

**IGF Leadership Panel  
Virtual Meeting  
18 December 2023 | 16:00-17:00 UTC**

The [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) Leadership Panel](#) met virtually in plenary on 18 December. The purpose of the call was to collectively review and take decisions on work carried out by the Panel's Group D. In the last weeks, the Group had drafted a timeline of activities for the Panel's "Internet We Want" (IWW) vision paper and refined a report to the UN Secretary-General on the Panel's efforts and strategic outlook, which it plans to submit by the end of this year. The Panel briefly discussed the dates and location for its first face-to-face meeting in 2024.

**Decisions, Action Items & Next Steps**

- In reviewing the IWW process document and timeline (Annex II), the Panel decided the following:
  - Each activity in the process would require a lead Panel member as well as other members in supporting roles (volunteer members indicated with their initials in Annex II).
  - For the first activity, letters would be drafted and sent out with the Chair and Vice-Chair's signatures, inviting organizations to participate in the first IWW consultation on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The third activity in the process, concerning working groups around each of the IWW principles, would be shared between the Panel and the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), with MAG lead volunteers to be identified in due course.
  - The fifth activity, concerning engagement with and drafting a presentation for WSIS+20 communities, would in reality be a two-step process beginning with the Panel's joint submission with the MAG to the WSIS+20 consultation by February 15<sup>th</sup>; the later presentation should reflect both elements of the WSIS+20 submission and IWW paper.
  
- The review of the Panel's report to the Secretary-General included consideration of suggestions made by Ms. Renata Dwan of the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology. These were, namely, to reorder the sections of the report; add the Panel's Terms of Reference (ToR) in annex; more clearly address digital risks and challenges; give a concrete example of how the Panel is communicating on the IGF; specify where relevant whether the Panel is speaking for itself or IGF stakeholders; and provide more context on the IWW paper. Concerning the report in general and these suggestions, specifically, the Panel decided:
  - The report should be more explicit on the Panel's mandate and include the ToR in annex; it should also be explicit about the fact that the IWW paper currently reflects the Panel's views and not yet those of IGF stakeholders.
  - The IWW process document could be included in annex without the Panel member assignments.
  - Over the course of the next day, in order to meet the December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for finalization, the Chair would produce a version of the report reflecting some of Ms. Dwan's suggestions, including restructuring, and share it with the Panel. It was agreed the new version would retain sections on the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and IWW paper at the beginning of the report. The new

version would be sent together with the current draft for members to decide on which is preferable. **[Subsequent to this meeting, Vint Cerf made an attempt to revise the letter along the lines suggested but concluded that the original structure seemed to work better. Input from the Panel members to finalize the version provided by Lise Fuhr is requested – Vint Cerf]**

- Mr. Krzysztof Szubert, advisor to the Chair, stressed the importance of an effective cover letter for the report and volunteered to draft one for the Panel's review, also within the next day.
  - The Panel would seek to present the report to the Secretary-General, either in person or virtually, at the beginning of 2024, subject to the Secretary-General's availability.
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- The Panel briefly discussed the dates of its first two-day, face-to-face meeting in 2024, which are currently proposed as 25 or 26 to 27 or 28 February. The meeting is set to take place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Representing a new member of the Panel, the Governor of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Digital Government Authority, Mr. Abdulrahman Almutairi informed the Panel that the Saudi Host Government remained flexible on the dates. **[Subsequent to the meeting, it was reported that the Mobile World Congress 2024 in Barcelona is scheduled for 26-29 February and at least three Panel members must attend: Lise Fuhr, Hatem Dowidar and Hiroshi Yoshida. There may be a need to try for other dates but finding dates in which most Panel members can meet in person will be difficult. – Vint Cerf]**

## **Annex II – Attendance**

### **Panel Members**

Mr. Vint Cerf, Chair

Ms. Lise Fuhr

Ms. Maria Fernanda Garza

Ms. Carol Roach

Mr. 'Gbenga Sesan

### *Panel Advisors, Representatives & Support Persons*

Mr. Abdulrahman Almutairi

Ms. Renata Dwan

Ms. Lara Honrado

Mr. Robert Middlehurst

Ms. Johanna Resch

Mr. Wiktor Skwarek

Ms. Timea Suto

Mr. Krzysztof Szubert

### *Regrets*

Ms. Huria Ali

Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves

Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma

Mr. Lan Xue

Mr. Hiroshi Yoshida

### **IGF Secretariat**

Ms. Céline Bal

Ms. Anja Gengo

Mr. Chengetai Masango

Ms. Eleonora Mazzucchi

## Annex II – “Internet We Want” Process & Timeline with Activity Assignments

### The Internet We Want (IWW) Process

#### Objectives

The Internet (including its fundamental infrastructure, the World Wide Web and all its applications) represents a complex ecosystem. The Leadership Panel proposes to create a framework to support and strengthen the Internet and the IGF. This is done by creating a bottom-up process for a framework about the IWW including targets in the same vein as SDGs. The vision is to have the goals assessed and discussed every year at the IGF to ensure worldwide progress on the objectives of IWW.

