



**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XII, 17 July 2019 at 11:00 a.m. UTC**

Summary Report

About

1. The twelfth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the IGF 2019 preparatory cycle took place on 17 July 2019 at 11:00 a.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.
2. The main focus of the meeting were updates from the main session facilitators, working groups and planning the reporting mechanisms from the IGF 2019 sessions.

Summary of key points

3. The MAG Chair opened the meeting with a brief note that representatives of the Government of Germany, IGF Secretariat and MAG Chair herself, met in person last week in New York to discuss the IGF 2019 preparatory process. It was further informed that the IGF 2019 Host Country representative and MAG Chair have also met with representatives of the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General (EOSG) to discuss the IGF's feedback to the Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC). The Chair indicated she would provide an update on this under the agenda item focused on the main session on the frontier issues, summarized further below.
4. The IGF Secretariat provided an overview of the most recent updates regarding the preparatory process for the IGF 2019 annual meeting. These were:
 - a. The first version of the [IGF 2019 schedule](#) was published on 11 July and session organizers were given time until 16 July to identify any overlapping sessions and request rescheduling. It was informed that several requests were received, currently under review of the IGF Secretariat. The final version of the schedule will follow in a weeks' time.
 - b. IGF Village related [logistics](#) were published on the IGF website.
 - c. The Call to request the bilateral rooms during the 14th IGF was announced to be published shortly after this MAG meeting.
 - d. In regard to the [IGF 2019 Call for Travel Support](#), it was reported that the review of all applicants is subject to an advisory evaluation of the national and regional IGF initiatives (NRIs), followed by a final evaluation and decision by the IGF Secretariat, UN DESA and Host Country.

5. The Chair introduced the main agenda item focused on updates from the main session facilitators by reminding that the 14th IGF will feature nine main sessions. Upon several queries from the MAG members, this section started with updates regarding the high level opening sessions, legislative session and the session focused on the report of the UN High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC) now titled: Digital Cooperation and Internet Governance, previously referred to as the session on frontier technologies.
6. The MAG was informed that an update on the logistics and confirmed participants for the high-level panel and the day zero High Level Leaders session is expected to be announced during August. Current expectation is that the High Level Leaders session will be structured along several breakout groups associated with the three main themes of the IGF and one additional 'visionary' section possibly focused on the fragmentation of the Internet.
7. A number of participants asked if the invitation to the governments and specifically the parliamentarians were already communicated and if the MAG could be made aware who are the invitees. One member explained that the main reason for this is to get in touch with these individuals in their capacity as members of the MAG, but also as the NRIs facilitators to have them engaged in local NRI processes. The IGF Secretariat and Host Country team explained that the majority of letters to the ministers were sent through diplomatic channels, while the letters to the parliamentarians should be sent in the next days. MAG members were encouraged to communicate suggestions for inviting parliamentarians from their local countries to the IGF Secretariat for further communication to the Host Country. The Secretariat was asked to communicate further with the Host Country and inform if the MAG could view the list of parliamentarian invitees and suggest names.
8. The MAG Chair noted that written updates for all main sessions are available in the shared list of [input documents](#) (Annex III) and called main session facilitators to present verbal updates, summarized below:
 - a. **[Content Governance: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks](#)**

One of the three co-facilitators noted that the group has developed a short and long session description that outlines the session's focus on harmful content related to hate speech. It was further explained that the session will look at the institutional, policy, legal and human rights framework relevant for harmful speech and violent extremism on the Internet, as well as at responsibilities and responses from all stakeholders. The session will also specifically look at risks related to not just the existence of harmful content, but also in respect to the appropriate processes. It was informed that the group has developed a set of policy questions to guide the discussion, as well as the session agenda. The format currently aims at splitting the session into three main parts, where the introductory segment will introduce the topic and its relevance, while second and third parts will focus on rights and responsibilities and responses. In between these blocks, the floor will be open for inputs from the rest of participants.

