

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

**30 June 2020 at 20:00 UTC**

**Summary Report**

***Major Outcomes:***

- *MAG members to discuss possible overarching themes for IGF 2020 on the mailing list, to replace “Internet United”, which will be retained by the Government of Poland and used for IGF 2021 instead.*
- *MAG members encouraged to volunteer to develop the outline of the IGF session to be held as part of the WSIS Forum 2020 on **3 August**.*
- *MAG members to provide input on the draft guidance for virtual sessions developed by the Working Group on Workshop Process by the end of **3 July**. Following this, the Working Group will send the final guidance document to the Secretariat on **6 July** for inclusion in communications with session organisers.*

1. The eleventh virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 30 June 2020 at 20:00 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 Wai Min Kwok, 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-xi>

2. The meeting focused on the possible program design options for the virtual IGF 2020 as well as planned communications with workshop organisers regarding changes that may need to be made to workshops in an all-virtual environment.

3. Update on previous action items:

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- Completed*
- Secretariat sent out a call for MAG volunteers to join groups to organise main sessions and introduction and concluding sessions sent out. MAG members who still want to be added
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to a group requested to contact Luis Bobo of the IGF Secretariat.

- The Secretariat has developed scenarios for the virtual meeting, in consultation with MAG Chair, and is to present them in the current virtual MAG meeting.

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*Underway*

- The Secretariat has developed an online form to send to session organisers to complete regarding how the organizers plan to adjust their sessions for the completely online format. The Secretariat is waiting on the outcomes of this current call to be able to give organisers more information about the virtual format that IGF 2020 will take.

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4. The Chair noted that in addition to the action items, there was the unresolved issue from the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting and subsequent MAG mailing list discussions regarding whether the MAG would send a letter to the UN Secretary-General requesting clarification on the role of the MAG following the implementation of his Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. The Chair suggested waiting until the report by the co-champions of Recommendation 5A/B, which includes the IGF plus model, is published, then revisiting whether there is still a need to send clarifying questions to the UN Secretary-General.
  5. The Chair reported she had followed up with the Internet Society following discussion at the Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting and subsequent MAG mailing list posts regarding their proposal for a main session on Internet frameworks. The Internet Society agreed to pursue their session idea outside the formal IGF program.
  6. The Secretariat confirmed that the Parliamentarians track was still included in the possible scenarios for IGF 2020.
  7. The Secretariat provided an update on their recent activities:
    - The latest edition of the IGF newsletter was published on Monday and will be published monthly.
    - The call for nominations for the IGF 2021 MAG nominations has been published and the Secretariat is in the process of contacting key coordinators amongst the various stakeholder groups about it. The deadline for nominations is **25 August**.
    - The Government of Poland has given the Secretariat permission to use the logo they had designed for this year's IGF, as long as "Internet United" is removed. Sylvia Cadena, a MAG member, has offered to amend the logo for the Secretariat.
    - The Government of Poland has indicated it would like to retain the theme "Internet United" for IGF 2021, but is open to IGF 2020 using a related theme, such as "Towards Internet United", if so desired. The Secretariat indicated that there could be further discussion on the theme for this year's IGF held on the MAG list, following the current virtual meeting.

- The Secretariat’s request for a workshop slot at the WSIS Forum 2020 was accepted, and has been scheduled for **3 August**. The Secretariat requested volunteers from the MAG to assist with developing the outline for the session.
  - The Secretariat has been in contact with organizers of other virtual events to get ideas about how to host the virtual IGF 2020.
8. The Chair reported that she had been contacted with an offer of help for the virtual meeting and suggested that the Secretariat and MAG needed to consider how to respond to such offers of support in a way that was systematic and consistent for all.
  9. The MAG Working Group on Workshop Process reported on discussions during its virtual meeting on 25 June regarding what to send to the provisionally accepted workshop organizers regarding how to hold a fully virtual workshop. The Working Group has developed draft guidance. MAG members have until 3 July to provide feedback on the draft. At the end of Monday, 6 July, the WG will provide the final version of the guidance to the Secretariat to include in its communications with session organisers.
  10. The Secretariat presented potential scenarios for the virtual IGF 2020, noting that the Secretariat was seeking high-level advice from the MAG on the length and design of the program. Based on the MAG’s previous discussions on the virtual program on the MAG mailing list and during the Second Open Consultations and MAG meeting in June, as well as the Secretariat’s informal consultations with other entities who have held, or are going to hold, fully online events, the following broad areas of possible options were presented to the MAG for its consideration:

Event duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five days</li> <li>• Two weeks</li> <li>• Longer</li> </ul>
Session duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 minutes</li> <li>• 90 minutes</li> </ul>
Start times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Central” UTC time to cater for as many people as possible</li> <li>• 24-hour schedule to “follow the sun”</li> <li>• Mixed time zones</li> <li>• Providing workshop organizers to choose from a range of time slots that best suit them</li> </ul>
Parallel tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many tracks should be held in parallel (proposed program has maximum of five parallel tracks)?</li> <li>• Which sessions should not be held in parallel at all (e.g. main sessions)?</li> </ul>

