

## IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting VIII 5 July 2017

### Summary Report

1. The eighth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 5 July. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused primarily on the finalization of main sessions and requests from National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs) for space in the IGF programme. Follow-up actions on workshops accepted or conditionally accepted into the programme were also covered.
2. The Secretariat began the meeting with a brief update on steps taken and to be taken regarding workshops, following the [MAG's face-to-face meeting](#) on 12-14 June. Participants were informed that the [selection of workshops](#) made during the face-to-face meeting was published on the IGF's website, according to whether the proposals were 'accepted', 'waitlisted' or 'conditionally accepted'. The Secretariat said it is starting to advise proposers of their status by email, with details on how to update their submissions for the schedule, and if conditionally accepted, what conditions should be met within the one-month deadline. Conditionally accepted proposers in particular will be connected with the one or more MAG members who volunteered to provide guidance for improving their submissions. Moving forward, it was agreed a discussion should take place on how the current proposals could fit into an eventual 'new session formats' scheme.
3. The MAG then reviewed a request from the NRIs community to hold both a Main Session and a number of collaborative sessions during the IGF. The Secretariat's NRIs focal point gave an overview of the discussions held among the NRIs over several months and in which this request emerged, and of the results of surveys conducted to seek their views. Several MAG members expressed support for fulfilling the request, both verbally and in the meeting's chat. The need to bolster NRIs and their place in the Internet governance ecosystem was cited, as well as the incredible value of their inputs to the global IGF. It was widely noted that the NRIs network had very positively evolved and that it was important to give them visibility and a place in the programme; that their views on holding sessions in the IGF had been collected in an inclusive and bottom-up way by the Secretariat was also pointed to. Several NRI coordinators and members, which includes some MAG members, were also on the call. They highlighted the way in which NRIs support the IGF agenda at local levels and individually, are reflective of the IGF's core values – namely, multistakeholderism, openness and commitment to bottom-up processes. NRIs' active participation in the global IGF would further ensure that the knowledge and experiences they gain are taken back into their communities. Some MAG members also expressed concern, however, stating that their preference was to ensure their full integration into the programme, that their sessions may appear as 'separate', and that a question of fairness could be raised about why other

entities were not being given space in a similar way. It was clarified that the NRI sessions would be integral in the programme and moreover, have thematic bases that would make them relevant to all IGF participants; it was also noted that IGF Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) have been allocated space in a parallel way by the Secretariat for several years and that like those, these sessions would be subject to certain requirements and must follow standard workshop principles of organization. There was not a full consensus but after further discussion, there was significant agreement on a compromise to grant NRIs approximately six session slots in the programme, and the NRIs were asked to ensure the topics proposed for the workshop were not covered by other workshops. As this would be the first year the space has been given, the MAG's Working Groups on Improvements and Multi-year Programming would review their outcomes after the meeting and would also work to clarify the relationships between the MAG and all the intersessional activities. It was also agreed that next year the Secretariat and MAG should work more closely with NRIs at the workshop proposal stage to help them make successful submissions into the process.

4. A second request from NRIs was reviewed, also derived in a bottom-up way from their joint meetings, for a three-hour IGF main session which will focus on 'Digital Rights Online'. There was strong support for the main session and agreement it would be included in the programme though the duration would be addressed as part of the overall review of the Main Sessions.

