

**Virtual Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting IV
18 February 2015**

Summary report

1. The fourth virtual meeting of the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2015 preparatory process took place on 18 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.

Call for workshop proposals

2. The Chair updated the MAG on the call for workshop proposals. The call to the public¹ has been launched, and the deadline for submissions has been set to 30 March. All interested stakeholders are invited to prepare and submit workshop proposals for the IGF 2015 meeting, as outlined both in the call and in the Chair's blog².

3. MAG members noted that there is a need to better emphasize the fact that the call for workshop proposals is open and that changes have been made to the process compared to IGF 2014. It was agreed that two one-hour webinars would be held (in two different time zones) in order to explain the workshop proposals submission and evaluation processes to those interested in submitting proposals.

Outreach and communications

4. The *Working group on outreach and communications* reported that it had not had a meeting since the last virtual MAG meeting, due to time and travel commitments of the group, but a few of the working group members had met in person during the ICANN Singapore meeting and they had discussed three high-level messages related to the IGF ("What is the IGF", "Why the IGF", "How does the IGF work"), and a specific message for the upcoming UNESCO "Connecting the dots" event in Paris. MAG members were invited to provide feedback on these proposals.

5. With regard to the merging of the IGF website and the "Friends of the IGF" website, the MAG was informed that this issue is still under the review of the UN legal affairs office. Meanwhile, the owners of the "Friends of the IGF" website have put forward a proposal to request funding from the NETmundial Initiative, in order to improve and enhance the website, to further look at possible opportunities to translate the content, and to find a stable home for the website once the project has been fully developed. The MAG will be kept informed of the developments regarding this matter.

¹ <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/workshop-proposals>

² <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/magabout/mag-chair-s-blog>

Inter-sessional work and modalities

6. The *Working group on inter-sessional activities* reported that post the public call for input on IGF inter-sessional activities, the group drafted a work-plan for inter-sessional activities. Input was requested from the MAG on the proposed work-plan that included three tracks: Best Practice Forums, a thematic dialogue or policy menus, and Dynamic Coalitions. The working group also advised that there should be a horizontal track that would lead to the development of an online repository of resources on the IGF website, to include the enrichment of the Best Practices library, and the possibility of adding resources and outputs (if any) of new inter-sessional tracks (declarations, messages, lists of experts, etc.).
7. The MAG agreed on six themes for Best Practice Forums for IGF 2015. There was agreement to retain three themes from the previous IGF themes, and add three new themes to the Best Practice Forums. The three themes selected to be preserved from the IGF 2014 meeting: **spam, CSIRTs** (both to be coordinated by Mr. Markus Kummer), and **multistakeholder mechanisms** (to be coordinated by Ms. Avri Doria). The new themes agreed: **practices to countering abuse against women online, IPv6, and IXPs**; leads will need to be identified for these three forums.
8. The working group cautioned the fact that not all inter-sessional activities should lead to declarations or policy messages. However, messages may come out of the IGF main sessions as and when it was required. MAG leads in charge of the main sessions could work with rapporteurs with a view to identify possible outcomes/messages. It was underlined that such a process should not lead to negotiations.
9. The MAG agreed on one horizontal global inter-sessional theme: **Policy Menus for Connecting the Next Billion**. This theme will be shared with regional and national IGF initiatives, which will be invited to develop messages/conclusions that would feed into the global IGF inter-sessional work, if the initiatives choose to do so (voluntary basis). The MAG, together with the broader community, would then look into how to possibly integrate such messages/conclusions into a document that could be presented at the IGF meeting in Brazil.
10. The working group suggested integrating the Dynamic Coalitions into the IGF mainstream. The working group highlighted that some Dynamic Coalitions may feed into Best Practice Forums, while others can continue as a dialogue and lead to policy messages that need to be validated by the broader IGF community.
11. The MAG agreed to reach out and meet with Dynamic Coalition leaders and coordinators in a special call, in order to find ways to facilitate a better integration of their work into the overall IGF process, while keeping in mind the fact that Dynamic Coalitions were intended not to be controlled by the MAG.
12. The working group was encouraged to continue to fine tune their proposals related to the Dynamic Coalitions and the development of an online

repository of resources. Further deliberations regarding these two items would take place at the next virtual MAG meeting.

Other business

13. It was suggested the MAG re-assess call times for the virtual MAG meetings, as some call times appear to result in reduced participation. There is a need to identify optimum call times whilst also considering the call rotation mechanism.

14. The MAG Chair proposed that the MAG discusses, at its next meeting, about the issue of an IGF liaison to the NETmundial Initiative, and see if the group is in a position to accept this proposal and identify a liaison.

15. The next virtual MAG meeting will be held on **3 March** at **11:30 UTC**.

Annex
List of participants

Chair	
Mr. Kārklīņš, Jānis	Ambassador at large of Latvia
Advisor to the Chair	
Mr. Kummer, Markus	Member, ICANN Board of Directors
MAG members	
Mr. Bhatia, Virat	Chairman, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Communication and Digital Economy Committee, India
Ms. Chalmers, Susan	Internet Policy Consultant, Chalmers & Associates, New Zealand
Ms. Doria, Avri	Independent Researcher, DBA Technicalities
Ms. Lazanski, Dominique	Public Policy Director, GSM Association
Mr. Moisander, Juuso	Commercial Secretary, Information Society and ICT, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
Mr. Nelson, Michael	Information Technology Trends and Internet Policy Consultant
Ms. Neves, Ana	Director of the Department of Information Society, “Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P.”, Ministry of Education and Science, Portugal
Mr. Olugbile, Segun	CEO, Continental Project Affairs Associates
Ms. Okutani, Izumi	Policy Liaison, Japan Network Information Center
Mr. Valdez, German	Executive Secretary, Number Resource Organization
Ms. Zachariah, Desiree	Country Based Specialist, Antigua and Barbuda, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.
Other attendees	
Ms. Arida, Christine	
Ms. Dei, Stephanie	
Mr. Gutterman, Brian	
Ms. Teleanu, Sorina	
IGF Secretariat	
Mr. Masango, Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Ms. Ma. Victoria L. Barnes	Assistant
Mr. Fatani, Rafid	Consultant
Mr. Quesada Rodríguez, Adrián	Fellow