

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 49
12 January 2023 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 49th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 12 January 2023 at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Titti Cassa. 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. *Feedback of the WG'Strategy on the IGF2022*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o0d3IV8MeZ-fVEchCVbDpcpkfYo7EFtJT_ieSjNB1qc/edit?usp=sharing
2. *IGF Timeline*
3. *WSIS +20*
4. *Update from the IGF Secretariat and the Office of the Envoy on Technology*
5. *AoB*

Discussion:

1. *Feedback of the WG'Strategy on the IGF2022*

The WG's Strategy commented on the minutes of the last virtual meeting that included comments and reflections by the WG's participants on how to improve the next IGF. The document will be sent to the IGF Secretariat as a contribution to the IGF taking stock process.

IGF Timeline

Chengetai informed the WG's participants that the 2023 IGF timeline was shared with the MAG and asked for comments.

Wolfgang Kleinwächter asked for more information on the process that will interlink the GDC consultation process to the ministerial meeting in New York and if there is any parallel process that could connect this to the IGF in Kyoto. He suggested developing a special track in the IGF program where the community could be pushed to contribute to the GDC. He proposed the idea of a multistakeholder drafting team which could be organized via the MAG or the Leadership Panel (LP) to help governments to find an interim solution at the September meeting in New York.

Chengetai observed that the definitive plan for the GDC process has not been published yet. He will ask for more information from his colleagues in NY.

Chengetai also informed that the LP will meet in Vienna before the MAG meeting on March 7.

Titti asked if it is possible to include in the IGF timeline an update from the LP to the IGF community on the activities plan the LP is putting place to promote IGF results to decision makers bodies. She highlighted the importance to guarantee continuity on the IGF cycles in terms of results and activities.

2. WSIS+20 action plan

On the [IGF WSIS+20 Action Plan](#) document, there was not much discussion. Chris will give an update the WG on the next steps.

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

Chengetai shared that the Secretariat received about 70 comments during the IGF messages public consultation. The Secretariat will finalize all the outputs including the ones related to the BPFs and PNs by the end of January. The Secretariat will use these outputs as inputs to the GDC.

3. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology

Amrita suggested that the WG-Strategy Chairs could communicate with the ETO to ask them to re-engage with the WG's regular meetings, as the updates are valuable both for the WG members and for the MAG. The co-chairs will send a request to the TEO.

4. AOB

It was discussed the priorities the WG should handle for 2023. A proposal will be circulated in the WG.

The next meeting will be held on 2 February at 4 PM UTC. The time was postponed as it overlaps with the EuroDIG public meeting.