

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 39
9 June 2022 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 39th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 26 May 2022 at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge. 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. [Draft proposal on Priority 2](#) of the PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2022
2. Update from the IGF Secretariat
 - a. Leadership Panel
 - b. Tech Envoy nomination
3. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology
4. Declaration for the Future of the Internet
5. AoB

Discussion:

Draft proposal on Priority 2 of the PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2022

Chris presented the [proposal](#) he drafted including the main activities that the group could do to reinforce the link between IGF and the Global Digital Compact. The document includes the results of the discussion of the last virtual call and highlights four priorities the MAG should focus on related to: 1) the NRIs contribution to the GDC, 2) the work of the IGF intersessional activities (DCs, PNs and BPFs) that could be used as input for the GDC 3) the need to define the right mechanisms and processes to ensure that the IGF 2022 results will be included in the online survey on GDC launched by the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology and 4) the need to define processes and key actors in relation to the GDC. Mark shared the opportunity to have the IGF as the primary platform and leading channel for stakeholder contributions and engagement in the GDC process. Jason highlighted the efforts the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology is doing to have the current consultation as much multistakeholder as possible. He gave assurances that the results of the IGF 2022 will be included in the final text if they will be made available by the end of the year.

It was decided to leave the document open for comments till next Monday and to present the consolidated proposal during the next MAG meeting on June 14.

Update from the IGF Secretariat

Anja Gengo shared an update on the status of the ongoing call for workshop proposals. She informed the WG's participants that the call for village spots is out and the deadline is 31st of July. She added that a page on the youth track has been included on the IGF website and that more information will follow on the parliamentary track as the Secretariat is organizing a symposium and various capacity development activities for Legislators and parliamentarians, together with the African IGF and the African Union.

Leadership Panel and Tech Envoy nomination

Jason Munyan shared that the Leadership Panel should be appointed in the next couple of weeks and that the Tech Envoy will be appointed soon.

Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology

Jason mentioned the events that were organized by the Office as part of the RightsCon as the consultation on the application of human rights to get input from the RightsCon community, the virtual round table of the digital human rights group, etc. He said that the Office took part in the world telecommunication Development Conference in Kigali where there was also a consultation on the GDC. He added that the coalition digital environmental sustainability launched their action plan on the second of June as part of Stockholm plus 50.

Declaration for the Future of the Internet

Titti informed the WG's participants that the EuroDIG 2022 program includes a session on the Declaration for the Future of the Internet. She shared with the WG's participants the idea to discuss more on the strenghtness and weaknesses of this initiative and draft a position that could be shared with MAG . In case the MAG agrees it could be brought to EuroDIG 2022.

Mark noted that the stakeholder engagement on the DFI has been approximately equal to zero and that it is important that EuroDIG has reserved some space for this discussion in order to exchange views with the oher NRIs on this initiative. He also shared the need to focus on WSIS +20 and on the IGF + as there is not much information on this .

The next meeting will take place on 30 June. The outputs of this call will be forwarded to the MAG and raised on the next MAG call (14 June).