

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XII**

7 July 2020 at 11:00 UTC

Summary Report

Summary of Open Action Items:

New:

- The **MAG Chair** to share details of her participation at the UN High-Level Political Forum on the MAG mailing list. will be retained by the government of Poland and used for IGF 2021 instead.
- **UN DESA** to investigate plans for the UN 75th Anniversary to see if any of the celebrations related to Internet issues, or commitments of the UN Secretary-General during the celebrations might conflict with the planned dates of IGF and report back to the MAG.
- **MAG members** encouraged to comment on the Chair's draft document on ideas for the virtual IGF 2020.
- **MAG members** to begin brainstorming potential themes for the virtual IGF 2020.
- The **Secretariat** to develop a concept for a two-phase virtual IGF 2020 based on the Chair's discussion document and the MAG's discussion and to send it to the MAG before the next virtual MAG meeting on **21 July**.

Ongoing/underway:

- The **Secretariat** has contacted session organisers regarding the online nature of this year's IGF and requesting that organisers confirm their interest in holding their sessions in an all-online environment. To date, the response rate from organisers confirming their interest in holding their session has been fairly poor, but of those who have responded, nobody has explicitly rejected a slot. The Secretariat will contact those who haven't responded and give them a deadline of a week to respond. After that, it will be assumed that non-responding session organisers no longer wish to go ahead with their session.
- A number of **MAG members** have contacted the Secretariat to volunteer develop the agenda for the IGF session during the WSIS Forum 2020 on **August 3**. The **Secretariat** will send an email to begin the discussions with the MAG shortly.
- The **MAG Working Group on Workshop Process** has been updating its draft guidance document following feedback from the wider MAG and will send the final version through to the Secretariat by the end of the week.

1. The twelfth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 7 July 2020 at 11:00 UTC.

- Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG.

- Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.
- The Host Organization was represented by Mr Deniz Susar of UN DESA.

The following are attached as annexes to this report:

- Adopted agenda
- List of participants
- List of shared input documents

The meeting's transcript is available on the website at

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-mag-virtual-meeting-xii>

2. The meeting was a continuation of the previous week's discussion during the MAG's eleventh virtual meeting on the possible program design options for the virtual IGF 2020
3. Update on previous action items:

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4. The Secretariat provided details of the session organisers who had so far responded to a request from the Secretariat to confirm they were still interested in holding their session in an all-online environment:

- 5 Dynamic Coalitions of the total 16 who requested a slot have confirmed they want a virtual slot.
- 74 of the 89 provisionally accepted workshops want to go ahead.

- 17 have said they are willing to reduce their workshop time from 90 to 60 minutes.
 - 19 of 31 Open Forums have confirmed they want to continue.
 - 28 of 45 Day Zero events have confirmed they still want to hold their session.
5. The Secretariat reported that interpretation services to be provided by the Government of Poland would take place in four-hour blocks, so scheduling for sessions to be interpreted would need to keep this in mind.
 6. The Chair reported that July would be a busy month for Internet governance stakeholders, with a number of National and Regional IGFs being held. She also stated that she would be speaking at the High-Level Political Forum the following week, and would share more details on that via the MAG mailing list.
 7. The Chair provided an overview of the document she had shared, on her proposed approach to the virtual IGF 2020, which included some Chair's proposals, as well as four areas for discussion by the MAG.

- *Roles and responsibilities of the MAG, Secretariat and UN DESA for different parts of the IGF planning process*

There was general consensus amongst the MAG for the roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Chair's document.

- *Phases of the virtual IGF*

There was general consensus amongst the MAG for a two-phased approach to the virtual IGF:

- Phase 1: Pre-events that will be scheduled over no longer than a four-week period.
- Phase 2: The main IGF event, possibly to be rescheduled to later in November, based on the Secretariat's investigations into other events happening in November that could draw IGF participants away. This includes any Internet-related activities related to the UN 75th anniversary celebrations. There was no consensus amongst the MAG on whether the main event should be one or two weeks.

- *The possibility of putting out a call for proposals for external advice and support on design of a virtual IGF2020*

There was general consensus amongst the MAG to pursue this, pending financial and UN process implications.

