the current process for selecting BPFs means there is a gap in time of months between when one year's BPFs end and the next year's BPFs are decided on. Ms. Esterhuysen noted that the

MAG would need to consider the recommendations in the report and how to move forward with implementing them as part of the following year's MAG. Ms. Esterhuysen noted that the BPFs would be part of the topic in the 23 September session, [IGF intersessional work now and in the future: Best Practice Forums and Dynamic Coalitions](#), the first of the [Chair's initiative](#) to hold online discussions in the leadup to IGF 2020.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XVIII-1: MAG Chair to schedule a dedicated MAG meeting to a deeper discussion on the recommendations in the BPF on BPFs report.

9. Mr. Rowney reported on the progress to scope introductory thematic session for this year's IGF. Following a call with interested members of the MAG and members of the Secretariat, the proposed way forward is to have a short, pre-recorded 20 to 30-minute introductory session covering all the thematic tracks. Each thematic track is to be covered in no more than three minutes. The relevance of sessions related to other processes, such as the BPFs, DCs, and NRI sessions, to the thematic tracks, will also be covered. The pre-recorded video of the session can be used as a single overview session of 30 minutes, as well as be divided into the smaller segments on thematic tracks that can be reused elsewhere. The secretariat would combine separate videos recorded by the various speakers into the full 30-minute session.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XVIII-2: MAG members involved in the introductory session (thematic track groups, NRI, BPF and DC coordinators) to work with the **secretariat** on developing a guide for how to make the recordings for the introductory session.

10. Ms. Esterhuysen provided context to the [MAG Chair's initiative](#), a series of online discussions, beginning on **September 23**, noting that IGF is now halfway through its second mandate, the roadmap for digital cooperation is out and that the MAG Working Group on Strategy and Strengthening has done considerable work on the digital cooperation roadmap in the context of the IGF. She outlined the topics that would be addressed in the online discussions. In response to a question from a MAG member, she noted that these online discussions were informal and intended to deepen and broaden engagement on the proposed IGF+ model as well as on the IGF and its mandate more broadly.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XVIII-3: The MAG Chair to share with the wider MAG the draft response by the MAG Working Group on Strategy and Strengthening to the options paper on Recommendations 5A/B.

11. The Secretariat reported that the next MAG meeting would be held **6 October** at 14:00 UTC.

Annex I: Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XVIII: 22 September 2020 at 11:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair

2. Checking on action items from the previous meeting
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
4. Updates from main session organising groups
5. IGF 2020 outputs discussion (continued)
6. Updates from the BPF of BPFs
7. Chair's "IGF in 2020 online discussion series"
8. Update on introductory sessions
9. AOB

Annex II: List of Participants*

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group	Country
MAG Chair				
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society	South Africa
MAG Members				
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government	UAE
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community	Vanuatu
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community	Australia
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society	Chile
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government	Italy
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community	France
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector	Hong Kong S.A.R., China
Mr.	Espinosa	Amado	Private Sector	Mexico
Ms.	Edoh	Afia	Technical Community	Togo
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society	Indonesia
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society	Sri Lanka
Ms.	Glavor	Nataša	Government	Croatia
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolf	Government	Germany
Mr.	Karim	Attoumani Mohamed	Private Sector	Comoros
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community	Bulgaria
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government	Estonia
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector	Barbados
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector	Namibia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector	Romania
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community	Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector	UK/USA
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society	Bolivia
United Nations – IGF 2020 host				
Mr.	Suzar	Deniz	UN DESA	

Other Participants				
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	IGFSA	Switzerland
Mr.	Nelson	Mike		USA
Ms.	Recchioni	Chiara		
Mr.	Skwarek	Wiktor	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland/IGF 2021 Host Country	Poland
Mr.	Typiak	Przemysław	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland/IGF 2021 Host Country	Poland
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	CGI.br	Brazil
IGF Secretariat				
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer	
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Consultant	
Ms.	Dickinson	Samantha	Consultant	
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point	
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager	

** Apologies received from Carlos Afonso, Sylvia Cadena, Paul Carlton, Jutta Croll, Danko Jevtović*