

IGF 2021
MAG Meeting XIX | 9 November 2021

Summary report

Action items & Next steps

Main sessions

- MAG issues teams are invited to contact the Secretariat if they require any assistance with finalising the preparation for their main sessions.

Hybrid IGF

- MAG members are invited to provide comments regarding the IGF website, as well as the process for registering for the IGF 2021 meeting.
- As guidelines are provided to session organisers (e.g. via email, website) and participants, the MAG and the Secretariat are urged to place more emphasis on elements related to engagement and interactivity (and not focus only on technical aspects).

IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase

- Reflections related to the planning and execution of the issue area introductory sessions are to be integrated into the planning process for IGF 2022.

MAG working groups

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

AOB

- The Host Country will share updated information regarding COVID-19 related rules and procedures for IGF 2021 participants who intend to travel to Katowice.
- MAG members are invited to promote the [call for nominations](#) for the IGF Leadership Panel within their communities.
- MAG members are invited to review [the report that Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\) have produced](#) (open for public comment until 14 November) and to join the [19 November session](#) dedicated to discussing the report.
- Based on the suggestions shared by MAG members, the Secretariat will develop a plan on how to mark the IGF's 15th anniversary.

1. The nineteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2021 preparatory cycle was held on 9 November 2021 at 11:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Mr. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat.

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

I. Updates from Host Country and Secretariat

2. Mr. Przemyslaw Typiak, Polish government, explained that the Host Country is in the process of finalising a set of updated information regarding COVID-19 related rules and procedures for participants at IGF 2021. He also noted that special letters are to be issued for participants to enable them to enter Poland without quarantine.

3. Mr. Masango provided several updates from the Secretariat:

- To date, over 3000 individuals registered for IGF 2021; over 1800 of them indicated that they plan to attend the meeting in person.
- A call for nominations was launched for the IGF Leadership Panel for the 2022 and 2023 IGF cycles. Stakeholders are invited to nominate candidates from all stakeholders and regional groups, until 29 November. [Details about the panel and the call for nominations](#) are available on the IGF website. MAG members are encouraged to promote the call within their communities.
 - A comment was made that the 29 November deadline could be tight: as nominations are sought for high-level individuals, the process for briefing them about the IGF and the panel and obtaining their agreement for such nominations would require time. The Secretariat notes that the comment will be relayed to the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General.
- In the week of 1 November, the Secretariat undertook a mission to Addis Ababa, where the IGF 2022 meeting will be held. The mission included a visit at the venue for IGF 2022, as well as meetings with the government and other local and regional stakeholders. Overall, there is a high level of commitment to host IGF 2022 in Ethiopia. With regard to the situation currently unfolding in the country, it was noted that this is being carefully monitored.

4. The meeting then continued with a review of action items from the previous MAG meeting. The following points were noted:

- Details regarding the IGF 2021 main sessions are published on the IGF website. MAG issue teams are invited to contact the Secretariat if they require any assistance with finalising the preparation for their main sessions.
- Training sessions are being hosted to explain the details of the hybrid IGF to session organisers, speakers, moderators, etc. Written material is also distributed with information about the hybrid IGF.
- The MAG Working group on IGF strategy and strengthening (WG-Strategy) is in the process of finalising the draft letter proposed to be addressed by the MAG to the UN Secretary-General with comments on the *Our common agenda* report. Once finalised, the letter will be shared with the MAG for comments and a decision on the way forward.
- MAG members were reminded of the invitation to review [the report that Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\) have produced](#) and which is open for public comment until 14 November. It was also noted that an [open session will be held on 19 November](#) to discuss the report; MAG members are invited to join.

II. Lessons learnt from the preparatory and engagement phase

5. MAG members shared comments and reflections regarding the issue area introductory sessions that were held during the IGF 2021 preparatory and engagement phase:

- The quality of discussions was good, but the participation was not very high. Outreach should be improved. The approach of hosting sessions back-to-back did not appear to function very well. There was a tendency for the first session to be better attended than the first. In the future, such an approach should be avoided.
- One observation was made that there seemed to be an overlap with the main sessions, as the discussions were not always newcomer friendly.
- Regarding the planning process, it was said that more needs to be done to encourage engagement from all MAG members. Suggestions included mentoring for new MAG members, as well as providing more clarity when it comes to how work is expected to happen within the MAG and its various groups (e.g. how and when decisions are being made, what is expected from MAG members when they take on some responsibilities, how to better communicate within the group).