It is planned for the session to be concluded with remarks on the future developments of this issue. Session speakers, moderators and rapporteurs are to be decided.

b. **Applying human rights and ethics in responsible data governance and Artificial Intelligence**

The session co-facilitator noted that the title of the session has been updated and agreed, as noted above. It was further said that the session description was updated and now refers to the data protection, transparency, accountability and human monitoring as the core focus. The group has agreed to have two co-moderators and a panel session format. Currently, the planning is focused on contacting subject experts in various organizations, such as the European Commission, to be engaged. Five policy questions were agreed to guide the discussion and have mainly emerged from the group's objective to understand existing best practices on the matter; responsibilities regarding data governance and technology design; ethical consideration and stakeholder cooperation on AI. The group will continue to discuss the profiles of speakers to be invited, as well as how to create synergies with the Best Practice Forum (BPF) on AI.

c. **Main Session on multidisciplinary policy frameworks**

The co-facilitator noted that the developed session description mostly refers to addressing challenges that affect policymaking approaches to include experts and participants not traditionally involved. The provisional agenda splits the session into two parts: introductory segment that will look at the multidisciplinary policymaking and its importance, and the second one dedicated to mechanisms that should be implemented. The group wishes to identify concrete examples of multidisciplinary innovative policymaking actions, which is in line with developed policy questions. Discussions on identifying speakers and moderators based on gathered database of existing initiatives, are underway. One of the ideas is to have the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild or someone else from the HLPDC to speak at the session about the digital cooperation or potentially moderate it. Beside this initiative, the group is considering to engage with the Japanese Government that hosted the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Trade and Digital Economy to speak from that position, as well as with the OECD. From the private sector the group is liaising with the International Chamber of Commerce. It was said that the civil society aspects could reflect on involving citizens in policymaking and in this regard the group is aware of the first global citizen debate hosted this year whose results potentially could feed into this session. Related to this note, the group is discussing way of engagement with the Stanford University Global Digital Policy Incubator (GDPI), Global Partners Digital and Research ICT Africa.

d. **Main Session on Digital Cooperation and Internet governance**

The Chair noted that this session was the subject of a discussion last week

at the United Nations in New York between the MAG Chair and Rudolf Gridle representing the German Government with the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General (EOSG). EOSG representatives expressed support to having an in-depth discussion on the HLPDC report during the 14th IGF in Berlin and expressed their strong desire for and support to the proposed consultation with the IGF community. Looking at the report's follow-up process from a broader perspective, the MAG Chair relayed the EOSG's comments that organizations that have a significant role on a particular subject area have already started reviewing the report and there will be calls for feedback to recommendations relevant to their substantive work focus. EOSG representatives also indicated they were following a light-weight distributed process and were glad to see the report was a stimulus for actions in the short-term. With respect to Internet governance and recommendation 5 of the Report, the EOSG representatives noted their interest to engage in in-depth discussions at the 14th IGF focused on concrete recommendations. In subsequent discussions between the MAG Chair, UNDESA, IGF Secretariat and the Government of Germany it was agreed that an online consultative process will be initiated to largely focus on recommendation 5 of the Report and the proposed model of digital architecture called the 'IGF Plus'. It is also possible to comment on the overall report as the IGF community is deeply engaged in many areas. The Chair noted that internal arrangements are underway and that the MAG will be informed as soon as these are finalized.

e. **NRI Main Session**

The IGF Secretariat's NRIs Focal Point provided update on behalf of the NRIs network. It was confirmed that the title indicated in the session proposal is still in its working form and will be finalized by September. The major update related to the format of the session, where the group decided to take a new approach compared to previous years and split the 2-hours long session into two segments. It was explained that the first segment will serve as an introduction to the topic with up to ten NRIs representatives bringing concrete case-study inputs. These NRIs will be regionally diversified and will come from: least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing states, transitional economies and developed countries. The second segment will follow with opening the floor to all other NRIs and present participants to deliver concrete cases of good or bad practices on the topic, within a defined time-framework. Given the complexity of the session and large number of co-organizers, it was explained that the IGF Secretariat will facilitate the process of gathering concrete case study inputs from the NRIs to consolidate them into a unique publication that will serve as an input to the main session. It was further updated that the group has suggested two co-moderators and one online moderator whose names will be discussed and endorsed on the next NRIs virtual meeting. This update concluded with brief note on the importance of online participation mechanisms and development of strategy to support remote

participant's engagement into the session. The IGF Secretariat encouraged members of the MAG to join the work of preparing this session.

f. **DCs Main Session**

The co-facilitator informed the MAG that the DC network agreed to focus the session on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The working title of the session is: Dynamic Coalitions – joint efforts to achieve the SDGs. It was further reported that all DCs will outline the connection of their work happening throughout the year with the SDGs through a written form template developed by the co-facilitators. The network is in a process of gathering inputs from DCs on the so far made achievements regarding the SDGs and plans toward 2025 and the MAG will be informed as soon as possible.

g. **Main Session on IoT and Cybersecurity**

It was reported that the group has developed several possible versions of titles, subject to group's endorsement. The preparatory process is underway and it was concluded that the group will send a written update to the MAG as soon as all details are agreed.

h. **Main Session on Digital Governance and Trade**

The facilitator informed the MAG that the group has developed several policy questions that will guide the overall discussion. It was said that for the speakers the group plans to invite the G20 chairs (Governments of France and Japan) to provide an overview of their work on this session's topic and prompt a multistakeholder discussion on the matter.

