IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum on Gender and Access
Online meeting X & XI | 17 September & 1 October 2020

Summary report

The tenth and eleventh online meetings of the IGF 2020 Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Gender and Access were dedicated to discussing the next steps in the BPF work.

1. BPF survey
BPF co-facilitators agreed to keep the survey open while other work is being conducted.

2. Other sources of input for the IGF analysis
The BPF has previously agreed that a section of this year's report will include an overview of whether and how the IGF has tackled this year's BPF focus issues (violence, harm, pleasure and consent online, from a gender-diversity perspective) since its 2016 meeting. Below is a summary of the updates and further possible work on this:

- More work has been done on the analysis of session reports and transcripts for IGF 2016 - IGF 2019 has been conducted.
- Based on a discussion with the Chair of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), it was agreed to drop the idea of looking at sessions proposals rejected by the MAG, as it might not be the most appropriate way to actually determine what was 'wrong' with a proposal. Instead, there could be a section in the recommendations with notes on how the evaluation of session proposals could be improved (e.g. if a session is about women, don't penalise it if most of its speakers are women).
- Other issues we might want to look into for the report:
  - Summaries/transcripts of MAG meetings, to see how gender issues featured there
  - The overall composition of the MAG and the logic behind MAG members 'selection'. For instance, the UN is looking to have gender diversity on the MAG, but is having women on the MAG enough to ensure that gender issues are adequately considered in MAG's work? Should there be some sort of a topic expertise criteria for 'selecting' MAG members as well?
- The report itself will most likely not really include (many) best practices (other than looking at how the IGF has integrated discussions on the BPF thematic issues and has tried to be more inclusive). But the recommendations to be included in the report will also be valuable.

3. Interviews
To complement the survey, the BPF will try to conduct interviews with up to 10 'key actors' who can reflect on how the IGF has taken up gender discussions (within IG debates and as part of inclusiveness efforts).

- ○ Examples of people to interview: founders of DC Gender and BPF Gender; previous BPF consultants; past MAG chairs; orgs like ISOC, ICC and the Alliance for Affordable Internet.
- ○ Have the interviews conducted by BPF volunteers.
- ○ The interviews could include questions from the survey, as well as questions based on the findings of our ongoing analysis of how the BPF thematic issues were discussed at the IGF. One question could be: Do you think the IGF is the best space/an adequate space for discussions on violence, harm, pleasure and consent online?

The following next steps were agreed:
- ● Collecting suggestions for people to interview and questions to ask via this working doc: by 25 September
- ● Week of 28 September: finalising the list of people and questions and deciding who will conduct each interview
- ● Weeks of 5 and 12 October: conducting the interviews and summarising the outputs
- ● Week of 19 October: finalising the draft report
- ● Meanwhile, the consultant will continue to work on analysing information from past IGFs, as agreed at the call with Anriette.

4. BPF session at IGF 2020
The BPF also needs to start planning its session at the upcoming IGF 2020 meeting. As a starting point, everyone is invited to start thinking about people/organisations to be invited at the session by adding suggestions in the collaborative doc. The discussion will continue at the next BPF meeting.

Next steps

- ● BPF meeting XII will take place on **15 October 2020, from 13:00 UTC**.

- ● Until then, work will continue, as outlined above, on:
    - ○ Continuing the analysis of BPF thematic issues surfacing at the IGF
    - ○ Conducting interviews
    - ○ Summarising input from the survey
    - ○ Starting to shape the BPF session at IGF 2020