

2018 WG on IGF Multi-year Strategic Work Programme

Purpose: (unchanged from 1st year)

It has been stated by many, that more could be done to strengthen the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and place it on a more robust footing for its second decade. This was commented on in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) Working Group on Improvements for the IGF, in many past IGFs and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) meetings. This was also commented on in the 2016 IGF Retreat organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) where the Retreat Proceedings captured the following:

“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 Working Group (WG) will work with the full MAG and the IGF community to deliver a “Living Programme” and/or a Roadmap for strategic improvements.

Expected Output:

A “Living Programme” and/or a Roadmap built with input from the IGF community extending out 2 – 3 years (min.) covering major areas of work for the IGF as well as for all intersessional activities. It will include support requirements/expectations. The WG will engage broadly with the IGF community as this plan needs to reflect the needs and desires of the global community. The multi-year programme will be built flexibly in order to support topical issues/new ideas. All intersessional activities, as well as the National, Regional, Sub-regional and Youth IGF Initiatives (NRIs) will be a part of building this programme in order to ensure all efforts are maximized and integrated as appropriate, while respecting the different roles.

The WG will also follow-up on key activities from last year: (see [WG meeting summaries here](#)):

- IGF Programme Component Document
- Drafting team proposal for advancing IGF outputs
- Engaging NRIs in the development of an IGF multi-year work program
- Engaging Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) in the development of an IGF multi-year work program
- Revisit proposed poll to IGF community on how to increase IGF ‘s relevance

Implementation Plan:

Each component will have a timetable and implementation plan.

Timeframe:

A high level outline of key areas of focus or directional statements to be shared with the MAG by the end of June 2018. 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 from all 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
- National, Regional, Sub-regional and Youth IGF Initiatives
- Major Policy Initiatives (e.g. Connecting & Enabling the Next Billions)
- All MAG WGs, particularly the WG on Improvements if it is re-chartered
- Fundraising Program

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 from all necessary parties
- MAG members to consult with respective Internet communities at both National and/or Regional levels throughout the process

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