

WG-WREP Virtual Meeting

May 28, 2018

- **Grouping MAG members for workshop evaluations:**

Those on the call agreed that the best strategy would be to assign a group of MAG members for each theme. Each group would be comprised of four experts on the theme, the rest would be non-experts (have not specified the theme to be their priority). Diversity of gender, stakeholder group, etc. would be maintained among both the experts and the non-experts. This would get us the best of both worlds, avoiding bias, while at the same time ensuring adequate knowledge of the topic proposed. The Secretariat has confirmed that this is doable of them.

- **Program structuring:**

The program would be structured thematically, guided by the number of overall proposals per theme as well as the results of the call for issues. We will choose the higher-rated proposals in every theme, while setting a minimum number of sessions per theme (possibly to be advocated during phase 3 of the evaluations) and a minimum standard of quality for the sessions advocated (possibly a score of 4.0 or 3.75). The percentage of accepted workshops by theme will be determined based on the total number of proposal submissions, as well as the number of sessions the IGF can accommodate in this year's venue.

- **Mergers:**

MAG members will be asked to note or flag possible mergers as they evaluate workshops. It should be easier this time because the same group of MAG members will be evaluating workshops within a particular theme.

- **Speakers limit:**

The Secretariat said it would be possible for them to spot speakers with more than three sessions listed, and to contact them in this regards. It was suggested that sessions with more than five speakers may be conditionally or provisionally accepted until the organizers resolve the final number of confirmed speakers.