



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XII 12 September 2018

Summary Report

1. The twelfth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 12 September. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG. Eleonora Mazzucchi, Anja Gengo and Luis Bobo Garcia represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on general preparations for the annual meeting, and specifically on the organization and planning for thematic main sessions. Updates on intersessional groups, MAG working groups and National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) were also given.

2. The meeting opened with an announcement from the MAG Chair that the accessibility of the IGF's remote participation platform, Webex, would be discussed, under AOB, following discussions the previous day with representatives of the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD).

3. A few updates were made by the MAG Chair, IGF Secretariat and colleagues from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on the progress of annual meeting preparations. The Secretariat shared that an initial version of the overall IGF 2018 schedule would be published on or around 17 September, following the confirmation of key logistical details by counterparts from the French Government and the venue, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). [This has now been [published](#) on the IGF website.] The schedule would also be made available as soon as possible in a web-based interactive platform, possibly one developed by the Secretariat with similar functionalities as the 'Sched' platform used in previous years. An additional technical note was made by the Secretariat regarding its IGF website translation project, which would have the content of the site accessible in all six UN languages. MAG members were encouraged to disseminate the call for translation volunteers through their communities.

3. The MAG Chair shared further information received from the Host Country organizers, notably that in the interest of time they had agreed with the Secretariat and UNDESA, based fully on discussions with the MAG, that the title of the meeting would be 'Internet of Trust'. In addition, the Host Country website, where all information necessary for participants' personal planning, such as transport, visas and accommodations, would be made available soon. [This has now been [launched](#).] The Chair reminded that the Government-organized Paris Peace Forum (PPF) would begin one day before the IGF, on 11 November, and that ways in which the IGF might be represented in that forum were being explored. Related to this, UNDESA mentioned that the UN Secretary-General would possibly participate in both the PPF and IGF.

4. Regarding the pending workshop mergers, the Secretariat informed that all were being successfully carried out by proposers and would virtually all conclude on time, thanks in part to assistance from MAG members who had offered to steer them through

the process. On the organization of the thematic main sessions, the Secretariat positively noted that various thematic mailing lists, the planning platforms for the sessions, saw increases in membership; however, some of the groups still lacked facilitators. The thematic main sessions on 'Emerging Technologies', 'Human Rights, Gender & Youth' and 'Technical & Operational Topics' were identified as being in need of facilitators. The MAG Chair urged members to sign up for the organizing groups via the mailing lists (**ANNEX II**) and to volunteer to lead the groups where this was needed.

5. Next, members heard short briefings from representatives of the MAG's working groups, specifically on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP), the Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP), Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE), Funding (WG-FUN), and a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF (WG-WMP). WG-IMP reported that it was doing an overall assessment of its gathered recommendations, and WG-WREP said it would set up a call with interested MAG members as soon as possible, while thoughts on this year's workshop process were still fresh. WG-OE updated in writing before the meeting that it was continuing to disseminate the IGF's various notifications through multiple mailing lists and social media channels. Finally, the Chair also reported on the two groups she leads, WG-FUN and WG-WMP. It was reported that WG-FUN was in the process of narrowing down its shortlist of new potential donors and, at the same time, working closely with UNDESA on various donor outreach materials, such as letters and an updated IGF brochure. WG-WMP was moving forward with an IGF framework document mapping the activities during an IGF annual cycle, as well as advancing plans for testing community support for concrete IGF outputs.

6. The Best Practice Forums (BPFs) on Cybersecurity; Local Content; Gender & Access; Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Internet of Things; and Local Content; and the fourth phase of the policy initiative on Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) (CENB IV); gave additional short briefings. The groups are currently seeking community inputs on their work. [Details on their activities and individual meetings can be found on the [BPF page](#) on the IGF's website.]

7. The liaison for Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) and focal point for NRIs also gave updates on the coordinated work of these groups. It was noted that DCs were proceeding apace with the organization of the joint main session on SDGs and had endorsed an outline on which to work further with MAG members. The NRI community was similarly moving forward planning for their joint main session co-organized with the MAG; it was also reported that the El Salvador and Haiti IGF meetings were taking place that week.

8. Finally, related to the announcement at the beginning of the call, the representative from the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD) intervened to express concerns over the IGF's continued use of Webex as a remote participation platform, which is an in-kind contribution from Cisco. It was said the platform was not sufficiently user-friendly and is too often inaccessible to persons with disabilities. A blind member of DCAD the day prior was unable to join a Dynamic Coalition call due to these difficulties. The MAG Chair expressed that she would work together with UNDESA and the Secretariat to ensure an alternative system is found.

8. The next virtual meeting of the MAG will take place on **Wednesday 26 September at 20.00 UTC**, as indicated in the [calendar](#).

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting XII Wednesday 12 September, 11.00 UTC Draft Agenda

1. Opening/Adoption of Agenda (5 mins)
2. Misc. Updates by the Secretariat/Chair (10 mins)
3. Update on Host Country preparations (20 mins)
4. Review Thematic (Main) session process and preparations (20 mins), incl. Mergers
5. MAG WG Updates (20 mins)
6. Intersessional Updates: BPFs, DCs, CENB (20 mins)
7. NRI Updates (10 mins)
8. AOB (5 mins)

List of Participants

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