**IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XII**
**26 September 2017**


**Summary Report**

1.      The twelfth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 26 September. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) covered ongoing IGF intersessional work, updates from MAG working group and main session facilitators, collaborative sessions by IGF National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs) in the annual meeting schedule, as well as a number of updates from the Secretariat on miscellaneous issues.

2.      The meeting began with a briefing from Chengetai on the progress of annual meeting planning. The MAG was informed that the schedule had been released publicly and sent out to all session organizers. An online interactive version of the schedule (using a platform called 'Sched') will be made available as soon as possible, with session organizers retaining editing privileges and the ability to update their session descriptions continuously, as needed. The platform also allows meeting participants to indicate which sessions they are interested in. Chengetai further informed that viable spaces had already been identified for 'lightning sessions' (part of the package of new session formats in 2017) and were pending confirmation from the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG)'s Conference Services. On registrations, it was noted more than 400 participants had made applications in the system, as well as nearly 150 for online participation; Chengetai issued another reminder to members to do outreach in their networks regarding remote hubs, for which registrations remain somewhat low. In response to multiple questions regarding invitation letters for the meeting, it was underscored that the confirmation of registration, as in previous IGFs, would be the de facto invitation for participants and the document used to obtain visas. Concise information on Swiss visa procedures have also been made available on the IGF 2017 Host Country website: https://igf2017.swiss/Finally, a tentative list of the evening receptions to be held on IGF meeting days, by organizations such as ICANN, ICC-BASIS and ISOC, was also provided.

3.      Unrelated to the annual meeting, Chengetai announced that the Secretariat would be initiating the nomination process for the 2018 MAG far earlier than usual this year, so as to make the transition between the two MAG cycles seamless and avoid an inter-year gap. The target will be to have all new members appointed before the annual meeting and therefore, the public call for candidates will be launched as soon as possible, within early October.

4.      MAG members facilitating intersessional activities made brief interventions on the status of their work leading into the annual meeting. Raquel Gatto spoke on behalf of the Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Local Content, which had held early discussions around a proposed substantive framework. She mentioned that the group was hopeful

that once a Secretariat consultant was assigned to them, they would be able to launch the work in earnest and produce an outcome before the meeting. Raquel also gave an update on the 'Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s)' (CENB) Phase III work, which is proceeding well, with a first very preliminary draft expected by the end of the week. The draft will be open to public comments, on the basis of which a revised paper will be produced.

5.      Updates were also given by MAG facilitators on the organization of main sessions. Regarding the main session on Gender, Raquel mentioned she and co-facilitator Jac SM Kee were finalizing the list of speakers to invite. Avri Doria, speaking for IGF Dynamic Coalitions' (DCs) joint effort to organize a session, related that their session was advancing as planned and that individual DCs were in the process of producing background papers by an end-of-September deadline; she mentioned moreover, that the submission of papers would act as a determinant of which coalitions would be making interventions in the session. Ginger Paque, one of the facilitators of the session on 'Local Interventions, Global Impacts: How Can International, Multistakeholder Cooperation Address Internet Shutdowns, Encryption and Data Flows', said invitations for speakers would go out shortly, with suggestions for further speakers from the MAG still welcome. Segun Olugbile, co-facilitator of the Cybersecurity session, also shared that the invitation of speakers was at an advanced stage and that the first round of responses and inputs was being reviewed.

6.      Next, the Secretariat's NRIs focal point, Anja Gengo, briefed on the NRIs' thematic collaborative sessions. Following similar criteria as regular IGF workshops, the organizing groups have strived to be as regionally, gender and stakeholder diverse as possible. A total of eight session proposals have been received on different themes complementing the IGF programme's own established themes. A detailed presentation, which also included general updates on the NRIs community, was made available to the MAG.

7.      The MAG also heard from facilitators of dedicated MAG working groups. Segun Olugbile, representing the Working Group on Communications and Outreach (WGCO), informed that members were working on finalizing a simplified guide for IGF participants, in particular first-timers, and that the document was intended to be shared through the IGF's and MAG members' networks; he requested MAG colleagues to provide as much input as possible to improve the current working draft (**ANNEX II**). Speaking for the Working Group on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP), Avri shared that the group had held its third meeting, finalized its facilitation team, and was beginning to review progress on existing recommendations to improve the IGF. The MAG Chair also intervened on behalf of the Working Group on elaborating an IGF Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP), which held its first meeting earlier in the month. Most of the discussion had centred around IGF resources and division of responsibilities for the annual and intersessional programme. The Chair called for extended participation in the group, in particular by intersessional community members whose inputs would be important moving forward.

8.      Finally, the Secretariat informed that it is launching its effort to make the IGF website truly multilingual, with the site's static content available in all UN official

languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). As part of this effort, it will begin making calls within the IGF community for translation volunteers.

9.      It was agreed the next meeting would include any pending updates from intersessional groups as well as MAG Working Groups, and that working group updates would be regularly given in virtual meetings. The next virtual meeting is set to take place on **Tuesday 10 October at 12.00 UTC**, as indicated in the calendar.

# Annex I – Draft Agenda

**IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XII**
**26 September 2017, 12:00-13:30 UTC**

**1. Adoption of agenda** *(5 minutes)*

**2. General updates by the Secretariat** *(10 minutes)*

**3. Updates on intersessional work** *(20 minutes)*

**4. Continued main session updates** *(10 minutes)*

**5. NRI Collaborative Sessions** *(10 minutes)*

**6. Working Group Updates** *(25 minutes)*

**7. AOB** *(10 minutes) - Updates on IGF Website*

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