INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

Geneva, 23 November 2010

Summary Report

- 1 The Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) met in Geneva on 23 November 2010. The discussion focused on its composition and on its functioning as mandated by the Secretary-General¹.
- 2. The MAG decided to open its meeting to observers and make its proceedings available in the form of a live text streaming. This verbatim record is available on the IGF Web site. This proceeding is recommended for future meetings in order to enhance the openness and transparency of its work. However, the MAG retains the possibility of having closed meeting segments and of making remarks off the record under the Chatham House rule.
- 3. The session built on the discussions of the open consultations held on 22 November 2010. A paper prepared by the Secretariat synthesizing comments that had been submitted on a questionnaire prepared by the MAG served as the main input to those consultations. The questionnaire contained the following questions:
 - (a) has the work of the MAG been consistent with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda and subsequent decisions?
 - (b) how best to nominate non governmental members for the MAG?
 - (c) how best to nominate the MAG Chair?
 - (d) how best to organize open consultations?
 - (e) how best to link with regional meetings?
 - (f) how best to link with international processes and institutions?
- 4. The MAG confirmed the general sentiment expressed in the consultations, namely that its work had been consistent with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda. The MAG recommended the continuation of a multistakeholder body that would serve as a de-facto bureau to steer the IGF process, ensuring multistakeholder participation, and to prepare the annual IGF meetings. The IGF and MAG are supported by a Secretariat headed by an Executive Coordinator and reporting to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) through its division for Public Administration and Development Management.
- 5. As a concrete next step, the MAG recommended that its mandate be renewed for another year with a suitable rotation of its members, taking note of their past contributions to the IGF work.
- 6. There was general agreement that, in principle, a third of all MAG members should be rotated every year, setting a *de facto* three year limit to each member's term. However, it was understood that this principle might need to be implemented in a flexible manner.
- 7. The MAG also discussed improvements of its working methods. One suggestion was to identify modalities for improved input into the consultations and MAG meetings
- 8. The discussions focused on the function and role of the MAG and the job description of the MAG members. In the past, the MAGs main functions were:
 - Setting the agenda for the annual IGF meeting;
 - Overall Programme development and support function;
 - Outreach.
- 9. Specific tasks performed by the MAG members include:

^{1 .} This mandate was referenced in the press release of 5 May 2010 announcing the MAG renewal to prepare the Vilnius meeting. ("As the Internet Governance Forum enters the last year of its five year mandate, the Multistakeholder Advisory Group has been asked to make proposals with regard to its own future, should the mandate be renewed.")

- Developing the detailed programme including the identification of issues of concern;
- · Selecting workshops and other meetings;
- Defining how best to plan and organize the meetings:
- Organizing main sessions and where necessary participate in dedicated thematic working groups;
- Establishing linkages between workshops and main sessions;
- Facilitating the organization of workshops;
- Coordinating panels and supporting panellists, moderators and speakers at the annual meeting;
- Liaising with their respective communities;
- Publishing reports.
- 10. The commitments of individual MAG members, in their individual capacities, include:
 - Attend three meetings in Geneva per year;
 - Participate in the yearly meeting;
 - · Participate in intersessional work;
 - Make outreach to wider community, including national and regional IGF type initiatives and bring other networks into the MAG:
 - · Bring in comments from the community,
 - Explain recommendations to the community.
- 11. Among the criteria for selection of non-governmental MAG members, the following qualifications and competencies were felt to be essential:
 - Willingness to commit to work and follow through;
 - Proven ability to work as a team member;
 - Active participation in the IGF process;
 - Extensive linkages within one's own stakeholder group and, if possible, to other stakeholder groups;
 - Experience and expertise in Internet governance issues.
- 12. The MAG discussed at some length the selections process for MAG members. It was generally felt that the so-called 'black box' approach used in past should not be pursued in the future as it was not sufficiently transparent. While for the selection of governmental MAG members there were well established processes in place trough the regional groups, the selection of non governmental members needed further reflection.
- 13. The MAG recommended maintaining the private sector, civil society and the technical community as separate stakeholder groups. It recognized that all of the stakeholder groups where organized differently and where based on different cultures and should therefore be allowed to develop their own specific selection procedures.
- 14. There was a first discussion on the selection process. One possibility mentioned was a form of 'triage' that would be used to ensure appropriate geographical balance among MAG members. This 'triage' could be carried out by a trusted group of former non-governmental MAG members, perhaps including some MAG members who are being rotated out. This trusted group would work in active consultation with the respective stakeholder groups. The selection would be based on proposed candidate lists made by the three non-governmental stakeholder groups. The stakeholder groups are encouraged to nominate a sufficiently large slate of candidates to provide some flexibility in selection of MAG members and are asked to ensure appropriate gender balance.
- 15. The recommendation would then be submitted to the Secretary-General for approval. One proposal was that the list of all MAG nominees to be submitted to the Secretary-General should be published on the IGF website.
- 16. The above selection procedure is recommended for the upcoming renewal as recommended in paragraph 5.

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