MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 52
23 March 2023 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 53nd virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 23 March at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris. The recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

Agenda

1) Main Outcomes from the Open Consultations and MAG Meeting
2) Global Digital Compact:
   i. contribution from the MAG
   ii. contribution from the LP
   iii. letter to GDC Co-facilitators
   iv. convening a public discussion
3) WSIS+20 (including update from WSIS Forum, ICANN etc.)
4) Update from the IGF Secretariat
5) AoB

Discussion

1. Main Outcomes from the Open Consultations and MAG Meeting

Chris shared that the formal updates of the Open consultation and MAG meeting is still awaited. However, he shared an update on the meeting with Leadership Panel (LP) and Co-facilitators of Global Digital Compact (GDC).

Anja shared the Leadership Panel Meeting Records including on the Vienna meeting
https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/leadership-panel-meeting-records?check_logged_in=1

MAG-LP meeting action points :
https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/272/24572

Wout de Natris added that on the final day of the OC meeting there was an interesting discussion about the role the IGF could have in the GDC and different visions and relationships of the MAG, the LP and UNDESA were shared.

2. Global Digital Compact:

Jorge recalled the equal level of importance the debate conducted by the IGF and the debate conducted between governments should have in the GDC process.

Alisa pointed out the importance of having a better interaction during the deep dive discussions between the multistakeholder community and the member states.

Some questions were raised on the organization of the deepdive discussions and on how the inputs from the community will be collected by the GDC co-facilitators.

Chris mentioned the proposal presented by Jorge during the OC meeting about the possibility to have a multi stakeholder drafting Committee to work with Member States in relation to drafting of the GDC. He stimulated the discussion on how that proposal might be presented.

Several comments were raised by the participants on the MAG/LP contribution to the GDC as the document drafted by the LP was shared for a short time in the MAG.

Amrita suggested verifying with the LP the possibility to include some more comments to the GDC document. She also suggested inviting the LP to the WG Strategy virtual meetings.

Christine and Timea shared some concerns about the possibility for the MAG to present additional inputs to those presented by the LP as this could be interpreted as a lack of coordination between the various branches of the Igf community in submitting inputs.

Ross shared on behalf of Lise Fuhr (member of the LP, coordinator of group D) the decision taken by the LP to give contributions to the GDC strictly aligned with the official IGF messages approved. He added that the document shared with the MAG hasn't been submitted yet.

Timea also confirmed that the LP is giving contributions to the GDC considering the role of the LP as messenger of the Igf.

Bruna asked for more clarity and more coordination between the MAG and the LP.

It was shared that the deadline of the GDC has been postponed to the end of April and that this extension could give the opportunity to collect more information from the MAG to be included in the document drafted by the LP.

Jorge suggested to include a preamble to make clear that the document is based on the IGF messages, 2022, 2021, etc.

It was decided to inform the LP about the discussion held in the Strategy WG and to have some alignment with them.

3. WSIS+20 (including update from WSIS Forum, ICANN etc.)

Chris informed the WG's participants that processes on WSIS+20 are starting and that in the CSTD the IGF MAG Chair will have a speaking slot. He also mentioned the possibility discussed during the OC meeting to include a specific session on the WSIS+20 in the IGF 2023 agenda . He also recalled the work the WG started with the drafting of the [WSIS action plan](#) and the discussions held during WSIS and ICANN meetings.

4. Update from the IGF Secretariat

Anja gave an update on main discussions held during the OC meeting and on the intersessional activities (BPF and PNE) for IGF 2023. She also shared the main elements of the IGF session held during the WSIS.

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be on 6 April at 14:00 UTC.

List of participants

1. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
2. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
3. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
4. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
5. Alisa Heaver, IGF MAG member
6. Adam Peake, IGF MAG member
7. Abdulrahman Almutairi
8. Bruna Martina Los Santos
9. Claudia Leopardi, RIPE NCC
10. Carol Roach, IGF MAG member
11. Cristina Arida
12. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
13. Evelyn Tauchnitz
14. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
15. Justin Fair
16. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
17. Olevie Kouami, Independent Expert
18. Markus Kummer, Chairman of the IGFSA Executive Committee

19. Pyrate Passel
20. Poncelet Ilelej, Independent Expert
21. Raquel Gatto, Independent Expert
22. Rosalind Kenny Birch
23. Romy Mans
24. Ross Creelmann
25. Shinj Sato
26. Timea Suto (NCC)
27. Tracy Hackshaw
28. Valeria Betancourt (APC)
29. Vera Major (ICANN)
30. Wout De Natris

Links:
[Leadership Panel Meeting Records | Internet Governance Forum (intgovforum.org)](#)
[24572 (intgovforum.org)](#)
[GDC_Co-facs letter-27 March deep-dive (un.org)](#)
[CSTD Reports | Internet Governance Forum (intgovforum.org)](#)
[ICANN76 | Community Forum Cancún: Looking Towards WSIS+20: How Can We Impr... (sched.com)](#)

[The Internet Governance Forum in 2023 | RIPE Labs](#)