



**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XVII, 01 October 2019 at 20:00 p.m. UTC**

Summary Report

About

1. The seventeenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2019 preparatory cycle took place on 01 October 2019 at 20:00 p.m. UTC. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2019 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The adopted agenda is attached to this report as Annex I and the list of participants as Annex II. The list of shared input documents is attached as Annex III. The meeting's transcript is available [here](#).
2. The agenda focused on updates regarding the IGF 2019 overall preparatory process, as well as on updates from the intersessional workstreams, MAG working groups, main sessions, and reporting on the thematic introductory and concluding sessions.

Summary of key points

3. The meeting started with a brief update from the IGF Secretariat regarding the most recent updates on the preparatory process for the IGF 2019 annual meeting, summarized below:
 - a. The current number of received registration requests for attending the IGF 2019 annual meeting is: 2,176.
 - b. The capacity development activities for this year have been announced through a dedicated [webpage](#) on the IGF website. It was underlined that these activities are implemented thanks to the support of IGF's donors, such in particular governments of Germany, Finland and Netherlands.
 - c. In regard to the IGF 2019 Call for Travel Support, eighty (80) applicants were selected for travel support and have been informed.

- d. It was stated that so far, 26 stakeholders submitted requests to organize a remote hub for the IGF 2019. The final deadline for [registering remote hubs](#) is 25 October 2019.
 - e. Deadline for submission of inputs to the [IGF 2019 Call for feedback to the Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation \(HLPDC\)](#) has been extended to 14 October, given the expressed interest from several stakeholders.
 - f. The logistics for the IGF Village are under the organizer's update and will be shared with the MAG once finalized.
 - g. The MAG was informed that the IGF Secretariat and the UN DESA representatives are currently in Poland, conducting an assessment mission of the IGF 2020 meeting that will take place in Katowice.
 - h. As the Host Country representatives did not attend this meeting, the IGF Secretariat briefed that more than twenty-five (25) high-level delegates will take participation at the Day Zero high level leaders meeting. The IGF meeting is expected to have a record number of ministers and high-level leaders from other stakeholder groups attending in-person.
4. Participants moved to providing updates on the Best Practice Forums (BPFs).
- a. For the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#) the co-facilitator updated that the group met last week to review received five (5) contributions. It was further said that the group will incorporate responses into this BPF's draft report and make available for the community consultations around the 22nd October. It was decided that this group will continue to accept contributions on a rolling basis until the 14th annual IGF meeting in Berlin. It was reminded that the BPF looks at various international agreements and initiatives on the topic, to understand to what extent these are implemented. The group also said to expect that the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace Initiative are expected to make announcement relevant to the work of this BPF in early November. The planning process of this BPF's dedicated session at the 14th IGF is underway and the group also collaborates with UN DESA to explore synergies between this group's work and the work of two UN-led initiatives on cybersecurity: Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (GGE) and Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG). Specifically, the collaborative partners are looking into the ways of introducing the BPF's final report into the discussions of these mentioned working groups, potentially at the OEWG in December this year or during the next substantive session in February next year.
 - b. The co-facilitator of the [BPF on Local Content](#) updated that a survey on gathering inputs related to preservation of culture online, was launched a day ago and that it aims at gathering experiences and examples on the topic for incorporating them into a final output report to be presented at the 14th

annual IGF meeting in Berlin. MAG members were asked to circulate the survey to their respected communities.

- c. The [BPF on Big Data, Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence](#), reported that the group has a virtual meeting in 24th September focused on the current review of the output document and that it was decided to leave the document open for inputs by 30 September. It was further said it was decided to extend the deadline to receiving inputs through survey by 8 October, as well as that 11 responses were received so far. The group will also prepare a short follow-up survey on specific elements of the final outcome document concept. Participants were invited to join the next virtual meeting of this group scheduled for 8 October.
- d. The MAG Chair invited the co-facilitators of the [BPF on Gender and Access](#) to provide an update through the MAG mailing list, as representatives could not attend this meeting.

5. The meeting continued with inputs from the [Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\)](#). The co-facilitator noted that the group is focused on preparing the DCs main session for which the process of gathering contributions is underway, with the so-far eleven (11) responses received, all subject to the DC's review on their next virtual call scheduled for 9 October.

