Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting VII, 28 April 2020 at 11:00 UTC

Summary Report

> ***Action Items:***
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> - *The MAG Working Group on Workshop Evaluation Process will advise on the procedures for deciding if a workshop prospal is submitted inder an irrelevant thematic truc, thus should be moved. Further, the MAG workshop evaluaton groups will reach consenss by the end of the week on exceptionally moving proposals to relevant thematic tracks.*
> - *The MAG Chair will communicate a check-list on the workshop evaluation pricess to the MAG.*
> - *IGF Secretariat to communicate indicate the thematic tracks for the proposals in the 'mixed' evaluation group.*

1. The seventh virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 28 April 2020 at 11:00 a.m. UTC. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The Host Country was represented by Ms. Przemysław Typiak from the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs. The adopted agenda is attached to this report as Annex I and the list of participants as Annex II. The list of shared input documents is attached as Annex III. The meeting's transcript is available [here](#).

2. The meeting focused on the workshop evaluation process, logistics of the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG meeting, as well as on updates from the intersessional workstreams and preparations for the IGF 2020 in Poland.

3. The IGF Secretariat shared an update regarding the UK Government's grant of 250,000 GBP to support redesign and redevelopment of the IGF website. It was said that the administrative processing is underway that the community will have an opportunity to provide input advice on the new website design and functionality. The Secretariat further thanked the community for translating the IGF 2019 Chair's Summary into six official UN languages. These documents will be shared with the MAG shortly after the call and posted on the IGF website. Regarding the call for workshop proposals that closed on 22 April, it was confirmed that out of 367 entries created in the system, 237 were submitted. Visual statistical analyses of received workshops were presented (Annex III).

4. On the question of the expected number of workshops to be accommodated at the 15th IGF, the Secretariat responded that it depends on the overall duration of accepted workshops. While the MAG should focus primarily on the quality and neutral evaluation of all proposals, for the orientation-sakes, it could be that a similar number of workshops as last year will be accommodated with the main

goal to have a concise and inclusive schedule.

5. From the UN DESA, it was reminded on the recently sent [letter](#) to the MAG from the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs reflecting the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the work of the UN and the MAG; the importance the Internet has in combating the effects of the pandemic on our societies; as well as on emerged issues in Internet governance due to COVID-19. In light of this, the USG noted the important role of the MAG and IGF 2020 programme in addressing the important role of the Internet during times of crisis.

6. The MAG Chair underlined the importance of the IGF responding to the pandemic and suggested that the MAG could host a series of webinars on the impact of the pandemic on Internet governance. It was added that the MAG could explore collaboration with other organisations on this.

7. In response to a question from a MAG member about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the scheduling of UN's meeting, especially the 75th anniversary, as well as on updates regarding the possible impact of the Secretary-General's roadmap on digital cooperation on the IGF, it was explained that for now, all UN meetings initially scheduled for July are postponed, while the later meetings are under discussion. As for the Roadmap, there were no updates regarding the postponement of announcement of the roadmap in later spring.

8. One MAG member suggested for the IGF Secretariat creates an online calendar of consolidated online events on Internet governance.

9. The MAG's Working Grupo on Workshop Evaluation Process (WG-WEP) informed that the guidance for the workshop evaluations is close to being finalised. The IGF Secretariat walked the MAG through the online evaluation system. Further, it was explained that each group of randomly assigned MAG members will evaluate roughly the same number of workshop proposals, noting that the Environment and Data thematic track will be combined, given the relatively small number of workshop proposals received compared to Trust and Inclusion; while the Trust, as the one received the biggest number of proposals, will be evaluated by two different groups of MAG members. Further, for the group evaluating both environment and data proposals, the Secretariat committed to indicate in the list of workshop proposals for evaluation, the thematic track it falls under.

10. It was agreed that, before everyone will start evaluating, the groups will advise on the proposals that should be moved to another track as more relevant. The WG-WEP will advise on the process, applied exceptionally and if deems necessary, in the next 24 hours and each evaluating group will communicate its consensus on the change of thematic track for particular proposals by the end of the week.

11. The MAG Chair particularly advised the two evaluating groups in the Trust thematic track to collaboratively achieve consensus on the proposals marked to

be moved to other track. It was agreed that a checklist will be created for all groups to ensure agreed procedures are followed.

12. The IGF Secretariat then presented the updated agenda for the 2nd IGF 2020 Open Consultations and MAG meeting, with shorter hours indicated in the UTC time zone. It was explained that all introductory remarks will be pre-recorded, which will significantly save time for discussion.

13. The MAG Chair confirmed that the breakout groups for workshops and main sessions are expected to prepare beforehand and use the formal hours for achieving final consensus. In the coming days, the logistics on how the groups will be formed will be communicated.

14. The Best Practice Forums (BPFs) provided a round of brief updates. The BPF on Data and New Technologies in an Internet Context reported that the second online meeting was hosted where the community advised addressing the COVID-19 implications on the new technologies. The BPF on Cybersecurity informed that each work track now has an identified group of volunteers, currently discussing if it is feasible to address the COVID-19 impact on Internet governance within the existing proposal. The BPF on Gender and Access is brainstorming on expanding the work scope of this BPF on the COVID-19 related challenges for matters of relevance for this BPF. It also plans to establish closer cooperation with one of the DCs focused on gender. The BPF on Local Content sharped its focus on intellectual property rights online. It was added that an updated proposal will be shared with the MAG in the coming days.

15. The Secretariat confirmed to one of the MAG members that they can still submit proposals for high-level invitees, despite the first deadline being expired on 30 April.

16. It was agreed that the next meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 12 May at 20:00 UTC.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda
IGF MAG Virtual Meeting VII: 28 April 2020 at 11:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
   a. Update on Session proposals received
   b. Any other pertinent news
3. Walk through of the online Workshop Evaluation System
4. Discussion on timings of the June Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
5. Updates from BPF's and Working Groups.

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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.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Togo
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Brazil, Civil Society
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society, Bolivia
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector, Namibia
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community, Australia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Zhaoyu	JI	Government, China
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Other Participants			
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	USA
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Belgium
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	Switzerland, EBU
Ms.	Z. (did not identify)	Desiree	Did not identify
Mr.	Lopez-Barajas	Gonzalo	Telefonica
Ms	Tallarico	Rebecca	Did not identify
IGF 2020 Host Country			

Mr.	Przemysław	Typiak	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland, Minister's Counsel
UN DESA			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer
IGF Secretariat			
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow

Annex III

List of input documents:

- **IGF 2020 Call for Workshops: pre-evaluation statistics**
- **Draft Agenda for the IGF 2020 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting**
- **IGF 2020 Host Country's Webinar on Youth Engagement**
- **Call for workshops timeline (1-week extension)**
- **IGF 2020 Timeline** *(last update: 12 February)*