

IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting IV 9 May 2017

Summary Report

1. The fifth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2017 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 9 May. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on the workshop evaluation process, main sessions, and remote participation at the IGF, as well as on [newly established MAG working groups](#). The Chair informed members at the top of the meeting that a brief discussion on funding would also be covered.
2. The Secretariat began by giving MAG members an overview of the workshop proposals received, including the results of its pre-evaluation screening (**ANNEX II**). 281 proposals were received, up from roughly 250 last year, with 16 screened out by the Secretariat as duplicate proposals or proposals short of stated minimum requirements. Some general figures were shared on the submissions, notably the positive, roughly equal proportion of female to male proposers, and the good proportion of first-time to returning proposers, which has increased slightly. It was reported that as in previous years, civil society had made the most submissions. The structuring of the online evaluation process was also explained, with a demo scheduled for the end of the meeting. A little over 50 proposals will be assigned to each of the 55 MAG members in a new e-system designed by the Secretariat, according to revised grading criteria established by a MAG Working Group reviewing the Workshop Review and Evaluation process this year. Members were also reminded of their responsibility to declare any potential conflicts of interest while evaluating and to do so using the 'contact' feature in the new system.
3. A proposal from two MAG members on a new approach for main sessions, which had also been circulated on the MAG list, was the starting point for a discussion on how time should be allocated to these this year (**ANNEX III**). The MAG has agreed that intersessional groups and their work should be more effectively integrated in the programme of any topical main sessions. The Chair further suggested that NRIs and intersessional groups – DCs, BPFs and CENB – be consulted on what kind of presence or platform at the annual meeting they think would best advance their work. The submissions should focus on substance, format, duration and interpretation requirements. There was some discussion on the terminology of 'main', in particular versus 'plenary', sessions. It was clarified that while 'plenary' may imply that no other session is running in parallel, for the purpose of the sessions under discussion, these would in fact have other sessions happening in parallel, as has been the case with IGF main sessions in the past. There is no agreement at this point to change terminology.
4. Some suggestions were made regarding the content of the main sessions. One MAG member made the case for carving out main session time for intersessional groups, given the importance of their work and the need for a

visible platform. A re-focused emphasis on cybersecurity, in light of the activities of the UN Governmental Group of Experts (GGE) and cybersecurity conferences taking place close to the IGF, as well as on gender issues, was also suggested. Working on the basis of thematic tags selected in the workshop proposals would be another option or complementary approach. Mr. Thomas Schneider, the MAG Host Country Co-chair, related a few of the topics important from the host country perspective, namely, the debate surrounding digital media and democracy, including the emergence of “fake news”; how to shape a future data economy which both respects human rights and social values, and is at the same time, conducive to innovation and growth; and the development of next-level cooperation on Internet governance issues. To continue the discussion, it was agreed ideas for main sessions would be submitted in writing on the MAG mailing list with short descriptive paragraphs, and that these would take into account integration of intersessional threads and topics emerging from the workshop proposals.

5. A short discussion took place on strengthening online participation at the annual IGF. The importance of this in terms of inclusion, not just for those who cannot attend the meeting in person for funding or other reasons, but also for persons with disabilities, was emphasized. The Secretariat reported that this was being planned thoughtfully and that outside companies would be hired to enhance the online participation capabilities and infrastructure at the Palais des Nations, the venue for the IGF 2017 meeting. The Secretariat also reported it is working on an improved queuing system which will be introduced at the upcoming MAG meeting in June. Given the interest in this topic and its significance, and following a request from a MAG member the Chair commented that it was still possible to form a working group or an informal smaller task force to address this issue.

6. Related to the above, and in response to a concern posed by a MAG member, the Chair addressed a recent announcement that the IGF Secretariat Trust Fund would not be able to support developing country participants for the MAG’s meeting in June, taking place in Geneva. It was stressed that the Chair together with the Secretariat was making every effort in coordinating with donors to see if funding could ultimately come through, bearing in mind the difficult timing and the visa needs of those participants.

