Working group on IGF improvements

Online Meeting report 11 October 2018,

The meeting was chaired by Flavio Wagner (former MAG member) and Julián Casasbuenas G (MAG member)

Members attending the meeting agreed to record the meeting.

Presentation of the Agenda.

1-. Update on where we are in the process (which sections were reviewed, by how many people)
2- Discussion on the need to follow standards in preparing these documents
3-. Discussion of how to reconcile divergent assessments of various recommendation
4-. Agreement on next steps

The agenda was approved by participants.

Presentation of the participants.

The following participants attended the meeting:

1. Concettina Cassa
2. Deborah Brown
3. Flavio Wagner
4. Julián Casasbuenas G.
5. June Parris
6. Raquel Gatto

Presentation of where we are in the process.

Julián Casasbuenas G. made a review of the status of the assessments to the proposals for improvement in each of the category:

No.	Category
1	Stakeholder (Engagement, Understanding)
2	Funding (Diversity and Funding) - Acknowledge in-kind support - Account & Transparency
3	Intersessional work (Capacity Building, Multiyear Planning, Outcomes, Stakeholder engagement)
4	Outcomes (Link to other entities) - Tangible Outputs
5	Participation & Capacity Building
6	Link to IG entities and others

7	MAG Structure & Methods - Multiyear Planning
8	Broader Participation - Diversity - Relevance & inclusiveness of IGF mtg- Program and Outreach.
9	Multiyear Planning (Funding, Link with other entities) - Evolution and Impact
10	Process - Secretariat
11	Enhanced communication - Improve Visibility - Mandate - Modalities - Working Modalities - Workshop selection

1-. Proposed Improvements for Stakeholder (Engagement, Understanding)
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s5Fig8No8ekbF9mhJ1y2RkuY2qiiggQT8vtP2JtddJA/edit

All proposals were assessed.

Flavio reinforce that we need to keep the source recommendations without editing.

2-. Proposed Improvements in Funding (Diversity and Funding) - Acknowledge in-kind support - Account & Transparency
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_BK4NBMNHDHxiMQrmlGhERwlSG6al2mVwh39LOqNa2g/edit

Most of the proposals were assessed, except for Account & Transparency that correspond to 31, 32 and 33 where Flavio stated: I am not aware of financial reports that are made available to donors and to the community. I am also not aware of UN rules that could restrict this reporting. This information is needed from UNDESA and from the IGF Secretariat so that we prepare an assessment of recommendations 31, 32 and 33 that is consistent with UN rules.

During the meeting Flavio offered to review this tab and June to reach out to the WG Fundraising - FUN to get their inputs.

3-. Proposed Improvements in Intersessional work (Capacity Building, Multiyear Planning, Outcomes, Stakeholder engagement)
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n1AuaNdvmVAcmh3rwgwnmnBdRB_UfNnF5gYBNtWRTfE/edit

Still pending to assess:

89. BPFs could reflect the multi-year thematic focus of the IGF (should there be one). This would be a more effective way in determining resource implications and end objectives.

87. There is a need to strengthen the work of the DCs for the purposes of producing consistent outputs. DCs' work could be evaluated by the MAG supported by the IGF Secretariat.

85. The DCs could be recognized as a strategic tool for reaching to the stakeholders who are not currently participating in the IGF processes (e.g. business users such as banks and other unengaged communities).

108. There should be better outreach efforts during the annual IGF meetings. The IGF is an opportunity for participants to get to know one another and to bring back valuable experiences and outputs to their respective organizations.

On this proposal for improvement Deborah call the attention that this doesn't seem to belong in intersessional work. During the meeting it was suggested to move this to document 4 (outcomes).

4-. Proposed Improvements in Outcomes, Tangible Outputs & Outputs linked to other entities.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fHDwwD4SkSjoweU4pggHR8NqKfbi8MgpmQPopnmNTyk/edit

Only pending proposal for improvement No. 108 that was moved to this tab.

5-. Proposed Improvements for Participation & Capacity Building.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/144qF5ZW1EsiVcO4slEYLPsJN1JDKySTq9wxGcbTkTpA/edit?usp=sharing

Still pending to assess:

51. Disruptive' thinking on capacity development to get the IGF out of its comfort zone, and to encourage a more a proactive approach to capacity development, which has not been the most visible aspect of the IGF's activities.

6-. Proposed Improvements for Link to IG Entities - (need work)
https://docs.google.com/document/d/142kaOh5weNa5Gi0OY1-rcGpn9J9dpt33c2U6wbEuzRI/edit

Still pending to assess (noting that only Deborah is on this tab):

51. It is important for the IGF to continue and improve its interaction and communication with other Internet governance-related entities in order to further global policy dialogue. This goal can be achieved by developing a defined outreach and communication strategy.

93. Other actors and institutions that are not directly related to IG could also provide inputs or benefit from outputs of IGF, and therefore there is a need for the relevance of the IGF to be communicated to those that are both internal within and external to the current IGF community.

98. The IGF could engage organizations that have a clear lead on specific issues (e.g. with the World Trade Organisation on IG related issues in trade should be

engaged) or robust activities on specific issues (e.g. with IETF, APWG, ISOC, etc.).

94. There could be more effective outreach efforts to engage with Governments, given their roles to champion some processes of Internet governance. This role has already been exercised in different contexts, including the preparatory process towards WSIS+10.

96. The IGF could engage more effectively with those organizations, including non-governmental ones, that have roles in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There could be an alignment of implementation timelines through 2025.

101. Linkages between the IGF and the UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) should be strengthened.

103. A Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General, if appointed by the Secretary-General, could engage missing actors at the senior level, including Governments.

104. Relations with Governments and organizations should be a shared responsibility of the MAG Chair and Co-Chairs (if appointed), and/or Special advisor to the SG on Internet Governance (if appointed). Special attention should be paid to entities that do not have current representation in the MAG.

105. IG coordinators in various institutions could act as effective focal points for communication with the IGF.

During the meeting Raquel Gatto offered to review this tab.

7-. Proposed Improvements for MAG Structure & Methods - Multiyear Planning
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O1lIVpHD8A97OVX5LOB7Prw59roMBE_C81dPfnhJFsY/edit

Still pending to assess.

8-. Proposed Improvements for Broader Participation - Diversity - Relevance & inclusiveness of IGF mtg- Program and Outreach.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aGzr-BJR605f9j1mY_ukt7czaC4-eQLns7_dadhegds/edit?usp=sharing

Still pending to assess.

54. The IGF Secretariat and the MAG should further share information with relevant Internet governance-related entities about how they can contribute to and participate in the IGF.

62. IGF to further share information at the International level on the opportunities and challenges of Open Internet

9-. Proposed Improvements for Multiyear Planning (Funding, Link with other entities) - Evolution and Impact
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S8onOdahieqskuDsN8qfWMQXNpdy5RroMaquyJVJ0Gw/edit?usp=sharing

Completed. During the meeting was suggested to reach out to Lynn as WG-MWP Chair.

10-. Proposed Improvements for Secretariat - Process
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eTTXQx5Rc8Dlj0LJWX0MiN9k99Uyd8r8ZUHYydo0gOc/edit?usp=sharing

Still pending to assess.

11-. Proposed Improvements in Enhanced communication - Improve Visibility - Mandate - Modalities - Working Modalities - Workshop selection
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q275jr0RLwVUA7VtBQVHsqFv9fQjR9TxFLPlnpGupYE/edit?usp=sharing

Still pending to assess.

Discussion:

The group agreed that is needed to include another category like **Assessment Pending**, for those that were not possible to assess. Volunteers expressed that some proposals for improvement were not assessed because we don't know how to assess them, especially for new MAG members or members of the WG that are not part of MAG.

It was stated as well that it is important that the Secretariat is also involved, for instance in the funding themes, where they can provide help to assess these themes.

Flavio stated that we need help from other MAG members, and also from the MAG Chair, Lynn St.Amour. The assessment was made only by 2-3 people that are looking to the recommendations. This is not enough and it is just a start of the exercise. As working group we should go as far as we can until the end of the month. This is an initial assessment to a very good number of recommendations for improvement to the IGF. Now it is time to open the exercise to the community and not only to the MAG, noting that this is a partial view from the WG volunteers.

The WG recommends sending the document to the Chair Lynn St.Amour for preview before opening it to the community.

Deborah Brown suggested creating a new table of contents with the list of categories and linking them to each document with the assessments. This way might be easier to share the documents than the current spreadsheet.

It was agreed that, when there are several views on a given assessment, it will be better to leave them to reflect the different points of view on the assessment.

The group agreed to invite the New Working Group on Outreach and Engagement and the Working Group Fundraising – FUN. June Parris offered to present the document to the WG.

The group agreed to finalize the tasks before the IGF in Paris.

Flavio will write a document to the community with a first draft of guidelines that explain how to navigate the documents, what the process has been so far, and how contributions from the MAG and from the community have to be made to our assessment of the recommendations.