



## IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting IV 13 February 2019

### Executive Summary: Announcements, Decisions Taken, Next Steps

- *The dates and locations of the second and third IGF 2019 face-to-face Open Consultations and MAG Meetings are as follows: 9-11 April at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland; 5-7 June at the offices of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy in Berlin, Germany (further details below and on the [IGF website](#)).*
- *MAG Working Groups on Fundraising ([WG-FUN](#)), IGF Improvements ([WG-IMP](#)), Outreach and Engagement ([WG-OE](#)), and Workshop Review and Evaluation Process ([WG-WREP](#)), have been re-chartered for 2019 based on 2018 WG report recommendations and subsequent discussion in the MAG. Charters for all are to be updated over the coming weeks and reviewed with the full MAG.*
- *It was recommended that the MAG Working Group on Multi-year Strategic Work Programme ([WG\\_WMP](#)) remain at the level of the full MAG for the time being given the strategic nature of the work and the differing opinions on direction.*
- *IGF Best Practice Forums (BPFs) on [Cybersecurity](#) and on [Gender & Access](#) have been renewed for 2019, joining Local Content, and AI, Big Data & Internet of Things BPFs which were approved in a previous meeting*
- *MAG groups respectively dedicated to the three major IGF 2019 programme themes on 'Data Governance', 'Inclusion', and 'Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience', have begun to elaborate those themes according to a [common template](#). They will coordinate with WG-WREP ahead of the Call for Workshops on 4 March.*

### Overall Summary

1. The fourth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 13 February. 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: advancing preparations for 2019, specifically on the thematic narratives to shape the meeting programme; revisions to the IGF 2019 workshop proposal process; the re-chartering or merger of MAG working groups; and the renewal of the Cybersecurity and Gender & Access Best Practice Forums (BPFs).

2. The meeting began with a few short updates from the Secretariat. These included the exact dates and locations of the upcoming face-to-face MAG meetings, the second of which will be on 9-11 April at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva, and the third on 5-7 June in Berlin, Germany. Although tentative, it was reported that the location of the third meeting would be the offices of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, at Scharnhorststrasse, near Berlin's central railway station. The Secretariat further reported that it was finalizing the terms of references for intersessional consultants and would be ready to launch the

recruitment process – which begins with an open call for applications – as soon as all BPFs were formally approved. In addition, it said it would begin trial runs of the online participation tool, Zoom, in lieu of Webex, in response to a longstanding request from the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD) to explore more accessibility-friendly platforms. Zoom would be used in the DCs meeting taking place shortly after the MAG call, as well as in the next virtual meeting of the IGF National, Regional & Youth Initiatives (NRIs).

3. In the portion of the call dedicated to [MAG working groups](#), a short recap was given on the activities of the Working Group on a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme for the IGF (WG-MWP), led by the Chair. It was explained that a common objective that had emerged through the group's discussions was the need to continue with the focus on improving outputs. It was also noted that while the WG was in agreement on 1) the need to keep a focus on improving 'current' outputs, there was still an open discussion on 2) what other types of outputs or recommendations might be possible. This last discussion is supported by the paper: "[Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs](#)". Further, it was noted that additional discussion was needed on 3) the 'multi-year focus on strategic topics'. There are multi-year efforts underway through, inter alia the BPFs, DCs and various NRI activities, yet there is more that can be done. Given the strategic nature of these last two topics, and the lack of consensus in the WG, the Chair proposed the discussion continue at the level of the full MAG. The Chair will propose next steps to the MAG. Further, it was noted that through the early identification of three major themes for the programme this year, the group's other objective of having the IGF more narrowly focus on issues that are, as the UN Secretary-General put it, 'most consequential', is in the process of being fulfilled. Finally, it also helps fulfil another objective of the WG to support increased collaboration between the intersessional activities, the NRIs and the annual meeting programme planning efforts, while respecting the different leadership models in place across them.

