

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

**Online Meeting 48  
17 November 2022 at 14:00 UTC**

### **Summary Report**

The 48th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 17 November 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. Update from the IGF Secretariat (IGF 2022, LP, EGM follow up, etc.)
2. WG- Strategy's WS to be included in the IGF Program
3. IGF involvement in the GDC
4. [WSIS+20 action plan](#)
5. AoB

#### **Discussion:**

##### **1. Update from the IGF Secretariat (IGF 2022, LP, EGM follow up, etc.)**

On behalf of the Secretariat, Chris informed of the meeting of the MAG with the HLP on 28 Nov Mon 17:20-18:20 UTC+3. He added that at the moment there is no clarity whether it will be a closed meeting or open

##### **2. WG- Strategy's WS to be included in the IGF Program**

Chris added that there was no update yet regarding the meeting of the WG strategy at the IGF.

##### **3. IGF involvement in the GDC**

Chris updated that the MAG statement on GDC has [now been published](#) on the IGF and encouraged WG members to promote this news and message.

Responding to Mark's question whether the LP will have an open meeting during the IGF, Chris shared that as the LP is meeting today, and we hope to have more information

On the discussion related to the GDC, Jorge shared that in the UNGA ICT4D Resolution on ICT for development there is a mention about GDC, role of TE supporting the process and also a call for an open inclusive process. He added that there is an agreement but it needs to be formalised.

Chris raised the question on how the outputs of meeting of IGF2022 will feed into the submission to the GDC.

Anriette responded by sharing that there is a consultant who will be producing the overall IGF2022 report and key messages and is working with Secretariat. She shared that the consultant will not generate the GDC input.

Jorge suggested that messages can work as inputs, if it is structured in line with the GDC consultation.

Anriette shared that the MAG should discuss the key inputs it wishes to prioritize to the GDC. This could be discussed in the first consultation of the MAG.

Mark reiterated the importance of the IGF being engaged in the GDC process even beyond the consultation and the ministerial meetings. He opined that the scope and content of the GDC needs to be fully defined. He stated that discussion in Addis may even lead to suggesting that the GDC should have few more issues to focus on.

Wolfgang suggested that after the consultation on 31 March, it may be good to introduce a multistakeholder drafting team to draft the document and this should be reiterated in the IGF. He shared that this model was adopted by NetMundial.

Tulio agreed with the importance of the multistakeholder model adopted by NetMundial but shared concern that major countries did not sign the NetMundial document, and it is important to ensure a similar situation does not arise with the GDC.

Chris suggested perhaps an innovative solution to bridge the divide between Multistakeholder or Multilateral negotiations could be explored.

Anriette suggested that we need to be willing to explain and unpack, again 1) what we mean by the multistakeholder approach and 2) why it is not mutually exclusive with multilateral approaches.

### 3. On the [WSIS+20 action plan](#)

Anriette suggested it may be important to know the discussions at the CSTD on the WSIS+20 process. She suggested that the topic could be discussed in the first consultation of the MAG. It is also important to ask around what the other institutions are doing, she added.

Wolfgang questioned whether the discussion in WSIS+20 will it be a standalone process or part of the UNGA process

Vera Major updated that in the CSTD conference it was shared that the WSIS+20 will begin in March 2023. Currently the roadmap is being planned. TE it will be govt led. She added that some govts were unhappy about the process.

Mark suggested that the WG document action plan helps to connect with the roadmap. It is important the MAG picks up these objectives from the action plan and deliberates on how to implement them.

Adding on to Mark's comments Chris suggested an action item which is to try to put this into the agenda in the meeting with the HLP so they can help deliver these messages.

Jorge reiterated that the UNGA resolution of WSIS+10 resolution which frames the review process stated that it will be a multilateral process. However, the modalities of the WSIS+20 will be defined, he added.

### 4. AOB

- Jim updated on the private sector meeting with the TE. He added that Fayaz King has been appointed as the representative of the private sector liaison in the TE's office
- Mark questioned whether IGF was losing sight of its strategic plan or the EGM and whether the GDC was taking preeminence? He stated that the IGF should not lose its own focus.

- Wolfgang pointed to the omission of cybersecurity from the GDC discussions. He shared that Cybersecurity in IGF is the key issue and it will keep growing and needs to be discussed. He stressed that there are issues outside GDC that have global impact and need to be deliberated.
- Giacomo suggested that IGF should have its own calendar that could be different from the GDC
- On the question raised by Jim on when the new MAG members names will be announced, Giacomo shared that it will be announced in IGF Addis

The next call of the WG which is scheduled for 1 Dec, would most probably be held in Hybrid mode from Addis. More details on the same will be shared.