

IGF 2022
MAG Meeting VII | 1 September 2022
Summary report

Action items and next steps

IGF 2022 meeting

- MAG members are invited to contact the Secretariat if they notice clashes or other issues that would require changes in the IGF 2022 schedule.
- All MAG members are strongly encouraged to join a main session group and contribute to the discussions. Groups that have not yet started discussing their sessions should do this as soon as possible.
- The MAG to continue discussions via the mailing list on the idea on identifying 'anchor speakers' for the main sessions.

Intersessional work and NRIs

- MAG members, intersessional activities, and the Secretariat to look into how to avoid both repetition and discussions in silos among IGF 2022 sessions that address similar issues.
- The MAG to consider starting a discussion on issues related to the lifecycle of IGF outputs.
- MAG members are invited to contribute to intersessional activities and engaged with the relevant NRIs as a way to build more linkages between the various IGF tracks of work.

MAG working groups

- WG-Hybrid and the Secretariat to continue work on issues related to providing capacity building to session organisers.
- The MAG to consider how to approach situations in which all speakers and moderators in a session are expected to join only online.
- WG-Strategy to share a draft list of items to be tackled during an upcoming meeting between the MAG and the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology.
- The Secretariat to publish the [MAG statement](#) inviting contributions to the consultations launched by the Office of the Envoy on Technology on the Global Digital Compact.
- WG-OEC to continue working on a toolkit for session organisers.
- WG-WSP to continue working on updating the document describing the workshop process, to integrate lessons learnt and feedback received in 2021 process.

MAG Terms of reference

- The consolidated version of the updated MAG ToR to be shared with the MAG, via the mailing list, for final approval.

1. The eight virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) in the IGF 2022 preparatory cycle was held on 1 September 2022 and was moderated by Mr. Paul Mitchell, MAG Chair. Attached to this summary report is the meeting agenda (Annex I).

I. Updates from IGF Secretariat and MAG Chair

2. The following updates were provided by the Secretariat and the MAG Chair:

- The schedule for IGF 2022 is now published. If MAG members notice clashes or other issues that would require changes in the schedule, they are invited to contact the Secretariat.
- The high-level leaders track is being developed and it is expected that invitations to speakers will be sent over the following two weeks.
- The IGF Leadership Panel, announced recently, is to hold its first meeting after 15 September.
- The MAG Chair has sent a letter to the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology suggesting a meeting with the MAG. A positive reply was received and arrangements will be made for a meeting between the Envoy on Technology and the MAG.

3. Several MAG members suggested that, in the future, a draft IGF meeting schedule be shared with the MAG before being published.

II. IGF 2022 main sessions

4. Concerns were raised about the slow pace at which preparations for the IGF 2022 main sessions are advancing. There were also some questions about whether the mailing lists set up for the main session working groups are functioning properly.

5. As next steps, the following were indicated:

- The Secretariat is to send test emails to all mailing lists.
- All MAG members are strongly encouraged to join a main session group and contribute to the discussions.
- Groups that have not yet started discussing their sessions should do this as soon as possible.

6. MAG members were reminded of a previous discussion related to identifying 'anchor speakers' for main sessions: experts well-known in their field who would bring value to IGF discussions. Announcing them early on could help build more interest around the IGF meeting. It was suggested that the MAG continues this discussion via the mailing list, to try to agree on a list of such potential speakers as soon as possible.

III. Intersessional activities and NRIs

7. Updates were provided from the [Policy Network \(PN\) on Meaningful Access](#), the [PN on Internet Fragmentation](#), the [Best Practice Forum \(BPF\) on Cybersecurity](#), the [BPF on Gender and Digital Rights](#), [Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\)](#), and [national, regional and youth IGF initiatives \(NRIs\)](#). During the discussions, the following points were made:

- Consideration needs to be given on how to ensure coordination between IGF sessions tackling the same issues. For instance, internet fragmentation is a topic to be addressed during the PN session, the dedicated main session, and several workshops. Avoiding repetition as well as debates in silos is something for MAG members, intersessional activities and the Secretariat to look into.

- Following up on a point about discussions being held among DCs on how to move from DC outputs to IGF outputs, it was suggested that the MAG considers starting a broader debate on the lifecycle of IGF outputs.
- MAG members are invited to contribute to intersessional activities and engaged with the relevant NRIs as a way to build more linkages between the various IGF tracks of work.

IV. MAG working groups

8. Updates were provided by the following [MAG working groups \(WGs\)](#): WG on hybrid meetings (WG-Hybrid), WG on IGF Strategy (WG-Strategy), WG on Outreach, Engagement and Communications (WG-OEC) and WG on Workshop Process (WG-WSP). Key points raised included:

8.1. WG-Hybrid

- WG-Hybrid and the Secretariat will continue to work together on issues related to providing capacity building to session organisers.
- The MAG should consider how to approach situations in which all speakers and moderators in a session are expected to join only online.

8.2. WG-Strategy

- WG-Strategy intends to work on a draft list of items to be tackled during the MAG-Envoy on Technology meeting. This draft list will be shared with the MAG for discussion and input. Another issue the group may start working on is looking into how the IGF could contribute to the upcoming WSIS+20 process.
- WG-Strategy indicated that the [MAG statement](#) inviting contributions to the consultations launched by the Office of the Envoy on Technology on the Global Digital Compact is finalised and that it would be a good time to have the statement published.

8.3 WG-OEC

- WG-OEC is working on a toolkit for session organisers.

8.4. WG-WSP

- WG-WSP is working on updating the document describing the workshop process to integrate lessons learnt and feedback received on the 2021 process. Once finalised within the group, the document will be shared with the full MAG for discussion.

V. MAG Terms of reference

9. MAG members were reminded that work has been ongoing on updating the group's Terms of reference (ToR). During the discussions, suggestions were made to:

- Remove references to MAG meetings being held under the Chatham House rules, considering that MAG meetings are typically open and recorded.
- Remove references to requirements that MAG members participate physically in MAG meetings.

10. The aforementioned suggestions are to be integrated into a consolidated version of the ToR, which will then be circulated via the MAG list for approval.

VI. AOB

10. The next MAG meeting is to be held within 2-3 weeks.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

1. Updates from Secretariat
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