

The Dynamic Coalition on Accountability provides these comments and recommendations for the nomination and selection of MAG members as a means to bring more accountability to the MAG and IGF. These recommendations are based on suggestions made by various stakeholders in contributions submitted as input for the retreat, as well as from members of the dynamic coalition. We suggest that these comments and recommendations are considered and acted upon by the IGF community.

**Comments:**

1. Self managing the nomination process for different stakeholder groups has been emphasized in NetMundial outcome section I paragraph 3: “Stakeholder representatives appointed to multistakeholder Internet governance processes should be selected through open, democratic, and transparent processes. Different stakeholder groups should self-manage their processes based on inclusive, publicly known, well defined and accountable mechanisms.”<sup>1</sup>
2. We recognise that IGF secretariat and UNDESA staff, when making selections from the names submitted by IGF stakeholder groups and others, may need to balance the submissions to ensure gender, regional and other criteria in the final composition of the group.

**Recommendations:**

1. Criteria for the selection of MAG members should be elaborated and clarified, in particular:
  - Information about each nominee, who nominated them, their stakeholder group, country, affiliation and other non-sensitive information should be made publicly available as a list on the IGF website. The IGF secretariat should indicate which organization nominated the person.
  - If nominations are made by stakeholder groups through their own internal processes, those nominations should be prioritized. (similarly recommended by USG ). Nominees who were not selected should be able to ask for reasons why they were not selected.
2. The process of vetting applications and the steps involved in the selection process should be made clear. Those involved in vetting and selection of MAG and their respective roles should also be made clear.

We suggested that a multistakeholder committee comprised of former MAG members and perhaps others who are known and respected in the IGF process, should also have a role screening applications and submitting recommendations to the Under Secretary General. Such a "wise persons" committee might also review the final selections to ensure any balancing undertaken by the IGF secretariat/UNDESA staff is acceptable and appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> See See NETmundial Multistakeholder Statement, 24 April 2014 <http://netmundial.br/netmundial-multistakeholder-statement/>