

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting I 14 March 2017

Summary Report

1. The first Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 14 March. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The meeting marked the first MAG meeting following the 1st face-to-face Open Consultations and MAG meeting which took place from 1-3 March at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on follow-up items from this first face-to-face meeting, namely the call for IGF 2017 workshop proposals and continued discussion on intersessional activities and National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs).
2. The meeting began with an update on the IGF's annual call for workshop proposals. At the MAG's face-to-face meeting, it was agreed that this year the process of reviewing and selecting workshops would undergo a number of changes, as [proposed by the MAG working group](#) dedicated to this issue. The call itself will reflect these changes and include a number of supporting documents explaining the submission process, outlining the criteria for the MAG's evaluation and helping proposers navigate the requirements for a successful submission into the programme. It was mentioned that the members of the working group and MAG chair have been reviewing the set of documents with the Secretariat, and that the Secretariat would be ready to publish these for the call on Monday 20 March, with sufficient time to take in any remaining inputs from the group. A representative of the group confirmed that this year's revised process takes into account all views previously expressed by MAG members.
3. A few members had questions or comments on elements of the new workshop proposal review process. The system for "tagging" proposals, which had been launched last year, will be continued. It was clarified that while the [list of suggested tags](#) remains the same as in 2016, proposers will be encouraged to write in their own tags and that taken together, these will form the basis for identifying sub-themes in the programme. The revised proposal form contains some stakeholder names and affiliations given as examples - the Secretariat assured these were not real, in response to a question about protecting stakeholder identities. Examples provided of previous IGF workshops held in specific formats should be acceptable as they are already published and visible on the IGF's website. It was agreed, finally, as part of the call, that a 'speaker-session collaboration' space would be made available to proposers and speakers, to promote communication and exchange of ideas, as well as help proposers identify suitable new speakers for their workshop.
4. Another innovation is to further assist proposers in finding subject matter experts by enabling access to the International organizations in Switzerland. This is supported by the Swiss Government and a field in the proposal form will allow proposers to indicate which Swiss/Geneva-based UN agencies or

international organizations they would like to be connected with. The Swiss Government will help facilitate these connections.

5. The MAG Chair gave an overview on the status of intersessional activities to date (**ANNEX II**), listing those Best Practice Forums (BPFs) which have been proposed for continuation in 2017 and new proposed BPF topics which emerged at the face-to-face meeting. A request was made for clarification on how the terms for BPFs work, and whether their establishment and expiration follow IGF annual cycles. While BPFs are subject to annual renewals, it was said that a process to review [their conditions](#) and how they are formalized, and to perhaps better define those conditions, could be undertaken (MAG members: Juan Fernandez and Raquel Gatto have volunteered to do an initial review). A general review of the terms and further discussion among the MAG on how to foster continuity could contribute to the eventual formulation of a multi-year cycle of IGF work. It was also emphasized that any discussion on BPFs should have the promotion of the [existing outputs](#) as a focus.

6. A question was also raised about how many BPFs could be supported over the course of one year. The Secretariat confirmed there have typically been three to four, while underlining that preferably the number of BPFs in 2017 should not increase from 2016. Both the Secretariat and Chair reminded participants that BPF activities are not resource-neutral and that they would either involve the hiring of a consultant or support from a Secretariat staff member. It was further clarified by the Chair that decisions would not be taken during the current meeting on which BPFs, or whether a third phase of the [Connecting and Enabling the Next Billions\(s\) \(CENB\)](#) initiative, would be approved for 2017 as formal proposals have not yet been submitted. Individual MAG members interested in coordinating pre-existing or new BPFs, including on Local Content and Online Participation, and the CENB, gave short briefings on the envisaged BPFs.

7. A brief update was given on [Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\)](#). It was mentioned that they have had a year of very good progress, that the DC's are continuing to streamline their processes and outputs, and that they are planning for another joint session and other joint interventions in the annual meeting. They are also growing, with the addition of two new DCs in the last month (on Trade and Publicness). On request from the Chair, a further update will be provided on whether the DCs community would wish for any additional support from the MAG.

8. The MAG also heard an update on [National and Regional Initiatives \(NRIs\)](#) and a current proposal under discussion within the NRIs and built from NRI past submissions to better define linkages with the MAG. The proposal includes several options from identifying their own representative to selecting among current NRI affiliated MAG members to play this role. The deadline for receiving NRI inputs on this has been extended until **24 March**.

9. The Chair mentioned that together with the Secretariat, efforts were being made to bring more forward planning to this year's MAG virtual meetings. The tentative approach will be to hold a call on Tuesday every two weeks, at rotating times to accommodate participants in different regions. A calendar with

some preliminary determination of “focus” issues for each call will be shared with the MAG. It was also noted that each MAG meeting will end with a call for agenda items for the next virtual MAG meeting in order to aid planning and preparations.

8. The call ended with agreement that MAG working groups and rules for chartering and resourcing BPFs should be among the issues to be discussed at the next meeting. The next virtual meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 28 March.**

Annex I

2017 MAG Virtual Meeting I - 14 March 2016 - Draft Agenda ***(approx. 60 minutes)***

1. Adoption of agenda (*5 minutes*)
2. Follow-up from 1st Face-to-Face MAG Meeting (*50 minutes*)
 - a. *Update on Call for workshop proposals (related supporting docs. timing of the call etc..)*
 - b. *Discussion on 2017 Intersessional Activities timeline (BPFs, DCs, possible work on CENB)*
 - c. *IGF and NRIs - update on recent communications/activities*
 - d. *Other issues*
2. AOB
3. Scheduling next and subsequent/future MAG virtual meetings (*10 minutes*)

Annex II

Potential* 2017 IGF Community Intersessional Activities **Status Update as of 14 March 2017**

Activity	Status	Next Steps
Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Gender and Access	Written proposal was sent to the MAG Mailing List on 28 February to continue the BPF in 2017. Verbal proposal was also delivered during the face-to-face MAG meeting on behalf of the BPF.	Formal proposal to be sent to the MAG for review and possible approval by (INSERT DEADLINE DATE).
Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Cybersecurity	Verbal proposal was made during the recent face-to-face MAG meeting to continue the BPF on Cybersecurity in 2017.	Formal proposal to be sent to the MAG for review and possible approval by (INSERT DEADLINE DATE).
Potential New 2017 BPFs	A number of verbal proposals were made during the face-to-face MAG meeting for potential new themes for 2017 BPF work; including, but not limited to themes such as: Online Participation, Local Content, Combatting Corruption Online, Internet of Things.	MAG members interested in initiating and carrying out a new BPF in 2017 should send written proposals to the MAG by (INSERT DEADLINE DATE) for review and possible approval.
IGF Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) - Phase III	A written proposal for continuing IGF CENB in a phase III was sent to the MAG mailing list. A verbal proposal was also delivered during the face-to-face MAG meeting.	Formal proposal to be sent to the MAG for review and possible approval (INSERT DEADLINE DATE).
IGF Dynamic Coalitions	DCs' wish to have a main session or similar platform during the IGF was expressed at the face-to-face meeting. They are continuing to work together to coordinate their outputs this year, as well as on a possible feedback mechanism for the outputs. Building on their existing ToR, they are also gradually streamlining some of their internal processes, like mailing lists administration. DCs' joint meetings continue to take place monthly.	Targets include: an agreed-upon approach to surveys or another feedback mechanism, which would be implemented ideally mid-year, well before the IGF itself; in the short-term, a public calendar listing all individual DC meetings will be published on the IGF website to encourage greater community participation.

List of Participants

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