- *Identifying a main theme for the virtual IGF 2020*

MAG members were divided on whether there is a need for a main theme for this year's IGF, to replace Poland's original "Internet United" theme for IGF 2020, which will now be used for IGF 2021.

The Chair encouraged MAG members to comment online on her draft document on ideas for the virtual IGF 2020 over the next few days.

8. Other issues raised by MAG members included:

- *Accessibility options*

The Secretariat reported that all main sessions would have live captioning. The current choice of Zoom for IGF is based on the fact that it is currently the most accessibility friendly of online platforms, but that if the Secretariat became aware of a more accessible platform, it reserved the right to switch to that platform. The Secretariat said it had not planned to include international signing for the meeting, but was willing to review the special needs specified by participants in the registration form for the meeting, and cater to meet those needs where possible.

- *Sessions conducted in languages other than English*

There was discussion about encouraging session organisers to use the pre-events phase of virtual IGF 2020 to hold sessions in languages other than English, to permit regional and common language groups to work in their first languages, and then feed the outputs of those sessions into phase two, the main IGF event, where English will be the main working language.

9. The Secretariat agreed to develop a concept for a two-phase virtual IGF 2020 based on the Chair's discussion document and the MAG's discussion and to send it to the MAG before the next virtual MAG meeting on **21 July**.

10. There was discussion on the time plan for the virtual IGF 2020 program. The Chair proposed a 24-hour program, to enable session organisers to take advantage of times that best suited them. The details of how such a 24-hour program would look, however, are yet to be determined. The Chair noted that there seemed to be consensus amongst the MAG that there be a core set of main sessions that would be conducted at similar times across the days of the program.

11. There were brief updates from the MAG Working Groups on Outreach and Engagement and on IGF Strengthening and Strategy. There was agreement that the two working groups should work closely together.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting IX: 7 July 2020 at 11:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Checking on action items from the previous meeting.
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
 - a. results from the session organizers (hosting online)
 - b. general updates.
4. Proposed approach to virtual IGF2020
5. Update from the WG on WSP on criteria for online workshops
6. A.O.B

Annex II

List of Participants*

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group	Country
MAG Chair				
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society	South Africa
MAG Members				
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Civil Society	Brazil
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government	United Arab Emirates
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community	Australia
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community	Vanuatu
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government	Italy
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community	France
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government	Canada
Mr.	Chukov	Roman	Government	Russia
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector	Hong Kong S.A.R., China
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society	Germany
Mr.	Espinosa	Amado	Private Sector	Mexico
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society	Sri Lanka
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society	Armenia
Ms.	Glavor	Nataša	Government	Croatia
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolf	Government	Germany
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society	Indonesia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community	Serbia
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government	Nepal
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community	Bulgaria
Ms.	Muñoz Zumbado	Maricela	Government	Costa Rica
Mr.	Ndoumba	Eric Armel	Government	Congo
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector	Barbados
Ms.	Rontal	Mary Rose Ofianga	Private Sector	Philippines

Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector	Namibia
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government	Estonia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector	Romania
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community	Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector	UK/USA
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society	Bolivia
Other Participants				
Ms.	Bommelaer de Leusse	Constance	Internet Society	France
Mr.	Cade	Marilyn		USA
Ms.	Faith	Afia		Tunisia
Mr.	Komaitis	Konstantinos	Internet Society	Switzerland
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	IGFSA	Switzerland
Mr.	Mike	Nelson		USA
Ms.	Podgórska Buompane	Anna	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland/IGF 2021 Host Country	Poland
Mr.	Potocka	Elżbieta	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland/IGF 2021 Host Country	Poland
Mr.	Seturi	Ucha		Georgia
Mr.	Typiak	Przemyslaw		Poland
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	CGI.br	Brazil
United Nations - IGF 2020 Host				
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	UN DESA	
IGF Secretariat				
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer	
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Consultant	
Ms.	Dickinson	Samantha	Consultant	
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point	
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow	
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager	
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Consultant	

* Apologies received from: Susan Chalmers

Annex III

List of input documents:

- [IGF 2020 Virtual Meeting Ideas](#)



- [Possible design for the IGF 2020 meeting \(1-week and 2-week duration\)](#)
- [Proposed approach to virtual IGF2020 - Presented by MAG chair, 6 July 2020](#)