6. For the network of national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) it was updated that the group has closed a deadline for submitting case studies with 16 received contributions and four to be received shortly, for consolidation into a unique publication as an input to the NRIs main session. Also, the MAG was informed that, so far sixty-two (62) NRIs annual meetings were reported to be hosted in 2019 year. The IGF Secretariat's estimate is that the final number of these meetings will go up to seventy-five (75).

7. The MAG Chair invited for updates from the MAG working groups (WG), given in the following order:

- a. The co-facilitator of the [MAG WG on the IGF Improvements](#) reported that the group should be meeting in two-week time and an updated will be submitted to the MAG.
- b. For the [WG on Outreach and Engagement](#), the group collaborates with three graphic artists that are advising on the design of communication related to the IGF 2019 process toward the community. It was said that a comprehensive update will be provided to the MAG on the next virtual meeting.
- c. An update for the [WG on Workshop Process](#) will be provided during the next call, once the results of the survey are announced.
- d. For the [WG on Fundraising](#), it was said that key updates were provided on the last MAG meeting and that the group's planning is underway through online channels.

- e. The [Ad-hoc WG on Reporting](#) briefed to had an online meeting earlier in the week and that the summary report will be shared with the MAG as soon as published. The MAG was reminded that this year's session reporting process will follow the three-staged process as during the last year's IGF, with rapporteurs submitting the (i) pre-session report one (1) month before the IGF meeting; (ii) short post-session report twelve (12) hours after the session end; and (iii) final post-session report ten (10) days after the session end. It was further said that the IGF Secretariat works on developing some reporting guidelines for the session rapporteurs and a webinar, on what the MAG will be further informed. In addition to this formal session reporting, the MAG Chair briefed that the party contracted by the Host Country (DiploFoundation) will also be providing informal, daily reporting. It was informed that the group considers inviting MAG members to support preparing materials for the press regarding the programme. Finally, the MAG Chair has informed that this WG is also discussing ways of gathering feedback inputs from the session participants, as well as to identify areas of interest that could be pursued by the next year's IGF. One of ways to do this is to include a maximum of two (2) questions in the IGF 2019 schedule application and invite participants to respond.

8. Participants have moved to updates from the main session co-facilitators. It was invited for updates that emerged since the last MAG virtual meeting. For the main session on Digital Cooperation and Internet governance, the MAG Chair reminded that contributions received to the [IGF 2019 Call for feedback to the Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation \(HLPDC\)](#) will serve as an input to this session, in particular inputs to the Report's Recommendation V and IGF Plus model. The MAG Chair presented a potential approach to structure this session like the WSIS+10 main session organized during the IGF 2015 annual meeting in Brazil. Similarly, this main session would consolidate received inputs from the community into a set of messages/policy questions, to identify areas substantive enough for a session discussion amongst the participants. These messages/policy questions would be communicated to the community beforehand, as well as additional background documents as necessary. The session would be opened by the Chair assigned by the Host Country and co-moderated by the two co-moderators. The discussion would develop between four key IGF stakeholder groups, each having its dedicated microphone. Further, explaining the format of the session, the Chair said that the rapporteurs will be tasked to capture comments for consolidation into a final written input document to be submitted to the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General (EOSG). The MAG Chair and several MAG members expressed hope that a representative from the EOSG will take onsite participation in the panel discussion and possibly provide opening remarks. One of the MAG members representing the Government stakeholder group, expressed support for the format, noting that the WSIS process was an intergovernmental process and consequently it was challenging to organize the WSIS+10 session in a multistakeholder environment, in addition to some

governments not having a clear position toward the WSIS process. This member was of an opinion that the proposed session format is more adapted to the HLPDC process, as the Report itself refers broadly to the multistakeholder processes. It was advised that this session format should not be of a feedback-nature, but more substantive, focusing on sharing good practices of digital cooperation. Another member noted that the title of the session could be reworded, as the HLPDC Report focuses on Digital Cooperation, not on Internet governance. As a possible title, it was suggested to name the session by the term of Digital Cooperation or discussions/consultations on the Report of the HLPDC. This member also proposed for the IGF 2019 Introductory and Concluding sessions to reflect on the next steps and possible implementation plans regarding the HLPDC Report.