#### Timeline

As Leadership Panel we need to make sure we align IWW with the on-going processes around Internet governance. This means that we need to ensure that we take into account:

- NetMundial in early May, WSIS+20 in late May, Summit for the Future in September

#### Message

- The Internet We Want represents a new way of organizing the work of the IGF.
- The intention behind it is to uphold IGF as the embodiment of the multistakeholder model.
- It is up to all of us to preserve the current model of Internet governance – the multistakeholder model, where no single entity can have control over the information space.

#### Next Steps and Goals: Shaping the Future of Internet Governance

The Leadership Panel envisions its next steps as transformative, ushering in a new era for the IGF and global Internet governance. Our objectives include:

**Realizing an Inclusive Vision:** We emphasize that the Internet We Want implies some changes in the way the IGF works. It is a call for all stakeholders to actively engage, shape, and realize this vision. This collective effort will ensure a diverse and inclusive roadmap for the IGF's future.

**Preserving the Multistakeholder Model:** We underscore the importance of preserving the multistakeholder model, where no single entity has unilateral control over the information space. This model is foundational to the Internet We Want.

**Setting Measurable Goals:** Building on community input and a thorough assessment of challenges, we aim to set measurable goals and targets to further enhance the Internet We Want paper, transforming it from a visionary document to an actionable roadmap. This will form the basis for an intersessional workstream, enabling progress measurement and accountability.

**Roadmap for IGF's Next Mandate:** The Internet We Want vision paper, complemented with measurable goals and targets, can become the roadmap for the IGF's next mandate. It will serve as a foundation to assess and report on progress made, akin to the international community's annual review of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Step-change in IGF Recognition:** We aim to position the IGF as a dynamic forum with a focused agenda, and a cohesive, multi-year roadmap based on the Internet We Want vision, bolstered by a robust intersessional workstream.

IWW process	Objective	Tasks	Responsible	Timeline
1 <sup>st</sup> Consultation	To get feedback from the community on the framing of IWW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set a deadline</li> <li>Make sure the consultation is known. ISOC, IETF, ICANN, IGF mail list, MAG</li> </ul>	LF GS MG	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Review comments from 1 <sup>st</sup> consultation	Make sure to align draft with feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect and summarize the responses.</li> <li>Consult with LP and MAG on the changes to the draft</li> </ul>	LF VC GS Sect	Summary to be done by 1 <sup>st</sup> April Consultation by Mid-April 2024
Create WG for each IWW topic	Setting measurable goals in the same style as SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create 5 working groups for each topic – LP, MAG, ???</li> <li>1. Whole and open;</li> <li>2. Universal and inclusive;</li> <li>3. Free-flowing and trustworthy;</li> <li>4. Safe and secure; and</li> <li>5. Rights-respecting.</li> </ul>	1. Whole and open; (GS) 2. Universal and inclusive; (LF) 3. Free-flowing and trustworthy; (VC) 4. Safe and secure; and (KE) 5. Rights-respecting. (CR)	Start of process 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 Mid-evaluation 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 Deadline 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024

			*MAG co-leads to be identified	
Presentation at NetMundial+10 in early May	Socialize the draft with the communities behind NetMundial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree on a presentation with LP and MAG</li> </ul>	TBD	Early May 2024
Presentation at WSIS+20 in late May	Socialize the draft with the communities behind WSIS+20	Agree on a presentation with LP and MAG	KS LF	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Presentation at Summit for the Future September	Present a draft for governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree on a presentation with LP and MAG</li> <li>• Include the latest work from the WGs (Mid-evaluation)</li> </ul>	VC (+ MR, KE as potential speakers) LF, MG, KS (to work on presentation)	September 2024
Presentation and discussion at IGF December	Present a framework for IGF to be implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a draft endorsed by MAG</li> <li>• Create mechanisms to keep the IWW vision relevant and actionable</li> </ul>	TBD	December 2024