

## **MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**

**Online Meeting 33  
3 March 2022 at 1 p.m. UTC**

### **Summary Report**

The 33 virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 3 March 2022 at 2 p.m. UTC. The meeting was hosted and moderated by Concettina Cassa (Titti). The list of participants and the recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

#### Agenda:

1. Outputs from the Open Consultation and MAG Meeting
2. Plan of activities of the WG for 2022
3. Main actionable items from the Synthesis Document
4. Update from the IGF Secretariat on the current issues:
  - a. Leadership Panel
  - b. Tech Envoy nomination
  - c. IGF Expert Group Meeting (EGM)
5. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology
6. Nomination process for the MAG and the LP
7. AoB

#### Points discussed:

1. Plan of activities of the WG for 2022 has been presented with the three main priorities of the WG's work in 2022 (final version of the priorities from the doc):
  - 1) Continue to serve as an exchange channel between the Tech Envoy's Office and the MAG/IGF on the different initiatives and discussions related to the Roadmap for [Digital Cooperation](#) and the [Our Common Agenda](#) report.
  - 2) Contribute to facilitating the IGF as a platform for widespread bottom-up participation in the Global Digital Compact process, through the annual IGF programme and intersessional activities (including the NRIs) as proposed in the [letter](#) sent to the UN SG by the MAG last November.
  - 3) Drawing on inputs from the global stakeholder community on IGF content and themes, the MAG in collaboration with others and facilitated by the WG-Strategy will draft a multi-year plan with a rolling list of annual priorities, commencing in 2022 and until the end of the IGF's current mandate in 2025, that will be used as the basis for prioritizing issues and agencies (including

institutions and decision making bodies) year by year; the multi-year plan should include the WSIS+20 process.

Several comments were raised by the WG' participants on the third priority. They will be included in the updated version of the document. It was decided to leave the document open for further comments till March 10th.

It was also suggested to plan a middle year to give the opportunity to the DCs, PNE to publish the results of their work or their research conclusions.

2. [Main actionable items from the Synthesis Document](#) have been identified and discussed by the WG members. This includes the following Issue Areas: Strategic, Engagement, Communication and Program with specific action items outlined in the document.

As a result of the discussion the document was modified to include proposals in each Issue Area followed by Objectives, Action Items, Responsibilities and Timeline. It was also suggested to rank the issue areas. The current version of the document can be viewed [here](#).

3. On behalf of the IGF Secretariat Anja Gengo has shared some updates, including the outputs from the Open Consultation and MAG Meeting. Meeting has ended with a number of action points as a result of the intensive three days of discussions chaired by the new MAG Chair Paul Mitchell.

One of the most important decisions was on what could be the overarching theme for the IGF 2022 "The Resilient Internet for a Shared Sustainable and Common Future". Also the MAG members discussed the thematic focuses of the Program: connecting all people, promoting human rights and avoiding Internet fragmentation, protection of data, ensuring accountability and security online, regulation of emerging technologies including AI. Wording will be finalized after the next MAG meeting in March. The MAG will take decisions on whether the Preparatory and Engagement Phase will take place this year as it did in the last year.

Also this year the IGF may host a one-day intersessional event before the annual meeting, it is still to be defined by the MAG, whether it would be useful for the community and feasible from the organizational point of view.

All intersessional activities (BPFs, PNs and etc) should submit concrete proposals for their work by 3 March. Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation is also widely discussed now.

Four WGs approved for this year are the WGs on outreach engagement and communications, on hybrid meetings, on workshops and on strategy.

Unfortunately, no updates on the Leadership Panel can be shared now. At the same time the EGM is still to take place on 30 March - 1 April in New York in the UN. 32 members will be invited.

For now the Ethiopian Government has suggested the following dates of the IGF annual meeting: 28 November - 2 December.

## **Annex 1:**

### **List of participants**

1. Paul Mitchell, MAG chair
2. Adam Peake, MAG Member,
3. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI, MAG Member
4. Antoine Vergne – Mission Publiques
5. Anja Gengo – IGF Secretariat
6. Anriette Esterhuysen, IGF 2020 MAG Chair, Group's Co-Chair
7. Alice Weiss, Academic Intern, Government of Switzerland
8. Chris Buckridge, RIPE NCC, MAG Member
9. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy, former MAG Member
10. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br/ Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, past MAG Member
11. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
12. Giacomo Mazzone, Independent Expert
13. Fiona Alexander, Independent expert
14. Mark Carvell, Independent expert
15. Nigel Hickson Government of UK
16. Poncelet Ileleji, Independent Expert
17. Raul Echeberria, Independent expert
18. Roman Chukov, Group's Co-Chair , Mag Member, Russian Government
19. Timea Suto (ICC)
20. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, University of Aarhus