



**IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XIV, 14 August 2019**

Summary Report

1. The fourteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 14 August 2019 at 20:00 p.m. UTC. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (Annex I) focused on reviewing progress on the preparatory status of the thematic/introductory sessions at the IGF, most recent updates on the main thematic sessions, updates from the MAG working groups and overall IGF 2019 intersessional work (Annex III).
2. The Chair opened the meeting with a reminder to all participants that the comment platform for the report of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC) is on the IGF website and has invited everyone to provide comments by 30 September. It was said that these comments will shape the IGF 2019 thematic main session dedicated to Internet governance and digital cooperation. The Chair reiterated that the platform primarily aims at gathering comments on the fifth recommendation concerning global digital cooperation as well as the "IGF Plus" model of digital cooperation. All members were encouraged to share this call for feedback with their networks.
3. The IGF Secretariat followed with a number of updates on the state of preparations for the IGF 2019 annual meeting and its own activities over the past weeks. MAG members were reminded that the final deadline for applying for a travel support to attend the upcoming IGF annual meeting is 15 August 2019. It was further informed that an updated version of the schedule will be uploaded to the IGF website by the end of the week for which is expected to be final. It was explained that one of the Secretariat's staff members, Ms. Eleonora Mazzucchi, is taking a study leave and that other staff members should be contacted for support through the IGF contact email address: [igf\[et\]un\[dot\]org](mailto:igf[et]un[dot]org). Finally, the IGF Secretariat informed that a regional IGF meeting for the Latin America and the Caribbean region (LACIGF) was successfully hosted in Bolivia. One member of the MAG that also serves on the LACIGF Organizing Committee, confirmed this and added that the meeting was well attended and balanced across stakeholder and gender groups. It was added that the HLPDC Call for Feedback the IGF launched was promoted during the LACIGF and received interest from the community.
4. The Chair opened the floor for the most recent updates on the main sessions preparatory work. For the main session on the 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Digital Age', the co-facilitator informed that the group of MAG members works on having presence of high-level speakers from all stakeholder groups and that they are developing a set of guiding questions to structure the discussion. It was said that they

plan to involve interventions from the remote hubs to achieve inclusiveness and make the session format more dynamic.

Organizers of the main session on 'Content Governance' reported that they plan to narrow down the substantive scope of the session and also change the title in the coming days. Participants were invited to suggest potential speakers for this session, especially from the civil society and technical community, to be considered in addition to currently four proposed candidates.

5. Further updates were given on the preparations for the introductory session. Given the confirmed 90-minute slot for this session, it was advised to adhere to the original proposal initially developed for this session. MAG members were invited to volunteer and sign up to facilitate the track on digital inclusion or the one on security, safety, stability and resilience. The MAG Chair advised to communicate this call for volunteers to the MAG mailing list. Further, the IGF Secretariat was asked to support this preparatory work by providing an overview of all policy questions the IGF 2019 thematic sessions contain under a set of pre-selected subthemes by this working group. It was explained that this support will allow for the meeting participants to orient themselves which thematic breakout sessions within this introductory track they wish to attend. Some of the MAG members underlined the importance of interpreting the introductory and concluding session to all six official UN languages. From the IGF Secretariat it was said that unfortunately the budget does not allow for interpreting these sessions. The logistics behind these sessions concepts were further explained, noting that they will be opened by a short introduction by MAG members on the thematic narratives whose goal is to present the participants what can they expect in the next days of the meeting. This section will be followed by a 'TED-style' talk addressing the theme. The format may also include break-out sessions per theme, where participants will work in groups and in an organic manner to discuss matters of their interest. These activities are expected to flow smoothly into the final concluding session.

6. Due to an extensive discussion developed on the duration and complexity of the format of the introductory session, it was agreed that an ad-hoc group will be formed to develop a final proposal on the time allocation for this session and effective format, considering that currently the agenda allocates 90-minutes to this session. The MAG Chair advised this ad-hoc group also addresses the concluding session of the track, noting that the reporting and messaging suggestions should be taken up by the Ad-hoc WG on Reporting. The IGF Secretariat committed to set up a doodle poll for the group to decide on their meeting timing.

7. Participants moved to the next agenda item focused on updates from the MAG working groups (WGs). The WG on Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE) reported to wait for an input from the IGF Secretariat on their survey regarding the IGF's marketing assessment. Based on received responses, the WG-OE will develop recommendations for improving the IGF outreach strategy. The WG on IGF Improvements informed that their charter is finalized and that they will be meeting in the coming days. The WG on Fundraising informed that the group had several discussions with the IGF 2019 Host Country on what can be done to advance fundraising, given that a number of high-level participants will attend the 14th IGF. It was said that some of the fundraising materials will be updated and the group could identify stakeholders that could be approached for donations. It was also suggested on the call to update the 'champion card' from the last

year's IGF and distribute to the participants at the 2019 IGF.

