

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 71 22 February 2024 at 13:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 71st virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 22 February 2024 at 13:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Concettina Cassa (Titti), and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

Agenda

1. NETmundial +10
2. Update from the IGF Secretariat
3. Open Consultations and MAG meeting
4. [CSTD/WSIS +20 questionnaire response](#)
5. GDC + Pact for the Future
 1. Proposal for GDC follow up and implementation using IGF processes.
6. LP's [IWW call](#)
7. AoB

Discussion Points

1. NETmundial+10 Update

Renata shared that based on the ongoing global Internet Governance discussions (GDC, WSIS+10 etc), the NETmundial+10 process was framed so that the multistakeholder community can discuss the governance challenges in the digital world. She highlighted the statement that was released and the methodology in selecting the [High Level Executive Committee \(HLEC\)](#). The location for the meeting would be Hyatt and CGI.br would be supporting the entire initiative. As the hotel can accommodate 500 in person, it was decided that 100 in person participants from each stakeholder community will be accommodated and the rest could participate online. HLEC is currently discussing how the community consensus process can be framed and CGI has shared some initial format/ structure basis which the HLEC will discuss the process. It could be based on a few framed questions. The format she shared will be similar to the 2014 event, however the themes are being deliberated. On the point of participation: criteria for selecting participants is yet to be finalized. It will be based on diversity

Dino questioned whether there was any overlap between the NETmundial+10 process and IGF and asked if there was any complementariness between the two. He also asked how NETmundial+10 will ensure equal participation of all stakeholders and after the meeting what would be next.

Jorge shared that the NETmundial+10 is a great opportunity to gather the multistakeholder community in a bottom-up fashion in this crucial year and give input from the multistakeholder community and Global South to the ongoing negotiations. He shared that at an operational level the WG-Strategy has identified challenges that different multistakeholder processes confront, and that this is an area where NETmundial+10 can make a difference with a proposal to innovate around the multistakeholder approach.

Lucien questioned how NETmundial plans to negotiate its outcomes into the GDC and SOF process.

Responding to Dino's question, Renata clarified that there is no overlap with the IGF. She shared it is not an open event and it is based on representation and the focus of discussion is very narrow. Therefore NETmundial+10 is not similar to the IGF. They plan to come out with a concrete document at the end of the process. Need to have a session on how the multistakeholder structures can go beyond present formats for concrete recommendations and resolutions

Mauro questioned what could be the possible goal of the NETmundial+10 event and what is the innovation that NETmundial+10 plans to bring to the multistakeholder model?

Ana shared that NETmundial+10 should contribute to the current and upcoming discussions on Internet governance.

2 & 3. Update from IGF Secretariat

Celine shared about the upcoming LP, Open Consultation and MAG meeting in Riyadh.

Anriette asked if the IGF will be active in the WSIS+20 High-Level Event in May. Anriette shared that normally the Secretariat organizes a session at the WSIS Forum.

Jorge shared on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event and suggested the IGF Secretariat to apply for a high-level speaker in the high-level panel. It is a good opportunity to have Leadership Panel in the slot and share inputs for the IGF and CSTD consultation questionnaire. He shared that the IGF community can take an active role in this event.

Ref Link : <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/>

Chris reinforced the plan to propose Vint and Carol as speakers and suggested that the Secretariat could work with the WG-Strategy to come up with a plan on how to use a session in the WSIS Forum strategically, particularly with regard to the WSIS process and other UN activities. Chengetai will have a discussion with the LP and explore who could be in Geneva. Chair of MAG is expected to attend.

Annriette suggested perhaps the IGF session at the WSIS Forum can look at operationalising Fiona's idea (detailed below) for greater cooperation between the IGF and the WSIS Forum in following up the Global Digital Compact. This resonates with the input on the GDC that the MAG

and the LP have already developed and how the IGF ecosystem is suited to that, so it can also serve to update people on how the IGF ecosystem has evolved.

Dino suggested that the IGF should organize a calendar of the international initiative, fora and groups the IGF intends to participate and contribute, that would help in positioning IGF strategically.

4. On the [CSTD/WSIS +20 questionnaire response](#)

Chris shared that it is now more or less ready, and Chris would do a final edit on the comments that have come in and send it to Vint and Carol for their final endorsement, so that the Secretariat can submit it ahead of the deadline.

5. GDC & Pact for the Future

Fiona and Chris shared that the interventions in the GDC informal consultation stressed the importance of not duplicating or creating new mechanisms to support the implementation of the Global Digital Compact.

Fiona spoke on her proposal for GDC follow-up and implementation using IGF processes. She highlighted the need to separate the agreement to the GDC from what will be the implementation and follow-phase to the process. Given that most member states do not want to reinvent the process, she shared that perhaps the Compact could request that the Internet Governance Forum and the WSIS Forum, recognizing and making use of each of their unique processes and procedures, jointly develop a proposal for the specific modalities of the Compact follow-up and implementation, and report to the WSIS+20. This approach has the benefit of developing the specifics of the implementation process after the Compact commitments are agreed, making the process design targeted. And by using the IGF and the WSIS Forum, it also has the benefit of engaging all stakeholders directly, the full set of stakeholders that will be required to ensure that Compact commitments are realized.

Amrita asked if the IGF or WG-Strategy wants to make a submission to the GDC by 8 March. Bruna questioned whether it would be this group or MAG who would make the submission.

Desiree shared that ideally it would be a high level leadership and WG on Strategy joint contribution to the GDC, but failing that, either contribution would be beneficial to the GDC process.

6. Call on Internet We Want by Leadership Panel

Chris shared there is a [document](#) and Bruna shared on the initial points she had updated in the document. These include more concrete suggestions from the LP on the role of IGF, reinforcing the case of IGF, making the case stronger why multistakeholder model is important, acknowledging the IGF intersessionals and clarify what's next and how it will be used.

Raquel suggested including the risks if the multistakeholder approach is not fully guaranteed.

All were encouraged to share their inputs in the draft at the earliest.

Next Call: 14 March, 19:00 UTC

List of participants

1. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI
2. Anan Neves, Chair of the CSTD
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Anriette Esterhuysen, former IGF MAG Chair
5. Avri Doria, Independent Expert
6. Bruna Santos, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
7. Carol Roach, IGF MAG chair
8. Celine Bak, IGF Secretariat
9. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat
10. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
11. Christine Arida, NTRA of Egypt
12. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
13. Desiree Miloshevic, Independent Expert
14. Dino Dell'Accio, UNJSPF
15. Eleonora Mazzucchi IGF Secretariat
16. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
17. Fiona Alexander, former MAG member
18. German Lopez, Independent Expert
19. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
20. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
21. Junko Kawauchi, IGF MAG Member
22. Justine Fair, IGF MAG member
23. Kenneth Merrill, NTIA
24. Laura Margolis, Independent Expert
25. Lucien Castex, former MAG member
26. Mark Carvell, EuroDIG
27. Markkus Kummer, Former MAG Chair
28. Mauro D Ross, Independent Expert
29. Muriel Alapini, Independent Expert
30. Natalia Tercova, Independent Expert
31. Neil Dundas, IGF MAG Member
32. Olga Kyrlyiuk, IGF MAG Member
33. Renata Meili, CGI.Br
34. Raquel Jorge, Independent Expert
35. Saba Tiku, MAG Member
36. Timea Suto, (ICC Basis), former MAG member
37. Valeria Betancourt, Independent Expert

38. Vera Major, ICANN
39. William Drake, Independent Expert
40. Wim Degezelle, Expert
41. Nicholas Fumarelli, Independent Expert
42. Xiao Zhang, IGF MAG Member