5. Finally, Main sessions were considered, using as a basis for discussion the [conclusions from the face-to-face meeting](#) and inputs on the MAG list leading up to the call, including a straw proposal from the MAG chair (**ANNEX II**) on how to proceed with the selection. The chair's straw proposal (based on suggestions from several MAG members during the face-to-face MAG meeting) suggested putting forward four of the six main sessions shortlisted, based on their broad themes, as follows: 'Gender inclusion and the future of the internet' (Gender); 'Creating an Inclusive Workforce in the Digital Economy' (Digital Economy); 'Empowering Global Cooperation on Cybersecurity for Sustainable Development & Peace' (Cybersecurity); 'Local Interventions, Global Impacts: How Can International, Multistakeholder Cooperation Address Internet Shutdowns, Encryption and Data Flows' (Technical Subject). Two 'intersessional' main sessions on NRIs and DCs would be in addition to these. There was significant agreement to move forward with this slate of main sessions. Several scenarios were shared for how to configure the sessions in the allotted time and in particular how to address a half-hour's overtime (the time limits are determined by the maximum duration UN interpreters are allowed to work). Given that most likely one of the main sessions would have to be split into two segments across the lunch hour, and that certainly one session would be forced to reduce by a half hour, it was determined that the Secretariat and host government should explore the possibility of engaging the interpreters for additional time and assessing the related costs. With this information, as well as a preliminary outline from the Secretariat on the placement of the sessions, a final decision regarding session lengths could be taken in a subsequent virtual meeting. There was also general agreement that the work of all intersessional activities, such as DCs, Best Practice Forums (BPFs), NRIs and the third phase of the 'Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion' (CENB III) stream, should be incorporated into the main sessions as much as possible. It was further agreed that the two main

session proposals not in the final list, on 'Data for Sustainable Development Road-Maps' and 'Human and Social Dimensions of the Internet' should move forward as Workshop sessions.

6. It was agreed that the next virtual meetings should cover, among other issues, new session formats, open forums, Day 0 considerations, etc. A calendar of the upcoming meetings and their topical focuses would be shared with the MAG as soon as possible.

### **Annex I - Draft Agenda**

#### **MAG Virtual Meeting VIII**

**5 July 2017, 13.00-15.00 UTC**

- 1. Adoption of agenda (5 minutes)**
- 2. Update by the Secretariat on the Workshop Selection process (10 minutes)**
- 3. Discussion on NRIs session requests for the main programme (40 minutes)**
- 4. Finalization of Main Sessions (40 minutes)**
- 5. AOB (10 minutes)**

## Annex II – Straw Chair Proposal

**6 Main Sessions:** Cybersecurity; Gender; Digital Economy; Technical Subject; DC; NRI

**Scenario 1:** The MAG asks the Main session proposers (and NRIs) if anyone could make a \*2.5 hour split\* Main session slot work (that is a 1 hour slot followed by a break and then a 1.5 hour slot or vice versa (giving 2.5 vs. 3 hours).

TIME	DAY 1 Mon 18 Dec	DAY 2 Tues 19 Dec	DAY 3 Wed 20 Dec	DAY 4 Thurs 21 Dec
10:00 - 13:00	<i><b>NRI (3 hrs)</b></i>	<i><b>HL Thematic Session: 'Impact of digitization on politics, public trust and democracy' (Title tentative)</b></i>	<i><b>Gender (2 hrs)</b></i>  <i><b>Technical Subject (1 hr)</b></i>	<i><b>Digital Economy (3 hrs)</b></i>
LUNCH				
15:00 - 18:00	<i><b>Opening Ceremony (~1 hr)</b></i>  - <i><b>HL Thematic Session: 'What rules for our global digital polity?' (~2 hrs) (Title tentative)</b></i>	<i><b>Cybersecurity (3 hrs)</b></i>	<i><b>Technical Subject (cont.) (1.5 hrs)</b></i>  <i><b>DC (1.5 hrs)</b></i>	<i><b>Open Mike</b></i>  - <i><b>Taking Stock</b></i>  - <i><b>Closing Ceremony</b></i>

**Scenario 2:** Another alternative is the NRIs have a 1.5 hour slot mirroring the DCs.

*Note: if Option 2 is selected (a 1.5 hour slot for the NRIs), we still have a **1 hour slot available** (perhaps for either the CENB program or one of the other 2 proposed Main Sessions?)*

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**Scenario 3:** One of the "4 Theme" sessions reduces their time to 1.5 hours (allowing the NRIs a 3 hour slot).

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