III. IGF 2021 logistical issues

6. MAG members were invited to provide any comments they may have regarding the IGF website, as well as the process for registering for the IGF 2021 meeting.

7. A discussion was held on the speaking queue system to be used at IGF 2021. The plan is to require all participants – onsite or online – to indicate their interest in taking the floor by using a speaking queue system available via the IGF website (and the upcoming IGF app). Questions were raised on whether using only the ‘raise hand’ option embedded into Zoom would be appropriate. The Secretariat responded that this matter can still be discussed, but that using the in-house system offers the advantage of being able to collect statistical data about IGF 2021 participants who take the floor.

8. With regard to the guidelines for session organisers and participants regarding the hybrid format for IGF 2021, it was noted that, in addition to technical details, more emphasis should be placed on explaining what is expected from a hybrid meeting, in terms of high levels of engagement and interactivity.

IV. IGF's 15th anniversary

9. On 30 November, the IGF will be marking its 15th anniversary, as the first IGF meeting started on 30 November 2006 in Athens, Greece. To mark this milestone, several suggestions were made:

- Creating a visual material (e.g. an infographic, a poster) about the IGF and inviting the community, supportive institutions, NRIs and others to post this on their website or social media on/around 30 November.
- Hosting an event on 30 November, inviting as guests stakeholders who have been part of key IGF structures over the years.
- Organising a trivia with questions related to the IGF.

- Inviting the community to share short videos about their involvement in the IGF and where they see the forum in the future; promote the videos via social media.

VI. AOB

11. The next MAG meeting will be held on 23 November. It will be the last MAG meeting before the 16th IGF.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Agenda

1. Update from the Host Country
 - a. Updates from the Host country on vaccine approvals and quarantine
2. Update from the Secretariat
 - a. Update on registration numbers
 - b. Leadership Panel Call
3. Reviewing action items from the last two calls to check we are up to date with all our tasks as MAG members and the same for the Secretariat
4. Debrief on lessons learnt from last week's IGF2021 preparatory and engagement phase and how to apply these lessons in the main sessions during the Katowice annual forum
5. Feedback on the registration process and the IGF2021 pages on the IGF site and on the host country site
6. Update on the guidelines for session organisers in the context of the hybrid IGF2021
7. Checking in on the status of main session preparation
8. IGF 15th anniversary plans
9. AOB

Input documents

Main Session proposals:

- [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](#)
- [NRIs main session](#)
- [DCs main session](#)

[Published Main Sessions page](#)

[Preparatory & Engagement Phase Programme](#)

Guidance for Participants in the Context of Hybrid IGF:

- [About Hybrid Format](#)
- [Hybrid FAQs](#)
- [Zoom Quick Guide & Accessibility Guide](#)
- [Specific Information for Session Organizers on Interactive Schedule and Zoom Links](#)
- [IGF Remote Participation Guidelines](#)

[Internet Governance Forum Leadership Panel - Call for Nominations](#)

Annex II Participants

Apologies noted from MAG member Rose Ofianga.

Last name	First name
MAG Chair	
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MAG members	
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AlHashimi	Hana
Andriamampionona	Hariniombonana
Attoumani Mohamed	Karim
Canales	Maria Paz
Charlton	Paul
Choudhury	Amrita
Chukov	Roman
Espinosa	Amado
Harsianti	Juliana
Hordynski	Ryszard
Horejsova	Tereza
Khanal	Raj Ananda
Peake	Adam
Radsch	Courtney
Seturi	Ucha
Tauchnitz	Evelyne
Zambrana	Roberto

UN DESA	
Susar	Deniz
Representatives of international organisations	
Ferre Sanjuan	Laura
Nemiguentcheva-Grau	Velimira
Past and future IGF host countries	
Iida	Yoichi
Other participants	
Carvell	Mark
Cohen	Frederic
Galstyan	Lianna
Kummer	Markus
Nelson	Mike
Parris	June
Prendergast	Jim
Wagner	Flavio
Wagner	Rejane
IGF Secretariat	
Bobo	Luis
Degezelle	Wim
Gengo	Anja
Masango	Chengetai
Mazzucchi	Eleonora
Teleanu	Sorina
Fasolt	Marlene