



## IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XIII 26 September 2018

### Summary Report

1. The thirteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 26 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 began with miscellaneous updates from the Secretariat on the progress of IGF meeting preparations. Specifically, it was said the [schedule](#), which has now been complete and final for a couple of weeks, was posted online (in both PDF and Excel to aid accessibility). The schedule would be transferred as soon as possible to an online schedule system developed by the Secretariat, in lieu of the 'Sched' platform used in previous years. It was also reported that there were around 1000 registered participants to date, and that the Secretariat was working with the venue, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to ensure registration procedures would be as smooth and as quick as possible. At the same time, MAG members were reminded and strongly encouraged to register online as soon as possible, given that onsite registration would be a longer process.
3. The Chair shared further information received by her from the Host Country. She reported that Ambassador for Digital Affairs, David Martinon, who is leading the organizational effort in the French Government, would stay in his post until the end of the IGF. This was noted as positive for maintaining the continuity of meeting preparations. The exact format and structure of the opening high level session organized by France were still under discussion; nevertheless, it is known the session may take inspiration from the dynamic format of last year's opening, and that it will take place on the first day of the IGF, Monday 12 November (rather than Sunday, as had been considered). Discussions were underway for very high level officials from both the UN and French government to participate in the session. The Paris Peace Forum (PPF) taking place alongside the IGF, it was mentioned, had approximately 50-60 heads of state confirmed, which could help boost the IGF's high-level participation. The Chair reported that she herself was in Paris to meet with officials leading the various events of 'Paris Digital Week', including the IGF, PPF and GovTech Summit, as well as the French Digital Council and the French NRI, among others. She emphasised that Paris Digital Week leads had offered to contribute, wherever appropriate, to the IGF's thematic main sessions.
4. A couple of updates unrelated to the meeting were also given. It was said the initiative managed by the Secretariat to translate the IGF website into all six UN languages was proceeding well, thanks to the contributions of many volunteer

translators. In addition, colleagues from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in New York informed that the MAG nomination process was underway, with final candidacies being collected from permanent missions in Geneva, who are focal points for the UN regional groups. The 2019 MAG was on track to be in place before the annual meeting, as had been discussed. Reflecting on the transition between the two MAGs, the Chair advised members that a thread could be started on the MAG list with issues and lessons learned for new members to consider, as well as a virtual MAG meeting between outgoing and incoming MAG members following the IGF.

5. MAG groups responsible for organizing the IGF's eight thematic main sessions then briefed on the status of their work, and confirmed, in particular, the designated co-facilitators for their sessions. Wisdom Donkor, the co-facilitator for the session on 'Digital Inclusion & Accessibility' shared that a written outline for the session would be disseminated on the dedicated mailing list by the end of the week; Zeina Bou Harb and Paul Rowney would also be co-facilitating. Ben Wallis, the co-facilitator of the session on 'Cybersecurity, Trust & Privacy' said an outline would go out very soon, but that some ideas for the session had already been discussed; Sala Tamanikaiwaimaro is also a co-facilitator of this session [Michael Ilishebo has since joined them]. Sumon Ahmed Sabir, a co-facilitator with Sylvia Cadena of the session on 'Technical & Operational Topics', reported that several issues for discussion had already been identified and that a proposal in writing would soon be produced. June Parris, the co-facilitator of the session on 'Human Rights, Gender & Youth', together with Renata Aquino Ribeiro and Miguel Candia, informed that the group was reviewing the draft proposal for the session and that a poll had been sent to schedule their first meeting. Nataša Glavor, the co-facilitator for the session on 'Emerging Technologies', informed that the session's likely focus would be blockchain technologies and that an outline would be drafted by the next MAG meeting [Christoph Steck is also a co-facilitator of this session]. Timea Suto then briefed on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-focused session, under 'Development, Innovation & Economic Issues', which, as outlined in a draft proposal, explores how ICTs drive the SDGs, the challenges related to these and how to overcome them. The session is co-organized with the Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) community and co-facilitated with DC liaisons Jutta Croll and Markus Kummer. The NRIs Focal Point gave an overview of the main session on 'Evolution of Internet Governance', which examines the multistakeholder approach from an NRIs perspective. Finally, it was noted that a report should be given in the next MAG meeting on the session on 'Media & Content', for which Sala Tamanikaiaimaro has volunteered. The MAG Chair reminded all groups to come up with titles for their sessions as soon as possible.

6. The Best Practice Forums (BPFs) on Cybersecurity; Local Content; Gender & Access; Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Internet of Things; and Local Content; gave additional short briefings. The groups are in the process of compiling community inputs for the first drafts of their output papers. [Details on their activities and individual meetings can be found on the [BPF page](#) on the IGF's website.] The DCs liaison and NRIs Focal Point also made short interventions on those communities, with the Focal Point reporting that the written content for NRI collaborative sessions would be finalized in the first half of October.

7. Next, members heard short briefings from representatives of the MAG's working groups, on Funding (WG-FUN); Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF (WG-

WMP); IGF Improvements (WG-IMP); Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP); and Outreach and Engagement (OE). The MAG Chair, speaking for WG-FUN, shared that templates for letters were being developed to target different types of potential donors (including a high-level template, and a short letter for distribution during the IGF), and that MAG member June Parris has joined her in co-chairing the working group. Regarding WG-WMP, members heard that an IGF framework document prepared by the group would soon be published, alongside a questionnaire to seek the community's inputs on whether anything should be added or improved within it. The questionnaire will be open for approximately four weeks. WG-IMP was also working to finalize its comprehensive document of gathered recommendations during October. WG-WREP, reported that it was setting up a meeting on the review process this year, to which all members are invited. A last short update noted that WG-OE had sent in a written update of its current activities.

8. The next virtual meeting of the MAG will take place on **Wednesday 10 October at 13.00 UTC**, as indicated in the [calendar](#).

## **Annex I**

### **MAG Virtual Meeting XIII Wednesday 26 September 2018, 20:00 UTC - (2 hours reserved) Draft Agenda**

1. Opening/Adoption of Agenda (5 min)
2. Misc. Updates by the Secretariat/Chair (5 min)
3. Update on Host Country preparations - (15 min)
4. Review Thematic (Main) session process and preparations (40 min), incl. Mergers
5. NRI Updates (10 min)
6. Intersessional Updates: BPFs, DCs, CENB (20 min)
7. MAG WG Updates (20 min)
8. AOB (5 min)

## List of Participants

<b>MAG Chair</b>			
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