

**Virtual Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting XI  
8 July 2015**

***Summary report***

1. The eleventh virtual meeting of the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2015 preparatory process took place on 8 July 2015. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG. The proposed agenda was dedicated to an update on preparations from the Hosts and Secretariat; an update on the status of some of the inter-sessional activities; a review of the planning of main sessions; a discussion on the draft agenda for the September open consultations and MAG meeting; a debrief on the recently held NMI Council meeting and a continuation of the discussion on the proposed deliberate polling project.

**Update on preparations from Hosts and Secretariat**

2. Ambassador Fonseca and other representatives from the host country gave a briefing on the ongoing preparations. It was reported that in the context of 'day 0', the host country organizing committee had recently decided to host a high-level event under the theme of 'An Agenda for Internet Governance Post 2015'. The event will link discussions on the WSIS+10 review and also the continuing follow-up to the NETmundial and its roadmap for the future of Internet governance. Comments and suggestions were welcome from the MAG and the host's also asked the MAG to help support the organization of the meeting and the selection of speakers from the various stakeholder groups.
3. The event will be multistakeholder in nature and will give broad space for interaction amongst stakeholders on equal footing. It's envisioned that the high-level meeting will help set the tone for the rest of the IGF and that some of the discussions from the high-level meeting could feed into different relevant sessions throughout the IGF week. CGI will work with the Brazilian government to issue invitations for the event that will most likely be held in the afternoon of day 0, between 15:00-18:00.
4. The MAG voiced their support for the organization of the high-level meeting and its theme. It was suggested that the meeting should be both forward-looking and interactive. The MAG also supported the concept that the high-level meeting would feed into sessions later in the week. There was agreement that the MAG would work with the host's to ensure that the high-level meeting complements the other main sessions and workshops and that they would also help work with the various stakeholder groups to nominate and select speakers for the high-level session.
5. The Secretariat reported that the deadline of 1 July had recently passed for workshops updates and mergers/consolidations. The Secretariat was happy to announce that all 105 workshops have been retained meaning that all suggested mergers had been accepted, etc. The online forms for the workshops

were still open for workshop organizers to update until 15 July. The Secretariat will now be able to use this final list of workshops to start building the full schedule for the meeting. 23 open forums are still scheduled and the Secretariat will continue working with the organizers of the open forums to finalize them and publicize their agendas online soon. As of now 11 Dynamic Coalitions will be holding sessions at the IGF. It was also reported that a new multistakeholder Dynamic Coalition on 'Accountability of Internet Governance Venues' had recently been formed and given a slot to meet at the IGF.

6. The Secretariat then reported that 13 Day 0 events have been scheduled thus far and that these events fill approximately 60% of the overall time for events on Day 0. The Secretariat is still accepting proposals from stakeholders for Day 0 events on a rolling basis. In regards to remote hubs, a call for registration is currently open and the MAG was asked to help with outreach to encourage more stakeholders to host remote hubs around the world. 31 August is the tentative deadline for registering remote hubs. The Secretariat will then work with the online participation MAG working group on training the remote hubs and moderators prior to the IGF. There are currently 12 requests from stakeholders to have IGF village booths and it's expected that more requests will come in prior to the new deadline of 31 July. Finally, the MAG was reminded to email the Secretariat with requests for travel support for the September open consultations and MAG meeting being held in Paris at UNESCO headquarters.

7. The MAG thanked the Secretariat for the comprehensive update and asked also if the Secretariat could circulate any background information or criteria for scheduling day 0 events, village booths, etc. MAG members were encouraged to get in touch with the Secretariat directly with any specific questions in this regard. There was a request from the MAG to the host's and the Secretariat to arrange for an open space for spontaneous interaction and meetings at the IGF. The host country and Secretariat agreed to look into arranging such a space. There was also support to arrange for a space for youth to convene at the IGF and this concept received wide support. It was mentioned that youth could be invited to the planned orientation session and that CGI was also working on possibly putting together a session dedicated to youth participants.

### **Update on inter-sessional activities**

8. A written update will be circulated shortly on the status of inter-sessional work and a virtual coordination meeting on inter-sessional work is also scheduled for 14 July at 11:00 GMT. Mr. Markus Kummer briefed the MAG on the ongoing work of the Dynamic Coalitions and reported that much progress had been made on planning the main session for the dynamic coalitions. Many DC's are eager to present their work at the IGF and therefore have requested at least a 2-hour slot during the IGF to do so. A brief update was also given on the status of the Best Practice Forum's and all MAG members were encouraged to join the respective mailing lists for the BPF's to contribute and support that ongoing work.

