



IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting IX 15 May 2019

Summary Report

1. The ninth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 15 May. 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 the IGF 2019 workshops process, including the initial results of MAG members' evaluations and next steps in thematic evaluation by group; the IGF 2019 meeting title; and main sessions.
2. The meeting began with a short briefing from the MAG Chair on her recent meetings at UNHQ, New York, where she spoke in the annual [Science, Technology and Innovation \(STI\) Forum](#), and met with representatives of the German Government, together with the Secretariat of the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC) and the Office of the Secretary-General. Regarding the STI Forum, the Chair positively noted that participants in the Forum were highly interested in the IGF's experience and input. The Chair further shared that the HLPDC would be releasing its report to the public and the Secretary-General simultaneously on the week of the 10th of June, clarifying a past question as to whether the Secretary-General would make the report publicly available. Although no concrete discussion had taken place on whether anyone from the HLPDC Secretariat would brief the MAG at their Third Meeting in Berlin, it was said this could be possible via remote intervention. Members also heard a parallel conference had recently taken place in New York, focused on Internet governance and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the participation of two United States presidential candidates; this was highlighted as a good example of how Internet governance is becoming a more prominent and visible issue.
3. The Secretariat then shared a series of updates with members. It reported it had participated in the Commission on Science, Technology and Development (CSTD)'s annual meeting to give a traditional briefing on the IGF's activities, in addition to having participated in the [Southeastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance \(SEEDIG\)](#) in Bucharest, Romania, on 7-8 May. It also announced that the day of the call, 15 May, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), together with the Permanent Missions of Germany and the United Arab Emirates, were hosting a side event promoting the IGF as part of the ongoing STI Forum in New York. Members were reminded of two Calls, for [IGF Travel Support](#) applications from the Global South, and for [2020 MAG nominations](#), open until 30 June.
4. Reporting on the workshop proposal evaluations recently submitted by the MAG, the Secretariat observed there had been very good compliance, with approximately 85% of the MAG having conducted their evaluations. It had also previously shared the raw scores and rankings of the proposals, viewable by theme, and informed it would send out a more detailed analysis by Friday 17 May, as outlined in the [Evaluation](#)

[Process Document](#). Regarding other sessions in the programme, it said it had published the lists of [Open Forum](#), [Dynamic Coalition \(DC\)](#) and [Day 0 session requests](#) that were found to be eligible, and would continue to examine space requirements in order to determine how many of these could be accommodated. In response to a question on more than one Open Forum request from the same organization, it said such requests could be granted in certain situations (if for instance, in one of the open forums, the organization was not the primary submitter but in a supporting role). The MAG would have the opportunity to comment on the final list once it was released.

5. A discussion ensued on the next steps for the evaluation groups, which have been constituted around the three themes – Data Governance, Digital Inclusion, and Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience – and will decide the final lists of workshops under those themes. The Secretariat informed that based on a preliminary schedule design, there would be 20 workshop slots per theme to fill, with two parallel rooms for each. Additional rooms in the IGF schedule would be set aside for other sessions. Members were reminded that the number of slots is not necessarily fixed, but that a restricted number would help achieve the MAG’s goals for a more focused programme. Sessions ‘topping’ and ‘tailing’ the thematic tracks of workshops had been factored into the initial schedule design, although the Chair noted these would need more discussion by the MAG in terms of how they will work. Members were further reminded, as described in the [Process Document](#), that their task now will be to look at the top 80% of proposals filling the slots (so top 16 proposals) in their theme, critically evaluate these for quality and coherence, and fill the remaining slots. One of the scoring metrics typically shared by the Secretariat is ‘standard deviation’, which can help assess whether there have been convergent or divergent views on a given proposal – with divergent views a possible indicator that the proposal is interesting or provocative in some way. On its part, the MAG Working Group on Workshops Process (WG-WSP) mentioned it had recently met to discuss evaluations and next steps; among some of its findings were that some proposals had indeed been too overlapping and may be guided to merge, and that certain subsets of proposals could be combined to craft compelling main sessions.

6. In discussing main sessions, members were advised that they should note any potential good topics for these as they emerge during the final workshop selection. Given that, this year, non-UN interpreters would be used, there will be more scheduling flexibility for the sessions (which would be otherwise bound by 3-hour timeframes) and that they would be kept at approximately 1.5 hour-durations. The German Host Country representative communicated that a session they were planning with international parliamentarians could possibly be slotted as one of the main sessions. In addition, the MAG facilitator for DCs explained that DCs, too, have discussed this possibility and are coalescing around an introductory or outreach session on their work. Noting that this could be an option for other intersessional activities, these may be programmable as types of newcomer sessions.

7. Finally, the Host Country informed it had incorporated the MAG’s suggestions from the Second Face-to-Face Meeting to devise the following overarching title for the 14th IGF: ‘One World, One Net, One Vision’. This would be included in invitations to Governments due to go out soon.

8. The next virtual meeting of the MAG is scheduled for Wednesday 29 May, 13.00 UTC, per the [calendar](#).

Annex I

MAG 2019 - Virtual Meeting IX Wednesday 15 May - 11.00 UTC

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome. (10min)
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat (10 min)
4. Initial results of IGF 2019 workshop evaluation (30 min)
5. IGF 2019 Overarching theme (15 min)
6. Main session discussion (30 min)
7. A.O.B (30min)

List of Participants

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Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	CARNet
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolf	Government of Germany
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	ISOC / Global Voices
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Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Microsoft
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