11. The Secretariat reported that in terms of planning for the High-Level Track, which, because there is no longer a country host for IGF 2020, is now the responsibility of the Secretariat and UN DESA, the current thought is to focus each high-level session

around a particular geographic region, so each high-level session can be scheduled at a time that most suits the region who is in the spotlight for that session. As host of virtual IGF 2020, the Under-Secretary-General of UN DESA would send out invitations for speakers in the high-level sessions. Potential topics being discussed, subject to change would develop around the main theme focused on Internet governance in the age of uncertainty or in emergency situations, possibly narrowing down the discussions to the COVID-19 pandemic. The five high-level dialogues would follow regional approach in terms of engaging facilitators and time zones focus. A possible focus of dialogues in the context of the above-mentioned main theme, could be:

- *Health implications.* Focus region: Asia-Pacific. Time zone: UN ESCAP/Bangkok.
- *Economic implications.* Focus region: Africa. Time zone: UN ECA/Addis Ababa.
- *Security.* Focus region: Europe. Time zone: UNOG/Geneva.
- *Social development.* Focus region: Latin America and the Caribbean. Time zone: UN ECLAC/Santiago.
- *Final wrap-up by the UN Secretary-General.* Focus region: Americas. Time zone: UNHQ/New York.
- *Parliamentary Round Table.* Placed at the end of the program, so parliamentarians can discuss the outcomes of previous sessions.

12. There was discussion amongst the MAG about the possible program options:

- The Chair suggested that given “Zoom fatigue”, it would be important to insert short breaks between sessions.
- The Chair asked MAG members to consider whether there would also pre-sessions and post-sessions bookending either side of the main IGF program.
- A number of MAG members expressed support for maintain 90-minute sessions, noting that online sessions tended to go very quickly compared to physical sessions, and that workshop proposals had been organized around the ability to run for a maximum of 90 minutes. Others, however, thought that 60 minutes might be appropriate for many sessions, given the ability to quickly show a “+1” comment in virtual chat in a way that replaced people’s desire to take the microphone and verbally express support during a physical meeting.
- There was a suggestion that there might not need to be an Open Microphone session at this year’s IGF. Instead, other online tools, such as Twitter and virtual post-it notes, could be used to express and collate comments.
- There was a concern expressed that having five parallel tracks would mean that inevitably there would be more than one session on the same thematic track happening simultaneously, making it difficult for people with an interest in that thematic track to follow all relevant sessions.
- The Chair noted that it was important to frame the virtual IGF in a way that enabled coherent outcomes to emerge from the discussions at the forum.
- The Chair observed that MAG members were clear that a virtual IGF could not just be a replica of the physical meeting, but needed to be designed for a virtual environment, where participants would be joining from many time zones.

- The Chair reported that she had discussed with the Secretariat the possibility of having the 47 Day Zero events and 16 Dynamic Coalition sessions hold their sessions before the main IGF program, and feeding the outcomes of their sessions into the relevant parts of the IGF program. There was also a suggestion to include Open Forums in this group of pre-sessions.
- The Chair noted another option for the High-Level Track was to hold them before the main IGF program, with a final concluding high-level session during the main program to bring together the outcomes of the different regionally-focused high-level sessions.

13. MAG members agreed to move forward their next virtual meeting to the following week, instead of two weeks, to help reach consensus on the way forward for the virtual IGF 2020 program.

## Annex I

### Meeting Agenda

#### IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XI: 30 June 2020 at 20:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Checking on action items from the previous meeting
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
4. Update from the WG on WSP on criteria for online workshops
5. Discussion on the DESIGN, programme and schedule of the vIGF2020
  - a. Summary of discussion in the MAG list
  - b. Overall duration
  - c. Parallel tracks
  - d. Start and end times (daily and also time slots)
6. 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>				
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Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community	Vanuatu
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community	Colombia
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society	Chile

Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government	Italy
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community	France
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society	Zimbabwe
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government	USA
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.	Ji	Zhaoyu	Government	China
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government	Nepal
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Civil Society	Australia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community	Bulgaria
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector	Barbados
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector	Namibia
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government	Estonia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector	Romania
Mr.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society	DR Congo
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community	Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector	UK/USA
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society	Bolivia
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Ms.	Faith	Afia		Tunisia
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Mr.	Hickson	Nigel		UK
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Mr.	Prendergast	Jim	Galway Strategy Group	USA
Mr.	Seturi	Ucha		Georgia
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### **Annex III**

List of input documents:

- [IGF 2020 Virtual Meeting Ideas](#)
- [Possible design for the IGF 2020 meeting \(1-week and 2-week duration\)](#)