7. Concerning MAG [working groups](#), the question was raised as to whether non-MAG members could be co-facilitators, an issue that was also introduced on the mailing list. One member commented that this might create an imbalance in terms of developing country versus developed country facilitation – a balance which is achieved within the structure of the MAG. The Working Group on IGF Improvements, which requested the MAG to decide on the matter, has said it will change its charter to specify that the facilitation must have equal developing/developed country representation, and that the facilitators would be chosen by the WG with the approval of the MAG.

8. The meeting ended with a visual demonstration of the evaluation system by the Secretariat, which was warmly welcomed by the MAG. The next virtual meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, 23 May at 22.00 UTC.**

Annex I - Draft Agenda

MAG Virtual Meeting V - 9 May 2017, 16:00-17:30 UTC

1. Adoption of agenda (*5 minutes*)
2. Update on workshops; open forums; other programming milestones (*10 minutes*)
3. Next steps for MAG members - Evaluation process (*10 minutes*)
4. Discussion on main sessions and general programming (*35 minutes*)
 - a. Main session guidelines and typologies for 2017
 - b. Ideas or proposals for topical main sessions
4. Remote participation at IGF 2017 (*10 minutes*)
5. MAG Working Groups - Status updates (*20 minutes*)
6. AOB (*5 minutes*)