- i. For the **Main Session on the SDGs**, the IGF Secretariat reported that so far there has not been any activities on this session's mailing list and invited MAG members to advise if there is an interest to organize this session. A few MAG members noted the existing interest and committed to send a written update.

9. The MAG Chair decided to reserve the discussion on the Main Thematic Introductory & Wrap Up sessions, as well as on the session reporting mechanisms and updates from the working groups, for the next MAG virtual meeting, given the time constraints of this meeting.
10. As a brief input to the next MAG virtual meeting, the Chair invited the MAG to think about the **Introductory & Wrap Up main session** with a visionary approach and ensure that the content and aspects should not compete with other sessions. Specifically, for the Wrap Up session, the Chair asked the MAG to think about how this session could provide key messages from the IGF 2019 while looking at future areas of interest for the IGF 2020 and beyond.
11. The Working Group on Outreach and Engagement briefly took the floor to announce the Group's questionnaire for assessing current marketing and

communication strategy to be submitted to the IGF Secretariat.

12. The next virtual meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 31 July 2019 at 15:00 p.m. UTC, as scheduled in the [calendar](#) of all MAG meetings.

Next Steps

13. The IGF Secretariat will communicate the final version of the IGF 2019 schedule by the beginning of August 2019.
14. In line with the agreed [main session timetable](#), all main session facilitators should send finalized written session proposals by 26 July 2019 to be published at the IGF website and included in the IGF 2019 schedule.
15. Process for preparing the session on Digital Cooperation and Internet governance to be communicated to the MAG by the IGF Secretariat/UNDESA/MAG Chair.
16. The IGF Secretariat and the Host Country to inform the MAG about the process for inviting the parliamentarians.
17. MAG Chair/IGF Secretariat to communicate an outline of work plan proposal for preparing the Introductory and the Wrap Up thematic sessions, taking into account the proposal developed by several MAG members (Annex III).

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XII

17 July 2019, 11:00 a.m. UTC

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat. (5 min)
4. Main session discussion: (30 min)
 - a. Reports from main session teams (presentation of completed templates/
Policy questions)
5. Discussion on thematic/introductory sessions & reporting mechanisms (30 min)
6. Discussion on Ad-hoc Working Group on reporting (30 min)
7. Updates from Working Groups (15 min)
8. 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.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society, DR Congo
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Ms.	Ofianga Rontal	Mary Rose	Private Sector, Philippines
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
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Edoh	Afi	Technical Community, Togo
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Perez	Ricardo	Government, Argentina
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government, Nepal
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Alhashimi	Hana	Government, United Arab Emirates
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Lo	Mamadou	Private Sector, Senegal
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	McCabe	Karen	Technical Community, USA
Mr.	Ilishebo	Michael	Government, Zambia
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community, Vanuatu
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, The Gambia
Ms.	Dahmani	Wafa	Government, Tunisia
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Civil Society, Brazil
Ms.	Canales Loebel	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Ms.	Harisanti	Juliana	Civil Society, Indonesia
Mr.	Mochizuki	Kenta	Private Sector, Japan
IGF 2019 Host Country			
Mr.	Neujahr	Bern	Government, Germany
Former IGF Host Country Participants			
Mr.	Abdoullyazed	Hisham	Government, Egypt
Ms.	Arida	Christine	Government, Egypt
Other Participants			
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Technical Community, Brazil
Mr.	Santos	Vinicius	Technical Community, Brazil
Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	Private Sector, USA

Mr.	Kummer	Markus	Switzerland
Mr.	Li	Yijinh	N/A
Mr.	Rolla	Hassan	N/A
UN DESA			
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
Mr.	Wei	Xiang	Intern
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Best Practice Forums Editor

Annex III

List of Input Documents:

IGF 2019 Main Sessions

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

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**

IGF 2019 Session Reporting

- **Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure**

Other

- **IGF 2019 Village Logistics**