



## **IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting III 16 January 2019**

### **Summary Report**

1. The third Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 16 January. 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 review and final approval of the agenda for the IGF 2019 First Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG Meeting on 28-30 January, as well as on reviews of the activities of MAG Working Groups in 2018.
2. The meeting began with an update from the Secretariat on the two public processes currently open: the annual Call for contributions or “Taking Stock” of the 2018 IGF and looking ahead to 2019, and the Call for Issues for the 2019 programme. Regarding the former, it was noted that the response rate was far lower than expected, with only ten contributions received within the 15 January deadline – compared to between thirty and forty submissions in past years. As a result, the Secretariat would be extending the deadline until 21 January. The Call for Issues, meanwhile, had a robust response rate more or less on par with the 2018 process, with 96 inputs received and several days left until the deadline. The regional and stakeholder distribution of the Issues Call was also seen to be positive, with good participation from the private sector, which is typically under-represented, and strong participation from a couple of regions other than the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), which is typically over-represented.
3. The agenda before members for the first face-to-face meeting, having previously been discussed, was swiftly adopted. Touching on the second and third MAG face-to-face meetings, it was confirmed that these would take place in Geneva and Berlin respectively, with tentative scheduling on 9-11 April and 5-7 June 2019. In response to a request about whether the meeting in Berlin could be extended to four days, it was said this would unfortunately not be possible as the dates have been fixed according to the venue availability.
4. The Chair then gave a brief introduction on MAG Working Groups, how they are established, as well as their general purpose and functioning. Members were reminded that each group should have two co-facilitators, with the option for one of these to be a non-MAG member, and that meetings of the groups should be open to all, held regularly via Webex and result in publishable/accessible written summaries. The groups are voluntary and have been largely self-supporting, in an effort to reduce the burden on the Secretariat.
5. Initial reports were given on the two Working Groups led by the Chair, on Fundraising (WG-FUN), and on a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF (WG-WMP). In 2018, the [WG-FUN report](#) indicated it had benefitted from good collaboration with the Secretariat as well as with colleagues from the UN Department of Economic

and Social Affairs (UNDESA). This led to a productive revision of the available documentation on the Trust Fund and the IGF more generally, including an easy-to-read, accessible 'IGF FAQs' for potential donors, the development of some donor-specific promotional materials, a simplified donor process, and of an electronic database to log new donor details. It was said the group was looking to be re-chartered with the specific aim of increasing the number of new donations this year, having launched a set of fundraising tools in 2018.

6. Regarding [WG-WMP's report](#), last year the group had come up with a useful, highly comprehensive programme framework document drawn from a programme overview produced by the Secretariat. The framework helps to visualize the various components that make up the annual IGF programme, as well as all the intersessional activities, and how these are connected. The document further captures the advances that have been made to the programme development in 2018 – in particular the Call for Issues – and the improved Chair's Summary, and intends to serve as a foundation for understanding which topical issues could best be applied to the IGF's cyclical work on a multi-year basis. It was said, in this regard, that the most frequent issues discussed by the group were the need for more concrete outputs by the IGF, improvements to the many current outputs, and better outreach efforts for both. In that regard, the group had also spent considerable time discussing several pilots: 1 - [IGF WG-MWP Option Paper](#) and 2 - [2018: Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF Report](#). The WG was not able to reach consensus on these two pilots but all felt the MAG should be aware of the pilots for possible future review and/or implementation. Talks on these issues had not concluded, and the group asked for renewal to definitively address these in 2019. It was emphasised that the group would set out this year with a more concise charter and clear set of goals, to focus more on implementation.

7. Reports were also given by the [Working Groups on IGF Improvements \(WG-IMP\)](#) and Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE). Concerning the former, given that the group has nearly completed a comprehensive survey of the various recommendations for improvement made to the IGF, the question of next steps remained open. A few suggestions were made, including asking the Secretariat to take the lead in the process to assess how much progress the IGF has made against the various recommendations, assigning relevant recommendations to the different Working Groups, and merging WG-IMP with WG-WMP. The group decided it would discuss these options over the coming weeks.

8. [WG-OE](#), meanwhile, reported on its activities in 2018, with special emphasis on efforts toward making IGF communications and documentation multilingual. The group also mentioned it hoped to do more in 2019 in terms of encouraging media coverage, both before and after the IGF annual meeting.

9. Finally, several members volunteered to join a new iteration of the [Working Group on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process \(WG-WREP\)](#), as the facilitator and many of the active members from last year had retired from the MAG.

10. A short briefing was also given on Internet governance-related developments within the UN System, notably the recent approval by the General Assembly (GA)'s First Committee of two groups within the GA: the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on

Cybersecurity, and the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Cybersecurity. The former would gather a limited number of states, up to 25, including the five permanent members of the Security Council; the second would be open to all member states and work in consultation with other stakeholder groups. Participants on the call were encouraged to continue following news out of these two Groups.

11. The next meeting of the MAG will be face-to-face at the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG), Switzerland, on 28-30 January. Subsequent biweekly virtual meetings have been listed in the [calendar](#).

## **Annex I**

### **MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting III Wednesday 16 January 2019 – 14:00hrs UTC**

#### **Draft Agenda**

- 1 - Opening/Adoption of Agenda (5 mins)
- 2 - Final review/adoption of draft agenda for MAG meeting Jan 28 - 30th (10 mins)
- 3 - Overview and review of 2018 MAG Working Groups & Proposed Working Groups for 2019

(Co-facilitators of the 2018 Working Groups on:

- Funding (WG-FUN),
- IGF Improvements (WG-IMP),
- Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP),
- Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE),
- Workshop Review & Evaluation Process (WG-WREP),

will be asked to give a review of their WGs, the reference documentation, what was accomplished in 2018 and whether or not they feel that the WG should be continued, including reasons.) (75 mins)

- 4 - Update on recent UN IG related developments. e.g. Open Ended WG on cybersecurity etc. (15 mins)
- 5 - AOB (5 mins)

#### **List of Participants**

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Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Internet Matters
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