

**MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**  
**Online Meeting**  
**20 June 2024 at 19:00 UTC**

## **Summary Report**

The 78th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 20 June at 19:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

## **Agenda**

1. [IGF strategic vision](#)
2. GDC update
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat
4. Proposals for WSIS +20
5. EuroDIG 2024
6. ICANN
7. AoB

## **Discussion**

### **1. [Strategic vision](#)**

Chris introduced the agenda and the IGF strategic vision document saying that the document will be shared with the MAG for their review and feedback and will be discussed during the Open Consultations and MAG meeting, next week.

Chris then illustrated the next steps included in the document saying that the main point is related to the additional activities outside the IGF annual event related to the ongoing multistakeholder policy dialogues.

Jorge observed that it would be better to keep the document at a vision level and not at an operational level. He added that on São Paulo guidelines there are two specific ideas on the follow-up:

- 1) Answering the request from NM10 to the IGF to be the caretaker (depository) of the São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines and to promote the document for the future in a dedicated section of the IGF website. For this function a small group of volunteers could work together with the IGF Secretariat (format of a Group of Friends).
- 2) Applying the principles defined by the São Paulo Multistakeholder guidelines to relevant IGF processes (e.g. BPFs, PNs, DCs, etc.), where a pilot-experience could be envisaged, something to be decided by the BPFs, PNs or DCs themselves.

Jennifer asked for more information on point 3 of the "next steps" paragraph related to projects to be funded by the IGF partners. Titti replied that she included that point thinking about the possibility of having more tangible IGF outputs, starting from the results and messages of the IGF annual event. As an example, she referred to the possibility to translate the report delivered by the IGF into more concrete recommendations.

Titti also mentioned that the new version of the IGF vision document includes the request to change the first part of par.72 of the Tunis Agenda (IGF's mandate) including the following sentence: <<"We ask the Un Secretary General to acknowledge the IGF as a space for ongoing multi-stakeholder policy dialogues">>

Chris observed that in order to implement the strategic vision of the IGF there is a need to have some practical steps that show how the strategy will be implemented.

Another aspect discussed was related to development of recommendations - Jorge recalled that the PNs were introduced to develop recommendations or a more normative paper. There is the opportunity that PNs and other intersessional activities integrate/reflect the São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines. He suggested starting as a pilot in a BPF or PN. There followed a discussion on the best way to achieve this objective. Anriette suggested using the DC format as they are more independent and could guarantee more continuity.

Chris invited the participants to include their comments in the document by **Friday, June 21** so that the document could be shared with the MAG.

## **2. GDC update**

Chris shared that there was a response to the GDC Rev.1 from the G77&China, which is not going in the right direction. Jorge shared that the GDC Rev.2 will be shared on 1 July and the co-facilitators will decide if there is a need for more negotiation days.

## **4. Update from the IGF Secretariat**

Anja gave an update on the preparatory activities for the Open Consultations and MAG meeting saying that there 158 registrations.

She added that the IGF has been approached by UNESCO as they are updating the Internet Universality Indicators, and that the Youth Track has been launched officially at EuroDiG on Day 1, where there was a good discussion focused on AI

## **7. AOB**

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on July 4 at 5:00 UTC.

## **List of participants**

1. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
2. Anriette Esterhuysen, former IGF MAG Chair
3. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
4. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
5. Charles Shaban, Independent Expert
6. Fiona Alexander, former MAG member
7. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
8. Isra Rosas (ISOC)
9. Jennifer Chung, former MAG member, DOT Asia
10. Kenneth Merrill, NTIA
11. Justin Fair, IGF MAG member
12. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
13. Lito Ibarra, IGF MAG member
14. Muriel Alapini, Independent Expert

15. Peace Olivier, IGF MAG Member
16. Tracy F. Hachshaw, Independent Expert
17. Valeria Betancourt, APC
18. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat
19. Xiao Zhang, MAG Member
20. Yuging Ying, Independent Expert