

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting IX 18 July 2017

Summary Report

1. The ninth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 18 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**) covered different elements of the programme, some of which public calls for proposals or requests were, or still are, open, and in particular, the durations of the six approved main sessions.
2. The Secretariat began the meeting with an update on workshop submissions. MAG members were told all workshop proposers have been informed of their status by email. Each message to them contained the written feedback provided by MAG members during evaluation, and that only in rare cases no MAG comments had been made. Proposers who were not accepted into the programme were informed that if lightning sessions are introduced again this year, there could be the possibility they will be reached out to adapt their proposal to a shorter format. In addition, the Secretariat connected ‘conditionally accepted proposers’ (which includes those asked to merge) with their MAG supporters, who had volunteered in the face-to-face meeting to help improve their proposals. Key dates and next steps in the workshops process were also outlined, in particular the deadline for conditionally accepted proposers to meet the stated conditions, and for accepted proposers to provide agendas and updated speakers lists, both on **4 August**.
3. The Secretariat then provided updates on other components of the annual meeting programme and preparations. The MAG was informed that the registration for [remote hubs](#) has opened and that hub organizers will have the option to indicate which sessions they are most interested in joining and intervening in – either by indicating one or more themes, or indicating specific sessions, including main and intersessional sessions. The registration for this will remain open until mid-November, with online trainings for remote hub organizers planned across the coming months. Regarding the [IGF Village](#), the Secretariat has received 50 requests for booths and is in the process of reviewing them. While adhering to a general principle of allocation on a first-come, first-serve basis, the final selection will aim to have a regional and stakeholder balance among the exhibitors. The village area may also feature a digital art exhibition proposed by the DiploFoundation, tentatively titled ‘Art@IGF’. The list of selected booths will be made available within mid-August.
4. A record number of [open forum](#) requests – 67 – has been received by the Secretariat. Applying the basic criteria that the submitters must be from a government or international organization, after the first cut 49 open forums have been compiled. The Secretariat will examine the list to see if further cuts can be made (i.e the same department in an entity asking for two Open Forums). The Secretariat shared that there were several new open forum requesters this

year, such as the Governments of Afghanistan, Cameroon, Israel and Latvia, as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the International Trade Centre. [Day 0 events](#) were also briefly discussed, with the Secretariat informing members that 23 requests have been received thus far (with the deadline on 21 July) and that the criteria for requesters are to put forward a session that is Internet governance-related and of interest to the IGF community. As with booths, the requests will be treated on a first-come, first serve basis, and the Secretariat will aim to have a public list of those accepted by mid-August.

5. A short introduction was also given to the proposed IGF newcomers track this year. The MAG member leading the effort noted a greater emphasis will be placed on newcomer youth and that other elements will be similar to those in 2016 – notably a mentoring session on Day 0 and ‘knowledge cafe’ sessions throughout the regular programme. The MAG is invited to review the proposal, with the aim of having a definitive version before the next MAG call.

6. The Secretariat also responded to a few separate queries from MAG members. Regarding the new [electronic queuing system](#) for IGF meetings, members were told that the tool can be publicized once a few kinks are worked out over the coming weeks. Starting late August, visa issues will be able to be handled on a more direct basis, with a reminder issued that it was important to start Schengen visa applications as soon as possible and to pay attention to their expiration limits. Registration for the IGF meeting itself will open in mid-August.

7. Lastly, the MAG discussed main sessions at some length, picking up the discussion from where the [previous call](#) left off. The Chair reminded members six main sessions had been selected 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); session focused on National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs); and a session focused on Dynamic Coalitions (DCs). The MAG Chair thanked all MAG members for their efforts to reach a positive compromise on the final selection, noting that now it was time to assess how best to fit these sessions into the programme blocks, given that their durations would run over by a half hour. The Secretariat said it had spoken with the UN’s interpretation section regarding the potential costs of extending their services by a half hour, and that they would be quite high, given the need for a replacement team. Thus, to respect the time parameters and accommodate all sessions, the Secretariat suggested a scenario (**ANNEX II**) in which all main sessions would retain their requested lengths, except for the NRIs session which could shorten from 3 to 2.5 hours. This would also mean the session would split across the lunch break, and could have a first long segment (1.5 hours) to cover all perspectives before lunch, and a second shorter segment (1 hour) afterward for the session’s conclusions. It was underscored that this proposal had yet to be brought to NRIs themselves and a decision would not be reached until they have been consulted. Following this, several points were raised on the potential placements of the three-hour main sessions. Most of the MAG organizers felt sessions on earlier days would have the benefit of more high-level participation,

although it was noted that each of these sessions – on Digital Economy, Cybersecurity and international cooperation to address shutdowns, encryption and data flows – were all important and would either attract or merit high-level participants. Members were reminded that placement was not based only on the organizers' requests, but more importantly on the overall structure of the programme which will take into account how many workshops feed into ('feeder workshops') those sessions thematically. It was agreed a future MAG call would address the allocation issue. To aid this process, the Secretariat will request that main session organizers fill out a standardized template so their sessions can be easily reviewed and referenced. The final groups of co-organizers will also be determined through this process.

8. Finally, in addition to main sessions, it was agreed a subsequent call should also address the high-level, ceremonial sessions organized by the Swiss host country (the calendar of virtual meetings will be amended to reflect this). The next call is scheduled for **Tuesday 15 August, 13.00 UTC**.

Annex I – Draft Agenda
MAG Virtual Meeting IX – 18 July 2017

1. Adoption of agenda (5 minutes)
2. Brief update on Workshops (5 minutes)
3. Update from the Secretariat on Remote Hubs, Booths, Day 0 Events and Open Forums (30 minutes)
4. Discussion on Main Session durations & connection with other sessions (40 minutes)
5. AOB (10 minutes)

Annex II – Preliminary Scenario for Main Sessions

***NRI Session at 2.5 hours >> NRI session splits; other sessions retain requested lengths**

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	Technical Subject (3 hrs) <i>*any 3-hr main session can be placed here</i>	HL Thematic Session: 'Impact of digitization on politics, public trust and democracy' (Title tentative)	DC (1.5 hrs) NRI (1.5 hrs)	Digital Economy (3 hrs) <i>*any 3-hr main session can be placed here</i>
LUNCH				
15:00 - 18:00	Opening Ceremony (~1 hr) - HL Thematic Session: 'What rules for our global digital polity?' (~2 hrs) (Title tentative)	Cybersecurity (3 hrs) <i>*any 3-hr main session can be placed here</i>	NRI (cont.) (1 hr) Gender (2 hrs)	Open Mike - Taking Stock - Closing Ceremony

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