

**IGF 2021**  
**MAG Meeting XVIII | 19 October 2021**

**Summary report**

## **Action items & Next steps**

### **Main sessions**

- As they finalise the main session preparations, issue teams are invited to consider the following:
  - Speakers need to be confirmed by the end of October.
  - Each session should have a brief description (2-3 sentences) to be added to the schedule, and which can be used to promote the session.
  - There should be diversity among the speakers, in terms of regions, stakeholder groups, perspectives and gender. The teams are encouraged to be more ambitious in terms of speakers and reach out to people that are prominent.
  - The teams should ensure that session moderators are experienced and can lead meaningful discussions, while also engaging the audience.
  - The teams should ensure that skilful rapporteurs are assigned to each session.

### **Hybrid IGF**

- Secretariat to share the plans for the training sessions with the MAG, giving members time to comment and make suggestions.
- Secretariat to ensure that all information used for the training sessions is also made available in writing, in the form of a guide.
- Secretariat to contact session organisers before the training sessions and (a) make sure everyone is aware that IGF 2021 is a hybrid meeting, and (b) collect information about onsite and online session contributors.

### **IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase**

- MAG members are encouraged to join the sessions included in the preparatory phase and contribute to promoting them within and beyond the IGF community.
- MAG issue teams are invited to inform the Chair and the Secretariat if they wish to have a brief call to review the preparations for these sessions.

### **MAG working groups**

- The WG-Strategy will share with the full MAG a draft letter proposed to be addressed by the MAG to the UN Secretary-General with comments on the *Our common agenda* report.

### **AOB**

- MAG members and the IGF community are invited to review [the report that Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\) have produced](#) and which is open for public comment until 14 November.

- MAG members are invited to share suggestions on how to mark the IGF's 15th anniversary. Discussions to continue at the next MAG meeting.
- MAG members are encouraged to navigate the new IGF website and (a) alert the IGF Secretariat if they observe any glitches, and (b) share comments on other issues to improve.

1. The eighteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 19 October 2021 at 15:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, MAG Chair.

Attached to this summary report are the meeting agenda and input documents (Annex I) and the list of participants (Annex II).

## **I. Introductions and updates from Host Country and Secretariat**

2. The Chair started the meeting by welcoming participants and giving an overview of the meeting's agenda.

3. Mr. Przemyslaw Typiak, Polish government, noted that the Host Country is advancing preparations for the 16th IGF. Updated COVID-19-related information is being prepared – in coordination with the IGF Secretariat and UN DESA – and is expected to be published in about two week's time; it will cover aspects related to entry into Poland and IGF venue rules. Mr. Typiak also spoke about the ['My Internet of the future' competition](#), which has attracted more than 600 submissions from young people around the world.

4. Mr. Chengetai Masango, Ms. Sorina Teleanu and Mr. Luis Bobo, IGF Secretariat, provided several updates from the Secretariat:

- The IGF website includes a reference/link pointing readers to relevant COVID-19 related information [available on the Host Country website](#).
- The IGF 2021 main sessions have been added to the online schedule.
- MAG members and the IGF community are invited to review [the report that Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\) have produced](#) and which is open for public comment until 14 November. The report documents the history of DCs, provides insight into their work and processes, and analyse their further potential. It is intended to contribute to a better understanding of the worth of coalitions and their contribution to current IGF processes, as well as to shaping the future of the IGF. In addition to documenting the current state of affairs related to the work of DCs and their role within the IGF ecosystem, this document also highlights suggestions and recommendations that could contribute to strengthening DCs and enhancing their contribution to the IGF.
- Training sessions for IGF 2021 are scheduled for early November (4 and 10 November). They are dedicated to session organisers, speakers, moderators and participants, and intended to equip them with the necessary information on how to effectively host and participate in sessions at the hybrid IGF 2021. These sessions will also be an opportunity for IGF participants to ask any questions they may have about the hybrid IGF.

- The new IGF website has been live for the past two weeks. The Secretariat welcomes alerts from MAG members on any glitches they may identify on the website, as well as comments on other issues to improve.

5. With regard to the training sessions on the hybrid IGF, several points were made during the discussions:

- The sessions need to be prepared very carefully, to ensure that they cover not only technical aspects, but also issues related to effective moderation, the role of chat moderators, interactive session formats, etc.
- MAG members are invited to contribute to the preparation of these sessions, to show their commitment to the hybrid IGF.
- It would be useful to have a guide containing all the information used for the training sessions.
- It is important to make sure that, prior to the training sessions, session organisers are contacted and an initial conversation is started with the. This would ensure that everyone is aware that IGF 2021 is a hybrid meeting, and would be an opportunity to collect information about the distribution of online and onsite session contributors.
- Although issues related to IGF 2021 session reporting are not intended to be covered in these training sessions, consideration needs to be given on how to ensure that session organisers are well-aware of their reporting obligations.

