

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)  
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)  
Virtual Meeting VI, 14 April 2020 at 20:00 UTC**

**Summary Report**

***Major Outcomes:***

- *In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the IGF Secretariat confirmed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Consultations and MAG Meeting will be hosted as an online meeting. The planning for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting in Katowice continues with constant monitoring of the situation by the Host Country, UN DESA and the IGF Secretariat.*
- *For the evaluation of the workshop proposals, the MAG members will be randomly assigned to a thematic track and a set of workshops falling under the assigned track.*

1. The sixth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 14 April 2020 at 20:00 p.m. UTC. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The Host Country was represented by Mr. Przemysław Typiak from the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs. 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 meeting focused on the evaluation process of received workshop proposals, as well as on updates regarding the preparations for the IGF 2020 in Poland.
3. The IGF Secretariat informed the MAG about the current number of received session proposals: 10 for open forums; 14 for day-0 events; 3 workshops; 44 booth requests and 157 travel requests. Based on the previous years' experience, it is expected that the final number of proposals will be submitted within 72 hours before the deadline on 22 April. MAG members were encouraged to invite their respected communities to host remote hubs for their networks. The Secretariat also updated on the outreach webinar hosted on 6 April, noting its good attendance of over 280 stakeholders with some very prominent participants. Overall, the interest expressed through participation, questions and suggestions proved to be high.
4. The Secretariat further announced a monthly IGF newsletter to be disseminated soon; as well as a new initiative launched on asking a community's help in translating key output documents to six UN languages.
5. The discussion continued with a work through the online workshop evaluation system. The working group on the workshop process explained that the MAG members will be randomly assigned a portion of workshops from one thematic track, to be able to compare the proposals on a similar subject. Further, MAG

members exchanged personal experiences on how they evaluate the workshop proposals. Advice ranged from using the offline spreadsheet to record initial thoughts before moving it to the online evaluation system to using the private comment feature in the system. Many emphasized the importance of adding neutral comments to the evaluation system explaining the scoring.

6. The MAG agreed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> MAG meeting should be hosted online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The discussion further developed around the possible approach to online hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Consultations and MAG meeting, initially scheduled as a face-to-face meeting. The Secretariat introduced the topic by suggesting that the meeting could extend over more than three days, with shorter hours and pre-recorded introductory remarks. In addition, it was added that the MAG breakout groups could use the Zoom's feature on breakout rooms. Several MAG members strongly supported shorter times over days, in the hours most convenient globally. A few members particularly suggested that the 2<sup>nd</sup> MAG meeting agenda also focuses on the main session process, following the good practice from the last year. It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will prepare a design of a possible agenda to be discussed in the next MAG meeting.
7. Questions were raised about the risks the current pandemic may have on hosting of the 15<sup>th</sup> IGF meeting. From the IGF Secretariat and UNDESA, it was said that the Host Government, UNDESA and IGF Secretariat are carefully monitoring the situation and that any changes will be immediately communicated. However, for the time being, there are no changes to hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting in Katowice.
8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 28 April at 11:00 UTC.

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## Annex I

### Meeting Agenda

#### IGF MAG Virtual Meeting VI: 14 April 2020 at 20:00 p.m. UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
  - a. Update on Session proposals received
  - b. Any other pertinent news
3. Walk through of the online Workshop Evaluation System
4. Discussion on timings of the June Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
5. A.O.B

## Annex II

### List of Participants\*

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
<b>MAG Chair</b>			
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society, South Africa
<b>MAG Members</b>			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Togo
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Brazil, Civil Society
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society, Bolivia
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community, Australia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Zhaoyu	Jl	Government, China
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
<b>Other Participants</b>			
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	USA
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Belgium
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	Switzerland, EBU
Ms.	Z. (did not identify)	Desiree	Did not identify
Mr.	Lopez-Barajas	Gonzalo	Telefonica
Ms	Tallarico	Rebecca	Did not identify
<b>IGF 2020 Host Country</b>			
Mr.	Przemysław	Typiak	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland, Minister's

			Counsel
<b>UN DESA</b>			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer
<b>IGF Secretariat</b>			
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

*\*Apologies received from: Mary Rose Ofianga*

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### Annex III

#### List of input documents:

- [Call for workshops timeline](#)