

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 22

16 September 2021 at 1 p.m. UTC

Summary Report

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NwosTaH5Qbvye2IMYrgZLeMke2hXi1CL/edit>

The 26nd virtual meeting of the IGF MAG's Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 16 September 2021 at 1 p.m. UTC. The meeting was hosted and moderated by the WG's co-chair Titti Cassa. The list of participants is annexed to this report. The recording of the meeting is available only to the meeting participants upon request.

The co-chair opened the meeting by introducing the agenda:

Agenda

1. Participation of the WG-Strategy to the IGF preparatory and engagement phase
2. Update on the IGF Youth Summit activities
3. Open Consultation and MAG Meeting
4. Table mapping the activities of the UN SG's Roadmap for digital cooperation and the IGF
5. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology
6. Any other business
 - a. MHLB
 - b. Update from the IGF Secretariat/UNDESA on the Parliamentary Track

1. Participation of the WG-Strategy to the IGF preparatory and engagement phase

Anriette is suggesting for the WG to participate in two sessions:

- 1) 16 Years of IGF Evolution and Strengthening – Taking Stock and Looking Forward
- 2) State of Multistakeholder Internet Governance and the IGF

2. IGF Youth Summit activities

Eileen Cejas stated that the youth summit activities was looking for 3 mentors of the working groups on digital inclusion, Child online safety, inclusive internet governance ecosystem and digital cooperation. The goal is to have 1:1 mentorship so that the youth participating can advocate on the issues they are standing for.

The Youth Summit activities are also looking for funding, so any leads on that aspect are welcomed.

Call for mentors of the ISOC Youth Ambassadors program:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOL6DfOOjhQRDJw2-6H7fAWAymeEXUil_T1o9krCmykBPZg/viewform

Poncelet Ileleji and Raoul volunteered as mentors.

3. Open Consultation and MAG Meeting

Question: What should this group share during the Open Consultations and MAG meeting? (On 30 September from 16.30 – 17.30h, there is a point on the agenda with updates from the MAG WGs.)

- Livia Walpen: mentioning the mapping exercise as it is in line with strengthening IGF towards IGF+ evolution

- Adam Peake: working on developing the main sessions as the one on the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation

4. Table mapping

For the moment, the table is up to date (although it is of course a rolling document). It was highlighted to discuss the follow up activities and how this work could be presented in the IGF event. Titti Cassa discussed the next steps, such as the possibility of including the mapping table in the Wiki page.

Wim Degezelle was asked about the thinking behind the Wiki page. He said the purpose of the Wiki page was to collect information on what is going on with the IGF 2021 program in the six main areas of the IGF, and what's going on outside and bringing it into one place. He also stated that by the time the IGF starts in December, the wiki page will be complete. After that, it will be archived. Finally, he said that we need to think further about integrating the mapping exercise, as the idea is to work with the issues areas and then work in the communities.

Link to Wiki page: <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2021-issue-areas>

Timea suggested drafting a standard format which could help stakeholders to categorize issues to be included in the Wiki page..

5. Update on behalf of the Envoy on Technology

Jason Munyan updated the participants on the activities related to digital cooperation in the framework of the upcoming UN General assembly. He mentioned that digital public goods will have events related to open source and open software. The World Bank is also doing a study about capacity building and may reach IGF members to share the results of this research.

In speaking to parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Wednesday stressed the urgent need for a moratorium on the sale and use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems that pose a serious risk to human rights until adequate safeguards are put in place. She also called for AI applications that cannot be used in compliance with international human rights law to be banned.

Statement:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27455&LangID=E>

Report:

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session48/Documents/A_HRC_48_31_AdvanceEditedVersion.docx

High Level Conference on AI – From Ambition to Action was held earlier this week

<https://ai-from-ambition-to-action.com/>

these two international outreach and cooperation initiatives were launched: InTouchAI.eu & Globalpolicy.ai

5. AOB

a. MHLB

No new updates.

b. Update from the IGF Secretariat/UNDESA on the Parliamentary Track

Sorina mentioned that the Parliamentary Track is now much better defined. For the online preparatory sessions, they are starting next week. The first one is an introduction to the internet governance ecosystem. In Katowice, they have a roundtable organized to help finalize the outcome

document. They want to present the outcome document on the last day of the IGF. Sorina asked people to spread the word about the Parliamentary Track.

Tereza asked what the level of interest in these sessions is. Sorina stated that there were 50 registrations and that she hopes that this number will rise.

Next meeting: October 7, 2021 1 PM UTC

Annex 1:

List of participants

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Titti Cassa

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Jason Munyan

Livia Walpen

Poncelet Ileleji

Eileen Cejas

Chris Disspain

Luis Bobo

Timea Suto

Tereza Horejsova

Sorina

Adam Peake

Velmira Nemiguentcheva-Grau

Sorina

Jim Prendergast

Flavio Wagner

Jorge Cancio

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