6. In response to a question about the role of the Host Country Programme Committee, it was explained that this is a multistakeholder group which supports the preparation of certain elements of the IGF 2021 programme, as they relate to Host Country responsibilities (for instance, related Day 0 sessions). The Host Country team acts as an interface between the MAG and this committee, as well as other teams involved in the preparations for IGF 2021, so additional communication mechanisms are not needed.

## II. Main sessions

7. MAG issue teams presented the outlines of their main session, which are in the final stages of preparation. Dynamic Coalitions and national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) will present their main session proposal at the next MAG meeting.

- [Inclusive Internet Governance Ecosystems & Digital Cooperation](#)
- [Economic & Social Inclusion and Human Rights](#)
- [Universal Access & Meaningful Connectivity](#)
- [Emerging Regulation: Market Structure, Content, Data, and Consumer Rights & Protection](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change](#)
- [Trust, Security, Stability](#)

8. As they finalise the plans for main sessions, issue teams are invited to consider the following elements:

- Speakers need to be confirmed by the end of October.

- Each session should have a brief description (2-3 sentences) to be added to the schedule, and which can be used to promote the session. The Secretariat may, if needed, suggest some edits to the proposed descriptions, to make them more concise.
- There should be diversity among the speakers, in terms of regions, stakeholder groups, perspectives and gender.
- The teams are encouraged to be more ambitious in terms of speakers and reach out to people that are prominent. This would contribute to creating a sense that the IGF is the place where conversations on current topics can continue in an inclusive and multistakeholder way.
- The teams should ensure that session moderators are experienced and can lead meaningful discussions, while also engaging the audience.
- The teams should ensure that skilful rapporteurs are assigned to each session. Take-aways (due 2 hours after the session) and reports (two two weeks after the session) from main sessions should serve as models other session organisers will be looking at; they should set an example.

### III. IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

7. Ms. Anja Gengo and Ms. Eleonora Mazzucchi, IGF Secretariat, provided an overview of upcoming sessions included in the [IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase](#), such as:

- A session on *Health matters and the UN Sendai Framework* (20 October), organised by the DC on Data Driven Health Technologies
- Two capacity development sessions convened by the IGF Secretariat together with Youth LACIGF (22 October) and the African IGF (26 November).
- A workshop on digital transformation and online security and safety (2 November), organised as part of the *Our digital future* initiative by the IGF Secretariat, the Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity, the DC on Internet Standards, Security and Safety, and Microsoft.
- The MAG-convened introductory sessions, on 1 and 2 November.
- Two sessions convened by the MAG Chair on *16 years of IGF evolution and strengthening – Taking stock and looking forward* (17 November, organised together with the Secretariat) and *State of multistakeholder Internet governance and the IGF* (date tbc in November, organised together with the MAG WG-Strategy).

8. MAG members are invited to join the sessions included in the preparatory phase and contribute to promoting them within and beyond the IGF community.

### IV. Updates from MAG Working Groups

9. Ms. Amrita Choudhury, MAG member, informed the MAG that the WG on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy) is working on a draft letter proposed to be addressed by the MAG to the UN Secretary-General with comments on the *Our common agenda* report. Once finalised in the group, the draft will be shared with the full MAG for comments; it will be up to the MAG to decide whether to go ahead with sending the letter.

## **V. IGF's 15th anniversary**

10. On 30 November, the IGF will be marking its 15th anniversary: the first IGF meeting started on 30 November 2006 in Athens, Greece. MAG members are invited to share suggestions on how to celebrate this milestone. Initial ideas shared during the meeting included:

- Inviting the community to share photos and messages via social media (e.g. Twitter) with their IGF memories.
- Contact key individuals from all sectors who were part of the process that led to the creation of the IGF (and subsequently part of the IGF itself) and invite them to make a statement, show up in an online event, etc.
- Creating a petition platform that would enable people to launch a petition drive to build support for policies and practices that would make the Internet better in ten years.

## **VI. AOB**

11. Details about the next MAG meeting – to be held in two week's time – will be shared via email. Since the meeting will take place after the introductory sessions, MAG issue teams are invited to inform the Chair and the Secretariat if they wish to have a brief call to review the preparations for these sessions.

## **Annex I**

### **Meeting agenda**

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Updates from Host Country
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. Main sessions outlines
5. Comments on the new website
6. Updates on preparatory phase
7. Updates from MAG working groups
8. IGF 15th Anniversaire
9. Next steps
10. AOB

#### **Input documents**

Main Session Docs:

- [Inclusive Internet Governance Ecosystems & Digital Cooperation](#)
- [Economic & Social Inclusion and Human Rights](#)
- [Universal Access & Meaningful Connectivity](#)
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- [Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change](#)
- [Trust, Security, Stability](#)
- [NRIs main session](#)
- [DCs main session](#)

[Preparatory & Engagement Phase Programme](#)

## Annex II Participants

Apologies noted from MAG members Gunela Astbrink, Juliana Harsianti, Courtney Radsch, Arsene Tungali.

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