IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XIII
31 July 2019

<u>Summary Report</u>

1.   The thirteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 31 July. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on reviewing progress on the organization of main sessions for the annual meeting programme, as well as on introductory and concluding sessions for the meeting's thematic tracks.

2.   The Chair opened the meeting with brief remarks, touching on a planned comment platform for the report of the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC). As had been previously discussed, the Secretariat would launch the platform in the coming days, in order to gather public comments on the report's key recommendations, specifically the fifth recommendation concerning global digital cooperation as well as the "IGF Plus" model of digital cooperation. The timetable for comments and comments consolidation would take into account the IGF meeting in Berlin, where the feedback will support further discussions on the report.

3.   The Secretariat then gave a series of updates on preparations for the annual meeting and its own activities over the past weeks. It announced registration for the meeting had opened on the IGF website and encouraged all to register as early as possible. The self-reservation system for bilateral meeting rooms was now also open, as is registration for remote hubs. The importance of remote hubs was underscored; these allow groups from around the world to not only participate in the annual meeting online, but also arrange for interventions in specific sessions. Regarding the Call for Travel Support, which had been open until the end of June, the Secretariat reported it had received more than 800 applications, and given this high number, it expected to have the final list of successful candidates ready by the end of August. Finally, Secretariat staff had attended two recent meetings of national and regional initiatives (NRIs): the West African IGF (WAIGF) and Asia Pacific Regional IGF (APrIGF), held respectively in Banjul, the Gambia, and Vladivostok, Russia.

4.   Main sessions were covered at length. The Chair introduced the discussion by noting planning for the ten sessions was taking place largely according to schedule, with most sessions on track to have their content finalized by the beginning of September. She encouraged members acting as facilitators to prioritize the focus and policy substance of the sessions, as well as to regularly update on the selection of their panellists and to be specific in their requests for support.

5.   The organizers of the main session on 'Content Governance' reported they had met the day prior and were taking decisions on the scope of their session. They were weighing the best possible options for speakers in terms of having diverse viewpoints, and remarked that technical experts were being sought. They would also consider

changing the title of their session, as suggested by the Chair, given their intended change of focus. The organizers of the session on 'Multidisciplinary Policy Frameworks' shared that they had decided on a structure of the session that would divide it into two parts: one dedicated to the policy elements, and most likely involving academics and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and a second part with concrete cases where the policy elements were being applied, demonstrating multidisciplinary policymaking in action. The 'Digital Governance & Trade' session, which had sent an update in writing, was requested to appoint a second co-facilitator, as all main sessions should in principle have two. The facilitators for the session on 'Human Rights and Ethics' reported positive progress and that they were considering using the same moderator of the human rights-focused main session as in last year's IGF, given that had worked really well, while recognizing the importance of bringing in new voices. A short update was also given on the 'Internet of Things (IoT) and Cybersecurity' main session, which was refining the scope of its programme and deciding on a final title.

6.   Further updates were given on the remaining sessions. The session on 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Digital Age' was actively developing a draft, although it was not ready to share with the rest of the MAG as of yet. In connection with this, it was mentioned that since Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) were organizing an SDGs-focused main session, and since the Digital Trade session would also most likely incorporate SDG elements into its programme, the sets of organizers should take care to work together and ensure the contents are complementary. Next, the representative of the German Government, as organizer of the 'Legislative Main Session', reported that international parliamentarians had all now been invited, with details on confirmed participants expected to be available in a few weeks' time. Travel support for the parliamentarians from developing countries, members heard, could be arranged through the Secretariat. The Chair informed that the 'Digital Cooperation and Internet Governance' session (formerly known as the 'Frontier Issues' session) would be organized by the Secretariat and MAG Chair, in close collaboration with the German host. The session would serve as a platform for discussing the HLPDC report and draw from the synthesis of comments on the report's fifth recommendation, as referenced earlier in the call. Finally, short updates were given on the main sessions organized by the NRI and DC communities, with the DCs facilitator sharing that their title had been more or less agreed on, and that they would be happy to coordinate with the other SDGs-focused sessions.

7.   The call ended with a short overview of proposals for introductory and concluding sessions, scheduled in the programme to open and close each of the thematic tracks. For the introductory sessions, it was said that one or more compelling speakers per track, not necessarily experts, could be used to draw participants into the themes; the concluding sessions, on their part, would need to be tightly coordinated with the IGF's overall reporting mechanisms in order to facilitate 'reporting out' on each track. It was agreed members would review the written proposals in detail before taking up this discussion again in the next virtual meeting. A newcomers programme, still in formation, was very briefly touched on, with a discussion foreseen in the next meeting on a first-ever 'IGF for Beginners' main session scheduled on Day 1.

8.   The next virtual meeting of the MAG is scheduled for Wednesday 14 August, 20:00 UTC, per the calendar.

Annex I

Draft Agenda
IGF 2019 MAG Virtual Meeting XIII
Wednesday, July 31, 2019. 13:00 UTC

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat. (5 min)
4. Updates from Main Session organizing teams (30min)
5. Discussion on thematic/introductory sessions & reporting mechanisms (30 min)
6. Updates from Working Groups (30 min)
7. A.O.B. (10 min)

List of Participants

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