

**Virtual Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting X
16 June 2015**

Summary report

1. The tenth virtual meeting of the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2015 preparatory process took place on 16 June 2015. It was the first MAG meeting since the face-to-face open consultations and MAG meeting that took place in Geneva from 20-22 May. Ambassador Jānis Kārklīņš from Latvia moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The meeting concentrated on briefing the MAG on preparations for the annual meeting, taking stock of the progress of the inter-sessional work activities including the dynamic coalitions; programming the main sessions; the feasibility of a September face-to-face meeting and the proposal from Stanford University to do a deliberate polling project on the margins of the 2015 IGF.

Update by Secretariat on state of preparations

2. The Secretariat has now informed all workshop proponents about the results of the evaluation and selection and has asked relevant workshops to update their programmes in line with MAG recommendations. It was reported that currently 105 workshops were in the schedule. A resource person's list has also been launched for workshops that need additional speakers. MAG members were encouraged to conduct outreach to encourage experts to sign up as resource persons. 23 Open Forums are scheduled at the moment as well as 10 dynamic coalition meetings. 9 Pre-Events are scheduled as of now and its expected that more requests for pre-events will be made. The list of current pre-events scheduled will be circulated to the MAG.

3. The Secretariat also reported that the preparations and registration for remote hubs would begin shortly to give the hubs and the Secretariat ample time to prepare them well ahead of the meeting in Brazil. It was also reported that registration for IGF village booths were open and MAG members were encouraged to spread the word to their respective communities. The MAG was reminded that IGF village booths were not to be used for any commercial purposes but rather for organizations to showcase their Internet governance related activities. It was announced that the new web-master for the Secretariat was expected to begin shortly and this new staff member would be focused on updating and improving the IGF website in-line with recommendations from the MAG and broader community.

Update on inter-sessional activities

4. A short briefing was delivered on the progress of the Best Practice Forums (BPF). The new BPF's are laying the groundwork for their work and the BPF's carried over from 2014 are building upon last year's work. The MAG was asked to help with broad outreach to inform interested stakeholders about how they can get involved and contribute to the work of the BPFs. The space for the

BPF's on the IGF website is also in the process of being updated to make it more user friendly and visible. In regards to the Connecting the Next Billion work it was also reported that broad outreach was being conducted and that thus far approximately 13 National/Regional initiatives have committed to contributing to the work and many more are expected to contribute as well. Of course in addition to the National and Regional initiatives, all stakeholders are encouraged to contribute. The working group supporting the Connecting the Next Billion work is hopeful that an initial draft will be compiled by 15 July made up of content from all contributors and that an editorial group will then work with the Secretariat and the community in an iterative process to take it forward. On a related note MAG volunteers were welcome to help plan the main session that will showcase and present the inter-sessional work.

5. There was then a briefing on the ongoing work of the IGF Dynamic Coalitions (DCs). It was reported that a number of coordination meetings had taken place with coordinators of the DCs and that there was general agreement that the DCs wanted an opportunity to showcase and present their work at the annual meeting in addition to having slots to meet in their respective groups. Some DCs want to showcase their work while others are seeking to present work for 'validation' by the community gathered in Brazil and participating online. The DC coordinators will work with MAG representatives and the Secretariat to plan an appropriate session. For all the inter-sessional work some MAG members asked for some flexibility in regards to any deadlines so as to allow for a fluid and inclusive process in bringing as many stakeholders into the work.

6. There was a debate about the term 'validation' and what it meant in regards to having stakeholders support or buy-in to work presented by a DC or any other group for that matter at the IGF itself. There was agreement that the MAG needed to be careful and supportive in programming any event or activity at the annual meeting, being responsive to the demands and wishes of all stakeholders.

Programming the Main Sessions

7. The Chair presented a re-cap of the tentative schedule agreed upon during the face-to-face open consultations and MAG meeting in May and asked the MAG to review and update it accordingly. The Chair also reported that after some discussions in New York that it was unlikely that a formal WSIS review consultation (as part of official preparatory process) would take place in Brazil; however, officials including the President of the General Assembly and the co-facilitators of the review process might attend the IGF and therefore a WSIS+10 session would still be very useful for stakeholders considering the audience that's expected to be present in Joao Pessoa. It's expected that a zero draft outcome document of WSIS+10 review will be in circulation by the time of the IGF and that it could be useful for stakeholders to review the document during the IGF. The MAG will continue to monitor the ongoing review process and will keep a line of communication with the officials in charge of the process about developing plans.

8. The MAG was reminded that some of the main sessions would be reserved for presenting inter-sessional work such as the Connecting the Next Billion project, the Best Practice Forums, and the Dynamic Coalition work. With these in addition to the traditional opening and closing ceremonies, and a setting the scene session, the rest of the main session time slots would be used for thematic sessions or would be left open.

9. A number of proposals were made by MAG members for thematic main sessions that received wide-ranging support. It was provisionally agreed that the main session proposals would be accepted and most likely would be 90 minutes in duration. A final decision was not made in regards to the duration and order/scheduling of the main sessions but the MAG was invited to share their views and the Secretariat would devise an updated tentative timetable for additional feedback and final approval by the MAG. MAG members were encouraged to volunteer to help organize the important main sessions. In this respect call will be sent to the MAG list to identify volunteers.

Feasibility of holding a September meeting

10. There was a discussion on the feasibility and general demand for holding a MAG and/or Inter-sessional working session in Paris at UNESCO headquarters in September. MAG members generally supported the concept of holding a working meeting to ensure that preparations were going smoothly and to take stock of the progress made to that point on inter-sessional work. Many supported the idea of having open consultations during the meeting. Online participation would also be made available. It was tentatively agreed that a meeting would take place from 2-4 September in Paris at UNESCO. Secretariat was asked to circulate provisional agenda of the September meeting.

Stanford University Deliberative Polling Project

11. There was a discussion about the proposal from Stanford University to carry out a deliberative polling project at the IGF. The Chair reported that the project would be carried out outside of the IGF, on day zero and day '+1' and that it would not intervene with the official IGF programme. Some MAG members expressed reservations that the project could be distracting and also asked about where the budget would be coming from. Some wondered what the political ramifications might be and what role the MAG should have in the project and in allowing it to take place at IGF. The Chair agreed to take the questions and concerns posed by MAG members to the organizers of the project at Stanford directly and will ask them to provide answers and clarification expressed by the MAG.

Any other business

12. The Chair noted that most likely the next virtual meeting will take place on 8 July and also encouraged MAG members to send thoughts on all ongoing matters under review of the MAG on the mailing list.

Annex

List of participants

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