9. Updates were shared for the Introductory thematic tracks:
 - a. For the breakout sessions on the Data Governance theme, the co-facilitator briefed that twenty-nine (29) MAG members are part of this working group. An overview of sessions, clustered into several sub-themes, was shared with the MAG (Annex III). The group plans to have six (6) MAG members moderating the breakout sessions, and currently the it asks for someone to volunteer as a rapporteur for the session. As the session concept requires to have a key speaker that would set the scene, one possible alternative the group considers is inviting Sir Tim Berners Lee.
 - b. The co-facilitator of the Digital Inclusion thematic track informed that the group considers approaching Ms. Doreen Bogdan Martin of the ITU to be the key speaker that will set the scene for this track. Also, it was said that that they explore whom to engage as a rapporteur. The concept of this track aligns with having five breakout groups, per mapped subthemes. Given the time constraints, the session format will restrict the time for questions and answers from the floor to a limited time, for the sake of effectively using the available time.
 - c. The MAG Chair invited for updates on the third IGF 2019 theme, Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience, for the next MAG meeting, as the co-facilitators did not attend the meeting.
10. Updates were also shared regarding the Concluding session, noting that the breakout sessions will follow similar concept as the Introductory breakout groups. The concluding sessions will aim for integrating learnings, messages and experiences from the session organizers. One of the proposals was to capture thematic groups of issues from sessions, such for example are: economic issues, technical issues, governance issues, social and cultural issues. The MAG Chair invited participants to review the document that outlines a potential plan for these sessions (Annex III) and asked the proposer to circulate the document on the MAG mailing list.

11. It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 15 October 2019 at 11:00 p.m. UTC.

Next Steps

12. IGF Secretariat to inform the MAG about updates regarding the IGF Village logistics and to communicate final reporting templates for the session organizers.

13. Cofacilitators of the: BPF on Gender and Access; and the Introductory breakout session on Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience theme, to communicate updates to the MAG.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XVII

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat (5 min)
4. Update from the Host Country (5 min)
5. Updates from the Best Practice Forums, DCs, other intersessional activities and NRIs (30 min)
6. Updates from the working groups (20 min)
7. UN Digital Cooperation report consultation and Main session planning (10 min).
8. Updates on thematic/introductory/concluding sessions (20 min)
9. Updates from the main sessions (20 min)
10. A.o.B (5 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.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Civil Society, Brazil
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojsa	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Gatto	Raquel	Technical Community, Portugal/Brazil
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Sudan
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society, Sri Lanka
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Bambo	Samuel	Government, Cameroon
Mr.	Jevtovic	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government, USA

Ms.	Alhashimi	Hana	Government, UAE
Mr.	Lo	Mamadou	Private Sector, Senegal
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Other Participants			
Ms.	Salanieta	Tamanikaiwaimaro	Fiji
Ms.	Livia	Walpen	Switzerland, Former IGF 2017 Host Country
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	Switzerland, EBU
Mr.	Nelson	Mike	USA
Mr.	Prendergast	Jim	USA
Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	USA, mCADE, ICT Strategies
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
UN DESA			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior 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
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Best Practice Forums Editor
Ms.	Anriette	Esterhuysen	Best Practice Forums Editor

Annex III

Input Documents

- **Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation IGF**

2019 Introductory and Closing Sessions

- **Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting**
- **Introductory Session - Data Governance**
- **Introductory Session - Digital Inclusion**
- **Introductory Session - SSS&R**

IGF 2019 Themes

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

Main Session Proposals:

- **Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks**
- **Multidisciplinary frameworks for policy-making in the digital age**
- **Issues on the Free Flow of Data, ICT Products and Services in a Digitally Connected World**
- **Applying human rights and ethics in responsible data governance and AI**
- **Securing the Interconnection of everything**
- **Achieving the SDGs in the Digital Age**
- **Emerging technologies and their interfaces with inclusion, security and human rights (NRIs)**
- **Dynamic Coalitions – Joint Efforts to achieve the SDGs**

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 Session Reporting

- **Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure**