

## **WG on IGF multi-year strategic work programme**

A proposed charter for a MAG WG to develop a multi-year strategic work programme for the IGF and its intersessional activities.

### **Purpose:**

It has been stated by many, that more could be done to strengthen the IGF and place it on a more robust footing for its second decade. This was commented on in the CSTD WG on Improvements for the IGF, in many past IGFs and MAG meetings, as well as in the IGF 2016 Retreat Proceedings where:

“It was noted that more could be done to take a strategic, long-term view of the role and activities of the IGF, such as through a predictable multi-year programme of work. Even if not undertaken generally, it might be possible to reinvigorate the IGF by taking a longer-term view of particular issues, dedicating time and resources to progressing discussions and achieving concrete outcomes on these over time. A longer time horizon such as this could help to bring in new collaborators, including international agencies, and new funders. “

### **Objectives/Goals:**

This WG will work with the full MAG and the IGF community to deliver such a “Living Programme”. The first “Living Programme” to be approved no later than the IGF 2017 in order to support planning for IGF 2018.

### **Expected Output:**

A “Living Programme” built with the IGF community extending out 2 – 3 years (min.) covering expected major areas of work for the IGF as well as for all intersessional activities, and including support requirements/expectations. The WG will engage broadly with the IGF community as this plan needs to reflect the needs and desires of that community. Flexibility to be built into the multi-year programme in order to support topical issues/new ideas. All intersessional activities, as well as the NRIs will be a part of building this programme in order to ensure all our efforts are maximized and integrated as appropriate and respecting our different roles.

### **Implementation Plan:**

Each component of the “Living Programme” will have a timetable and implementation plan.

### **Timeframe:**

A high level outline of key areas of focus and directional statements to be shared with the MAG by the end of June. Further timeframes to be determined by the WG.

### Membership:

This group will be open to MAG members and other members of the IGF community. The group needs to include active participants from all stakeholder groups, and the intersessional activities.

The WG will be co-chaired by the MAG Chair and one MAG member from another stakeholder group.

### Relationship to other IGF efforts:

Will work synergistically with the following IGF efforts:

- Best Practice Forums
- Dynamic Coalitions
- Fundraising Program
- Major Policy Initiatives (e.g. Connecting & Enabling the Next Billions)
- National, Regional, Youth IGF Initiatives
- WG on Communication & Outreach
- WG on New Session Formats
- WG on Improvements
- WG Workshop Review & Evaluation process

### Modalities:

- Will seek feedback from the full MAG when defining goals and objectives of the group as well as prior to making recommendations.
- Engage broadly with IGF community as the plan needs to reflect the needs and desires of the broad global community
- WG will be fully transparent and mailing lists/face-to-face and virtual meetings will be open to all MAG members.
- Proceedings will be publically available on the IGF website
- Will provide periodic updates to the full MAG
- Will work to ensure resource requirements are understood and have support by all necessary parties

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