8. The last agenda item focused on updates from the IGF 2019 intersessional work, namely the Best Practice Forums (BPFs) and Dynamic Coalitions (DCs), as well as from the national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs).

9. Co-facilitator for the BPF on Cybersecurity said the group published a Call for Contributions, open until 6 September 2019. An adjusted Call for contributions was developed for the NRIs and shared through this network's mailing list. Also, it was said that the call is communicated to several organizations and networks of stakeholders for their contribution. It was underlined that the main objective of the mentioned Call is to look at international agreements and initiatives on cybersecurity, and understand how they are being taken forward, what kind of best practices there could be to fulfill any commitments made and what kind of accountability there is for commitments when they are made.

10. The BPF on Internet of Things, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence editor reported that the group has identified three main clusters of policy challenges to focus on: 1) trust in IT big data, AI and their applications; 2) use and uptake of new technologies; and 3) data related challenges, such as: quality of data, privacy and data management. The group also looks for best practices on the topic and has developed a survey to gather contributions from the community. MAG members were asked to help with dissemination of the survey, posted on the IGF website.

11. Co-facilitator for the BPF on Gender and Access informed that their virtual meetings focused on bringing organizations presenting their case studies, such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Center for Internet and Society from India. It was announced that on the next call, the group will be discussing the topic with the Research ICT Africa. The co-facilitator also reported on the outcome of the Call for feedback that closed, noting that the group received eleven submissions in total. This was seen as challenging, but the participation on the monthly virtual meetings is high which is an indication of good interest of the community for this topic.

12. For the DCs, the MAG facilitator will be providing an update on the next call regarding the networks collective work. Specifically, for the DC on DNS issues, it was said that the group is planning their session at the IGF focused on universal acceptance that will, among other aspects, address the relationship between the universal acceptance and the SDGs.

13. Regarding updates from the NRIs, the IGF Secretariat informed that the network is currently developing case studies on an individual basis as key inputs to the NRIs main session. Received inputs will be consolidated into a unique publication, published prior to the IGF 2019 meeting.

14. The next virtual meeting of the MAG is scheduled for Wednesday 4 September, 11:00 a.m. UTC, per the [calendar](#).

Next Steps

15. IGF Secretariat to communicate the final version of the schedule; to set up a doodle poll for scheduling the meeting of an ad-hoc working group preparing the

introductory session; and communicate its responses to the survey of the MAG WG-OE.

16. Ad-hoc working group to prepare an agreed outline of proposal for the introductory and concluding session.

17. DCs update to be prepared for the next meeting.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XIV. Wednesday, August 14, 2019. 8:00 pm | UTC | 2 hrs

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the Secretariat (5 min)
4. Discussion on thematic/introductory sessions (30 min)
5. Updates from the working groups (30 min)
6. Updates on the Best Practice forums and other intersessional activities (30 min)
7. A.O.B (10 min)

Annex II
List of Participants

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
MAG Chair			
Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Technical Community, USA
MAG Members			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector, Hong Kong S.A.R.
Ms.	Gatto	Raquel	Technical Community, Portugal/Brazil
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojsa	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr.	Jeftovic	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Mr.	Candia	Miguel	Government, Paraguay
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Lo	Mamadou	Private Sector, Senegal
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	Bambo	Samuel	Government, Cameroon
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community, Vanuatu
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Ms.	Canales Loebel	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Civil Society, Australia
Other Participants			
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Technical Community, Brazil

Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	Private Sector, USA
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Civil Society, Senegal
UN DESA			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
IGF Secretariat			
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert / NRIs Focal Point
Mr.	Wei	Xiang	Intern
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Best Practice Forums Editor

Annex III

Input Documents

IGF 2019 Main Sessions

- Main Sessions (Co-)Facilitators
- Main Session Planning Activities Timetable
- [Main Session Guidelines](#)
- Main Session Template [Draft]
- Main Sessions Draft Table

IGF 2019 Introductory and Closing Sessions

- Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting

IGF 2019 Session Reporting

- Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure

IGF 2019 Themes

- Data Governance WS Groupings/Flowchart
- Digital Inclusion WS Groupings/Flowchart
- Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience WS Groupings/Flowchart

Main Session Proposals:

- Main session on Content Governance
- Main Session on multidisciplinary policy frameworks
- Main Session on Trade & Jurisdiction
- Main Session Proposal on AI
- Main Session on IoT and Cybersecurity
- NRIs Main Session
- DCs Main Session
- Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting