

Virtual Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting III

4 February 2015

Summary report

1. The third virtual meeting of the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2015 preparatory process took place on 4 February 2015. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The meeting was focused on discussions on the progress made by the MAG working groups and on the next steps in the preparations for IGF 2015.

IGF 2015 overarching theme and sub-themes

2. Based on a compromise proposal from the *Working group on IGF 2015 themes*, and following discussions held on the MAG mailing list, the MAG endorsed and agreed on the *IGF 2015 overarching theme of "The Evolution of Internet Governance: Empowering Sustainable Development"* and *eight sub-themes*: cybersecurity and trust, Internet economy, inclusiveness and diversity, openness, enhancing multistakeholder cooperation, Internet and human rights, critical Internet resources and emerging issues.

3. The MAG agreed that whilst there are eight sub-themes, the IGF 2015 would follow the precedence of the IGF 2014 and it would not hold eight main sessions. Instead, the MAG would identify the most important topics on which to organize main sessions, taking into account the fact that combinations of sub-themes would also be possible.

4. The MAG Chair thanked the working group for their work, and dissolved the working group.

Workshop evaluation, selection criteria, and mechanisms

5. It was agreed that the three documents prepared by the *Working group on workshop evaluation, selection criteria, and mechanisms* (the workshop evaluation criteria, the workshop proposal guidelines and the workshop evaluation process) are ready to be published on the IGF website.

6. The working group updated the wider MAG on the two draft documents that are currently still being deliberated by the group: the Terms of Reference (ToR) for workshop rapporteurs, and the template document for panel session background papers. The working group informed the wider MAG that these documents would be ready by the next virtual MAG meeting.

7. The MAG agreed on the proposed timeline for the call for workshop proposals: publication date for the call for proposals to be 9 February 2015, and the deadline for submitting proposals to be 6 April 2015.

Themes for best practice forums

8. Discussions were held on themes for IGF 2015 best practice forums, based on proposals expressed during the December Open Consultations and MAG meeting, and the online public consultations. While it was agreed that there will be five best practice forums for IGF 2015, the MAG only reached consensus on two themes: Computer Emergency Response Teams - CERTs (a continuation of the work of the IGF 2014 Best Practice Forum on CERTs), and Internet Exchange Points - IXPs.

9. The Working group on inter-sessional activities was requested to deliberate further on the other three themes and to present their proposals to the wider MAG, which is expected to reach consensus on this issue before or at its next virtual MAG meeting on 18 February.

Inter-sessional activities

10. The *Working group on inter-sessional activities* reported that the public call for input on IGF inter-sessional activities had concluded, and updated the wider MAG on the inputs.

11. The working group agreed to have a virtual meeting in the week of 9 February, to conclude the drafting of the work plan for IGF inter-sessional activities. The draft work plan will be presented to the wider MAG by the next virtual MAG meeting.

Outreach and communications

12. The *Working group on outreach and communications* reported to the wider MAG that it had agreed a top-level terms of reference for the group.

13. The group also reported it has created a spreadsheet that identifies local, national, regional and international events of interest, and it is now in the process of analysing this list, in order to identify the most suitable opportunities for outreach and communication on the IGF. The group is currently working on developing top-level messages to be presented at such events, and it will update the wider MAG once it reaches consensus on this.

14. The MAG Chair announced to the MAG that he would continue working on 'The Chair's Blog' to help with the outreach process.

15. A discussion was held on the opportunity of having some of the key materials related to IGF 2015 (such as the call for workshop proposals) translated into other languages. The Secretariat informed the MAG that such an issue would be difficult from a procedural point of view, given the strict UN rules regarding translation. Both the Secretariat and the MAG will continue to look into this matter.

Other business

16. The MAG Chair requested an update from the Secretariat regarding the IGF website and the hiring process for an information systems officer. The MAG was informed that the integration of the IGF website and the 'Friends of the IGF'

website is still undergoing review in New York to ensure legal and financial compliance with UN regulations. The hiring process for the information systems officer is in its final stages, but more due diligence is taking place.

17. The MAG Chair informed the MAG that based on a communication on the NETmundial Initiative that he had shared with the group; the IGF has an observer seat available within the NMI, should the MAG want to revisit its participation in the initiative.

18. The next virtual MAG meeting will be held on 18 February, 05:00hrs UTC.

Annex List of participants

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Ms. Teleanu, Sorina	
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