4. Working groups on Fundraising (WG-FUN), also led by the Chair, IGF Improvements (WG-IMP), and Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE), were each re-approved for 2019. WG-IMP, in particular, would relaunch its work this year taking up the WG's suggestion to transition the identified recommendations for improvement to other relevant MAG working groups and to the Secretariat, for further assessment and implementation. WG-OE, meanwhile, would discuss on the MAG mailing list who would take up the facilitation of the group, since Mamadou Lo, the 2018 facilitator, would be stepping down from this role. The charter for this WG will also be updated, and collaboration between the WG, the IGF secretariat, and DESA was encouraged given the complementary nature of their outreach responsibilities. WG-FUN was approved with a single objective to bring in additional donors in response to the IGF's financial pressures. These Working Groups will all submit updated charters for review with the full MAG.

5. The Working Group on the Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP) was also re-chartered for 2019, with its new facilitator, Jutta Croll, outlining some of its immediate activities and proposed courses of action ahead of the [Call for Workshop Proposals on 4 March](#). Noting that previous information given to proposers had been quite long and detailed, the group suggested that the narratives on each of the

programme themes be as concise as possible. In addition, their link to Internet governance should be clearly established, especially for this to be understood by non-IGF insiders. It was further suggested that MAG members conduct a trial run of the proposal evaluation system on one of its future calls. The group's next steps would be to look at the criteria for evaluation and how these should change in light of the new approach focused on three major themes, and that the review would also take into consideration a recommendation to have the process be more inclusive of youth, as well as address the [WG-WREP set of recommendations](#) issued at the end of 2018. The group reported it planned to have a virtual meeting next week, foreseeing it would only suggest minor changes to the workshop proposal form.

6. Brief updates were then given by the groups dedicated to the three thematic areas and the development of narratives for each, on: '[Data Governance](#)', '[Inclusion](#)', and 'Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience'. The groups were proceeding according to the [Chair and Secretariat's advice](#) to indicate no more than two subthemes per theme. They largely agreed on the [template](#) being used as well as on the fact that the title themes were tentative and that these may be revised slightly before the Call for Workshop Proposals. Moreover, the groups concurred that they would take care to inform and discuss with one another any issues that uniquely cut across the groups.

7. Finally, the MAG heard statements from facilitators for the Cybersecurity and Gender & Access BPFs. The Cybersecurity BPF reported that it had decided to [revise its charter proposal](#) for 2019. It would focus on the Paris Call for Cybersecurity announced by the President of France at the IGF, on the two groups on cybersecurity that have emerged at the UN (both the 'Governmental Group of Experts' – GGE – and 'Open-Ended Working Group' – OEWG), and on any other relevant existing initiatives, to be referenced in a forthcoming background paper. It also said it would be committed to broad and intensified outreach, including with the groups mentioned, ahead of the annual IGF. On the basis of the revised proposal, the BPF was renewed for this year. It was said that the BPF on Gender & Access over the course of its four years, has moved from issues of gender abuse and violence, to those on access and equality, and that in 2019, it was proposing a new set of issues, once again, related to gender and the digital economy. The BPF was tentatively re-approved. Given the short amount of time to review the [written proposal](#), any MAG members with reservations would still have the chance to express these on the mailing list.

8. The next virtual MAG meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 February, at 20.00 UTC, per the [calendar](#).

## Annex I

### MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting IV

Wednesday 13 February 2019 - 13.00 UTC

#### Draft Agenda

- 1 - Opening/Adoption of Agenda [5 mins]
- 2 - Updates from the Secretariat [10 mins]
- 3 - Update on Thematic/Focus areas
  - Overall Thematic Template
  - Data Governance
  - Inclusion
  - Safety, Security, Stability, Resilience [25 mins]
- 4 - Review emerging suggestions from WG on WS Prep and Eval. [15 mins]
- 5 - Discussion on the chartering/ rechartering/ merging of Proposed Working Groups for 2019
  - *Funding (WG-FUN)*,
  - *IGF Improvements (WG-IMP)*,
  - *Multi Year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)*,
  - *Outreach and Engagement (WG-OE)*,
  - *Workshop Review & Evaluation Process (WG-WREP)*,
  - *Any other proposals* [40 mins]
- 6 - Discussion on:
  - Gender and Access BPF
  - Cybersecurity BPF [15 mins]
- 7 - AOB [10 mins]

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