## **Update on preparations and scheduling of main/focus sessions**

9. The MAG was reminded that at the previous virtual meeting there had been a general agreement that the 8 proposed main/focus sessions plus the main session for dynamic coalitions would be retained and held. In addition to these 9 sessions the MAG would also be leading the organization of an orientation session, setting the scene and taking stock/open microphone session. A number of volunteers had stepped forward to co-lead/facilitate the planning for the respective sessions since the previous meeting and the Chair thanked these volunteers. It was said that while there would be 2-3 lead co-facilitators for each session, all MAG members were encouraged to support planning for as many main/focus sessions as they'd like.

10. Upon further reflection of the high number of proposed main/focus sessions a number of MAG members expressed their reservations for a number of reasons about holding all of the proposed sessions. It was said that holding too many main/focus sessions may lead to running the risk of having low attendance at some sessions, not having enough time to dig deep enough into the various issues to come to any conclusions or collective outcomes, and other problems that these sessions had had in the past based on previous experience. MAG members also reminded one another about the considerable work and time it takes to plan and carry out such important plenary sessions.

11. There was then a good discussion and reflection about how the MAG had gotten to this point of planning these sessions. While some MAG members had expressed support for limiting the amount of main/focus sessions for a variety of reasons during the early stages of preparations, nonetheless a number of high-quality proposals had been made by MAG members for holding thematic main/focus sessions and also new types of main/focus sessions that would present the inter-sessional work to the community at the IGF and also the important WSIS+10 related session.

12. The timing of the various sessions was also discussed as it was said that it would be difficult to objectively allot differing time slots to the various sessions as they all were deserving of ample time to explore their important topics; however, there was only so much time for these sessions being held in the main plenary hall with UN interpreters (3 hours in the morning and 3 hours in the afternoon). Some MAG members said that holding main/focus sessions for 1 hour or 90 minutes would limit the capacity for such sessions to dig deep into the issues and come up with any conclusions or outcomes. Some MAG members said that such sessions would need at least 3 hours to have full, in-depth and interactive discussions. Others reminded the group that it was the quality of the sessions, not the length or number of participants, that ultimately mattered.

13. Mr. Virat Bhatia volunteered to lead a working group to discuss further the organization and timing of main/focus sessions and a dedicated MAG mailing list thread will be set up for all MAG members to contribute their thoughts on this important issue. The group will reflect upon the previously formulated

criteria and objectives for main/focus sessions and will also discuss what's needed to properly prepare and carry out a main/focus session including what work is necessary to be carried out together with the host country team and the Secretariat.

### **Draft agenda for September Open Consultation and MAG meeting (2-4 September at UNESCO in Paris)**

14. The Chair then updated the group on the preliminary plans and agenda for the 3<sup>rd</sup> face-to-face open consultations and MAG meeting set to be held at UNESCO in Paris from 2-4 September. A draft preliminary agenda had already been circulated and it was said that this agenda was certainly subject to change based upon needs and the ongoing inter-sessional work, etc. There will be online participation available for this meeting. The meeting will be an important chance for the MAG to meet together with all IGF stakeholders to take-stock of progress made on inter-sessional work and to also hold face-to-face meetings to work documentation that will be brought to Brazil in November. The MAG asked if a review of online participation preparations for Brazil could be added to the agenda for the Paris meeting and the Secretariat agreed to add this item to the agenda.

### **Meeting of the NETmundial Initiative Coordinating Council**

15. The Chair briefed the MAG on his participation in the recently held inaugural meeting of the NMI coordinating council. The Chair made an intervention where he requested the NMI to support the IGF in all of its future activities and that this request was received with wide support and agreement.

### **Any other business**

16. It was agreed that the continued discussion on the proposal from Stanford University to carry out deliberate polling on the margins of the IGF would be postponed to the next virtual meeting, in addition to any other issues that the MAG did not get to due to time constraints. There was also a short discussion about the announcement from some civil society representatives that they planned to hold an 'Ungovernance Forum' in Joao Pessoa at the same time as the IGF. The MAG was in general agreement that any interaction with the forum should be tolerant, benevolent, non-hostile and generally supportive, as the MAG and the IGF have always been welcoming to alternative spaces and meetings that have been organized around the IGF. It was proposed that the next virtual meeting would take place on 21 July. The Secretariat would circulate details on this meeting to the mailing list.

## Annex

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