

IGF 2017

MAG WG – Multi year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)

The fourth meeting of the MAG WG-Multi year Strategic Work Programme was held on Nov. 13th, 2017.

The meeting summary below is organized according to the agreed agenda (Annex I).

1. Intro/Logistics/Admin

List of Participants can be found in Annex II, and participants agreed to the meeting being recorded. The recording can be found [here](#).

2 - Review submissions on the 'Drafting team charter for advancing IGF outputs'

Purpose: agreement on whether to charter this work within the WG

After some discussion on scope of this drafting team effort and whether this effort is the correct priority for the IGF overall, it was agreed that given the importance of advancing IGF outputs and the interest by several team members to support this effort, that it would go forward (while noting that one member group had concerns). The drafting team will send the results of their “options paper” to the full WG for further consideration.

As part of this discussion an update was given on efforts to secure host country commitments and funding. Regarding host country commitments, it was noted that 2018 remains difficult but that there was interest from several countries. And, importantly that a host had been secured for 2019 and there was strong, viable interest from several countries for both 2020 and 2021. With respect to funding efforts, an update was also given. It was noted that efforts to date had focused on ensuring current or past due commitments were in fact received. It was also noted that a European government had pledged a significant increase and committed to a multi-year (5) donation. The discussion also identified a chicken-and-egg situation where it was felt that improvements to the WS selection process and identifying several multi-year topics would be central to pulling in new donors, yet doing so is somewhat hampered by lack of resources.

3 - Review IGF Programme Component Document for next steps (in support of building a multi-year strategic work plan).

Previous WG discussions had noted that while there are different management processes across IGF activities, all components are candidates for possible evolution/improvements. Hence, the recommendation was for this WG to reach out to the leaders of the IGF Intersessional activities (BPFs, DCs, CENB) for suggestions on topics for strategic multiyear programs, or other areas of possible evolution.

There was also discussion on an open community poll to help identify topics for multiyear programs, or again other areas of possible evolution. A WG member offered to have “poll experts” from his (UN) organization produce a draft poll for WG review. This offer was accepted.

It was also agreed that the WG Chair would talk to the NRI Focal Point on how best to develop a plan for increased engagement and collaboration with the NRIs

4 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items

Follow up on open items from above.

There was also a discussion on how best to have the work of the WGs continue between MAGs, until the point where MAG appointments overlap or intersect more timely.

Next meetings per Doodle poll:

- Nov. 29th, 2017 1400 - 1500 UTC
- Dec. 11th, 2017 1100 - 1200 UTC

5. AOB

No items discussed

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ANNEXI - AGENDA

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

2 - Review recent submissions on the 'Drafting team charter for advancing IGF outputs'

Purpose: agreement on whether to charter this work within the WG

3 - Review IGF Programme Component Document for next steps. Some possible next steps (per my mail of November 9th)

a) propose the WG focus on recommendations to the incoming MAG for multi-year topics for BPFs, DCs and CENB, as well as any areas noted for improvement. This should be done with the current leaders/members of those efforts. It could be supplemented with a poll as suggested on an earlier call and both given to the incoming MAG as input

b) work with NRI Focal Point to develop a plan for increased engagement with the NRIs to increase collaboration

4 - Discuss next steps/future agenda items

5 - AOB

ANNEXII – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR: Lynn St.Amour

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