Annex II - Initial Figures on Workshop Proposals

IGF 2017 Workshop Proposals

Initial Figures *(as of 9 May 2017)*

**307 workshop forms created in the IGF system

**281 proposals submitted

****265 proposals for evaluation, following Secretariat screening**

I. Secretariat Screening

**16 out of 281 proposals screened out

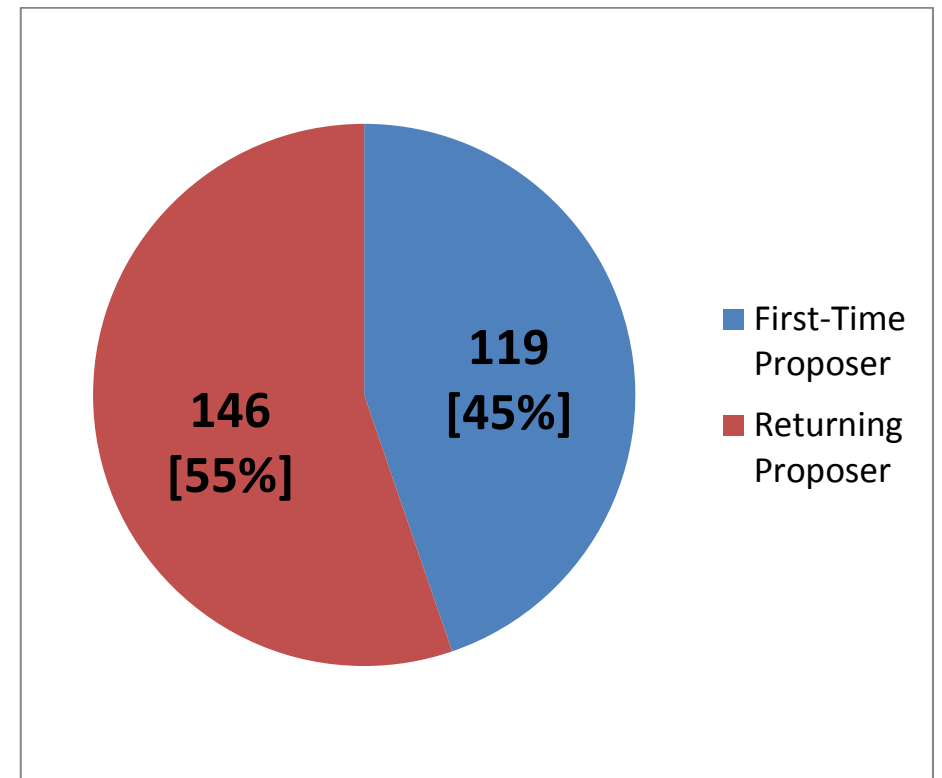
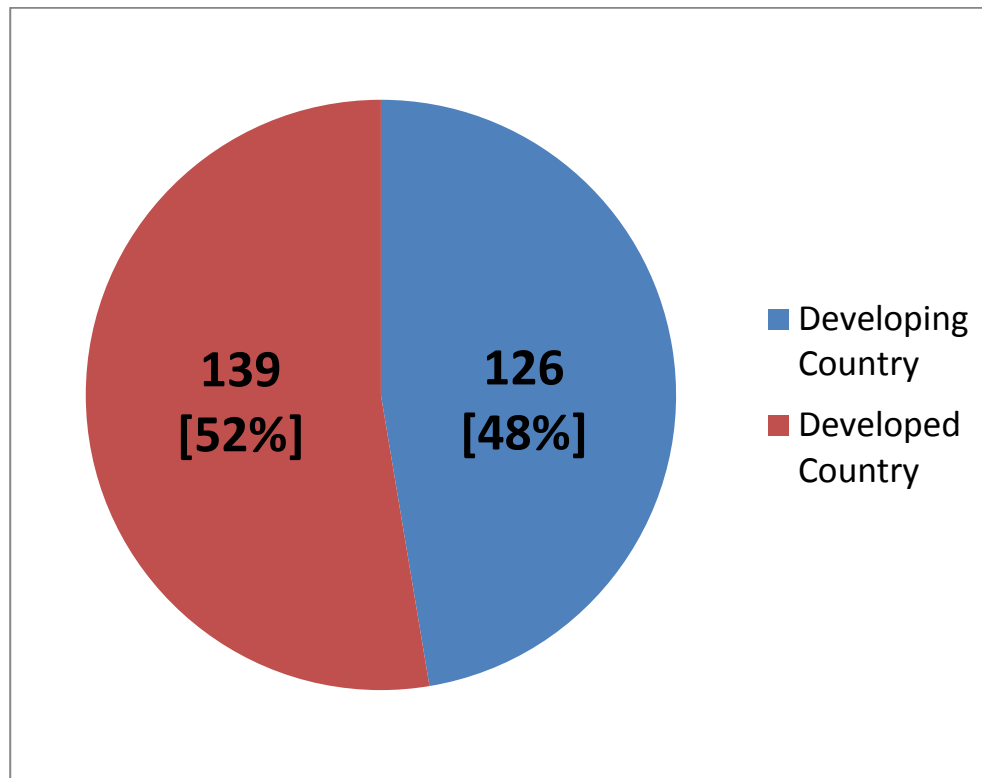
Screening Summary

WS ID	Developing Country	First-Time Proposer	Reason for Removal
1	YES	YES	Did not have 3 speakers
13	YES	YES	Did not have 3 speakers
51	YES	YES	Did not have 3 speakers
82	NO	YES	Duplicate of #84
144	NO	NO	Did not have report from previous WS
112	NO	NO	Duplicate of #250

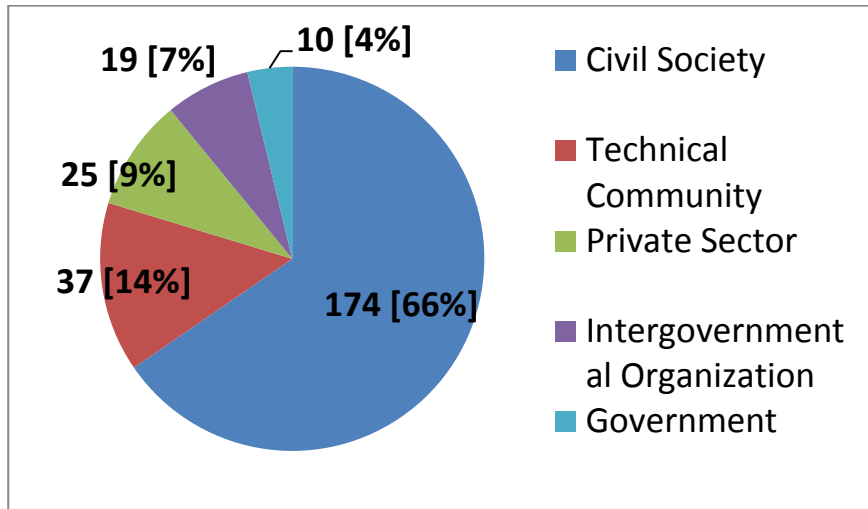
150	NO	YES	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution
187	NO	YES	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution
213	NO	YES	Proposer is MAG Member
242	NO	NO	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution
291	NO	YES	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution

293	NO	NO	Duplicate of #94
296	NO	YES	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution
297	YES	NO	Did not have 3 speakers
302	YES	NO	Did not have 3 speakers
304	NO	YES	Over the limit of 3 submissions per institution

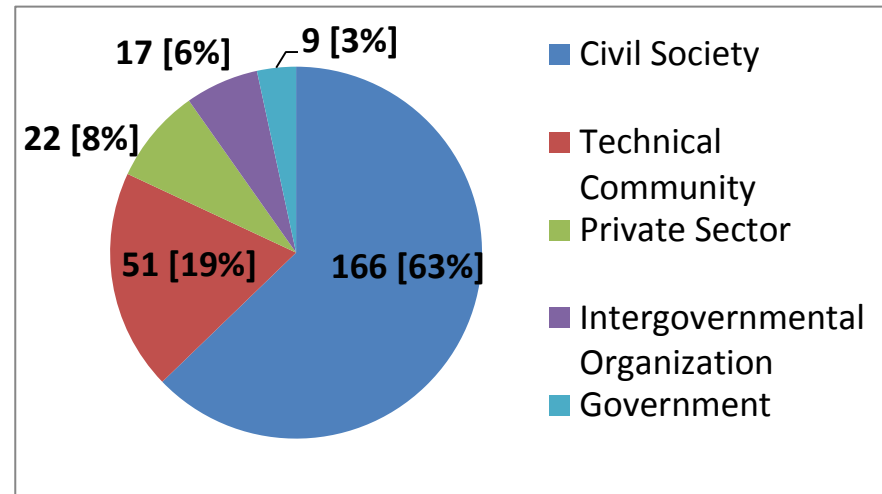
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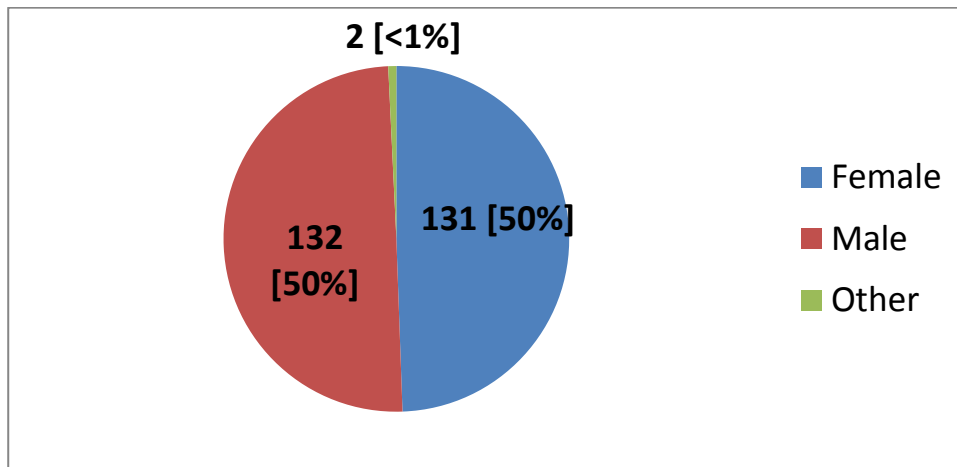
Lead Proposer Stakeholder Group



