

IGF 2024
MAG working Group on Workshop Process (WG-WSP) Meeting I
30 January 2024 | 15 :00 UTC | Online

The meeting was co-chaired by MAG members Peace Oliver Amuge and Lito Ibarra, with support from the Secretariat. The following participated: MAG Chair Carol Roach, MAG Members Chris Buckridge, Alisa Heaver, Saba Tiku, Xiao Zhang, Cathrine Bloch Veiberg, Samaneh Tajalizadehkhooob, Martina Malakova; former MAG Members Amrita Choudhury, Adam Peake; as well as a representative from the Japan Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Lina Al-Hathloul, Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, Dino Dell'Accio and Diana Seredokaite.

1. Taking Stock of Workshops Process 2023

Members discussed how the process to call for and select workshops was managed last year, how the workshops were finally conducted, and what lessons could be learned that could guide the Group's work in this cycle. A number of suggestions emerged.

- Improvement of the IGF and MAG communication.
- It was noticed that little time was left for participants to engage in a dialogue during the sessions.
- The same speakers appeared in many sessions.
- The high number of session types confused many newcomers.
- Some sessions in the programme were redundant.
- Have sessions start later than 08:30 a.m., as these sessions were not well attended.
- Accessing sessions from the IGF website was not straight forward and should be improved for 2024 to allow for an effective remote participation should be ensured by having necessary frameworks in place (e.g., on the website, interactive schedule using Sched, Meetecho...).
- Because of the dates for IGF (15-19 December, close to the end of working year), it was suggested to review the quota for panelists to be on site vrs on line.

Actions

- ➔ **The summary of IGF 2023 Taking Stock and Suggested Improvements for 2024 will be presented by the Secretariat at the 1st Open Consultations and MAG meeting, which can help WG-WSP's work.**
- ➔ **It was suggested to include in the proposal form an indication of the regional target group to allocate session slots according to respective time zones.**

2. The Way Forward

The IGF 2024 timeline was shared with the group to discuss the next steps of the working group. It was suggested to prepare a WG-WSP timeline and a draft evaluation form before the upcoming in-person 1st Open Consultations and MAG meeting.

Actions

- ➔ The IGF Secretariat to prepare a draft timeline for the WG-WSP, and a workshop Proposal form for the WG to discuss before the in-person OC and MAG meeting.
- ➔ The WG-WSP will prepare a document with the comments and feedback received in order to review each one of them.
- ➔ The WG-WSP will meet every two weeks on Tuesday, 15:00 UTC.