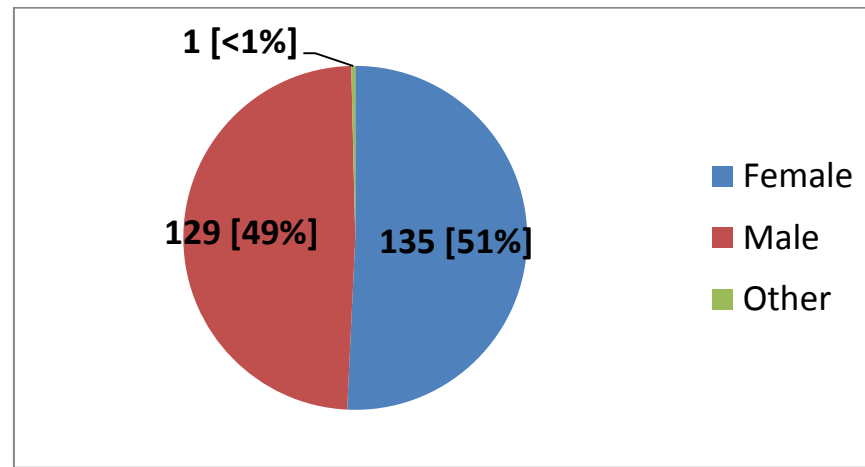
Co-Proposer Stakeholder Group



Lead Proposer Gender



Co-Proposer Gender



III. Tags (in order of most used)

Tag 1

19	Cybersecurity
15	Access and Diversity
15	Gender Issues
13	Privacy
11	Human Rights Online
9	Internet Economy
8	Freedom of Expression Online
8	Internet Governance
7	Internet of Things
7	Multistakeholder Cooperation
6	Digital Future
6	Internet & ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals
5	Artificial Intelligence
5	Blockchain
5	Critical Internet Resources
5	Digital Rights
5	Youth Engagement
4	Big Data
4	Data protection
4	NRIs
3	#accessandinclusion
3	Access to Information
3	Algorithms
3	Cybersecurity Norms
3	Digital Trade
3	Environmental Impact of ICTs
3	Human Rights
3	Multilingualism and Local Content
3	Platforms

3	Surveillance
2	#IPV6deployment
2	BRICS
2	Child Online Protection
2	Cybercrime
2	Digital Divide
2	Digital Economy
2	Digital Inclusion
2	Digital Literacy
2	Digital Security
2	Fakenews
2	Freedom of Expression
2	Future Internet
2	Good Governance
2	Internet
2	Internet Shutdown
2	IT Entrepreneurship
2	Jurisdiction
2	KeepItOn
1	#increasingconnectivity
1	Accessibility
1	Authentication
1	Blocking
1	Broadband
1	Citizen Journalism
1	Community Empowerment
1	Community Networks
1	Confidence Building Measures
1	Copyright
1	Data

1	Data Flows
1	Data Localization
1	Democracy
1	Development
1	Digital Transformation
1	Digital Work
1	Disinformation
1	DNSSEC
1	Domain Name System
1	Empowerment
1	Encryption
1	Enhanced cooperation
1	Enhancing Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
1	Gender and Sexuality Rights
1	Hate Speech
1	Interconnection and Price Regulation
1	Internet Traffic Security
1	Mobile and Identity
1	Net Neutrality
1	Online Applications
1	Online education
1	Research and Advocacy
1	Rule of Law
1	Security
1	Smart Cities
1	Sustainability
1	Virtual Reality
1	Zero Rating

Tag 2

16	Digital Future
16	Human Rights Online
13	Internet & ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals
12	Human Rights
10	Privacy
8	Freedom of Expression Online
6	Content
6	Digital Literacy
5	Internet Economy
5	Access and Diversity
5	Capacity Building
5	Cyber Security
5	Digital Transformation
5	Multistakeholder Cooperation
5	Openness
5	Surveillance
4	Cybersecurity
4	Digital Economy
4	Digital Inclusion
4	IGRegional
4	Policies Enabling Access
3	#sustainabledevelopment
3	Access to Information
3	Big Data
3	Child Safety
3	Community Networks
3	Digital Rights
3	Domain Name System
3	Emerging Issues
3	Internet Governance
3	Multilingualism and Local Content

3	Youth Engagement
2	Artificial Intelligence
2	Critical Internet Resources
2	Freedom of Expression
2	Good Governance
2	Internet Fragmentation
2	Internet of Things
2	Internet-based Innovation
2	Net Neutrality
2	Regulation
2	Rule of Law
2	Security
2	Social Justice
1	#accessandinclusion
1	Access to Justice
1	Algorithms
1	Artificial Intelligence
1	Blockchain
1	Blocking/Access to Information
1	BRICS
1	Broadband Deployment
1	Climate Change
1	Cloud Computing
1	Community Empowerment
1	Confidence Building Measures
1	Copyright
1	Corporate Accountability
1	Data Localization
1	Data protection
1	Digital Trade
1	Disinformation
1	DNS

1	Elections
1	Empowerment
1	Encryption
1	Enhanced cooperation
1	Enhancing Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
1	Gender Issues
1	global south
1	Harmful Speech Online
1	ICANN
1	Inclusive Digital Futures
1	Inclusive Societies
1	International Geneva
1	Internet
1	Internet Inclusion
1	Internet Technology
1	Jurisdiction
1	Labour markets
1	Law Enforcement
1	MENA
1	Mobile and Identity
1	Multistakeholderism
1	NextGenOnline
1	Reliability
1	Social Media
1	Standardization
1	UNGGE
1	VAW
1	Women Rights
1	Youth

Tag 3

15	Multistakeholder Cooperation
9	Privacy
8	Freedom of Expression Online
8	Internet & ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals
7	Human Rights
7	Internet Governance
6	Digital Future
6	Human Rights Online
5	Digital Literacy
5	Digital Rights
4	Access and Diversity
4	Freedom of Expression
4	Internet Economy
4	Internet Technology
4	Multilingualism and Local Content
4	Surveillance
4	Youth Engagement
3	Artificial Intelligence
3	Cybersecurity
3	Development
3	Digital Economy
3	Digital Geneva Convention
3	Digital Inclusion
3	Emerging Issues
3	Emerging Tech
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2	Access to Information
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2	Gender Issues
2	Internet Inclusion
2	Multistakeholder
2	Policies Enabling Access
2	Public Private Partnership
2	Security
1	Algorithms
1	Autonomous Systems
1	Big Data
1	Bioethics
1	Blocking/Access to Information
1	Capacity Building
1	Child Safety
1	Climate Change
1	Cloud Computing
1	Community Networks
1	Corporate Accountability
1	Counter and Alternative Narratives
1	Critical Internet Resources
1	Cyber Security
1	Cybercrime
1	Data
1	Data Flows
1	Data Localization
1	Data protection

1	Democracy
1	Digital Agriculture
1	Digital Divide
1	Digital Transformation
1	Digital Work
1	Disinformation
1	Dispute Resolution System
1	Duties to care
1	e-commerce
1	e-Government
1	Environmental Impact of ICTs
1	Fakenews
1	Global Citizenship
1	Hate Speech
1	Inclusive Societies
1	International Geneva
1	Internet Governance Forum
1	Internet-based Innovation
1	Jurisdiction
1	Law Enforcement and research
1	Leaving No One Behind in the Digital Future
1	Machine Learning
1	Online Campaigns
1	Online education
1	Public Policy
1	Research and Advocacy
1	Rule of Law
1	Sexual Expression
1	Social Justice
1	Visually Impaired
1	Zero Rating

Annex III – Main Sessions Grid

IGF 2017 MAIN SESSIONS GRID (as of 9 May 2017)

TIME	DAY 1 Mon 18 Dec	DAY 2 Tues 19 Dec	DAY 3 Wed 20 Dec	DAY 4 Thurs 21 Dec
10:00 - 13:00	Main 1	HL Thematic Session	Main 3	Main 5
LUNCH				
15:00 - 18:00	Opening Ceremony (~1 hr) - HL Thematic Session (~2 hrs)	Main 2	Main 4	Open Mike - Taking Stock - Closing Ceremony

****IN 2016: 8 MAIN SESSIONS - 4 x 3 HRS / 4 x 1.5 HRS**

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