

**IGF 2024**  
**MAG working Group on Youth Engagement (WG-Youth) Kick-Off Meeting**

**20 March 2024 | 15 :00 UTC | Online**

The meeting was chaired by MAG member Saba Tiku, with support from the Secretariat. The list of participants is available in the annex.

**1. Welcome remarks**

The Multistakeholder Advisory Group Chair, Carol Roach, took the opportunity during her welcome remarks to reiterate the importance of the cooperation between youth and the MAG. She called for an active participation to make young voices be heard and to provide ideas for potential implementation by the MAG.

**2. Presentation from the Working Group Co-facilitators**

The co-facilitator provided an [overview of the MAG WG on youth engagement](#), including its objectives, some proposed activities, as well as the benefits of having launched such working group.

**3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat**

The IGF Secretariat provided an update on the IGF 2024 Youth Track. Details are available here <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-youth-track>

**4. Discussion on plan of activities**

As this working group can be seen as a response from the MAG to include more youth in a meaningful way, several ideas regarding potential activities were shared during the meeting:

- The elaboration of a plan to celebrate the International Girls in ICT Day of Girls in ICT taking place on 25 April 2024.
- Competitions such as Moots and Hackathons could be organized to further encourage the youth engagement in the MAG working group. Other entities and institutions, such as ISOC Chapters, could be involved to increase outreach.
- The the working group organization of a session by to guide youth on submitting good session proposals as an attempt to increase the number of accepted sessions led by youth.
- The curation of a list of youth experts who could be invited as IGF session panelists.
- It was noted that speakers for the IGF 2024 Youth Summit should be more carefully selected to have all panelists on an equal footing.
- Participants expressed their interest to continue youth engagement after the IGF meetings ended. It was suggested to:
  - Organize capacity building workshop following the IGF, as well as engaging more youth at the regional or national IGFs. It was noted that IGF youth can also join other communities such as the ISOC youth standing group.
  - Establish a dedicated online platform where youth can continue discussions, share resources, and propose new ideas in-between meetings (a hub for ongoing collaboration and community-building).
- As for working modalities and outreach, it was suggested to add a youthful feel and energy to youth engagement and use channels besides the mailing lists. On social media, youth advocacy can be amplified and youth on IG can be celebrated more widely.

- In the lead up to the IGF 2024 and its youth track focusing on AI, interactive workshops and webinars could be organized to build youth capacity on the governance of AI. As such, more youth could understand the topic and meaningfully contribute to discussions and decision-making processes.
- As for (impactful) youth participation beyond IGF events, the MAG could explore other opportunities for youth, such as laying out potential (career) plans, or securing internship positions in partner organizations involved in IG work.
- The question was raised on how to best include IGF youth in the ongoing GDC process. The Working Group on Strategy invited interested participants to join the [mailing list](#) and the upcoming meeting on 28 March, 13:00 UTC.

## **5. Way forward**

The Secretariat can support the working group with a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting.

The Secretariat shared the link to the [call for session proposals](#) with the deadline for session submissions of 30 April.

Any interested person can join the MAG Working Group on Youth Engagement mailing list [here](#) as well as the mailing list of the MAG Working Group on Strategy [here](#).

## **6. Any other Business**

It was agreed to:

- update this year's IGF webpages, in which the workshop selection criteria are mentioned.
- Bring to the attention of evaluating MAG members workshop proposals that opted for a 30-minutes slot, as the limited number of speakers may affect the diversity criteria.

## **Annex I:** Agenda

1. Adoption of the draft agenda
2. Welcoming remarks from the MAG Chair
3. Presentation from the Working Group Co-facilitators
4. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
5. Discussion on plan of activities
6. Way forward
7. Any other Business

## **Annex II:** List of Participants

Saba Tiku (MAG Member, co-facilitator)  
Bram Fudzulani (MAG Member, co-facilitator)  
Jenna Manhau Fung (co-facilitator)  
Carol Roach (MAG Chair)  
Chris Buckridge (MAG Member)  
Alisa Heaver (MAG Member)  
Peace Oliver Amuge (MAG Member)  
Bruna Martins dos Santos (MAG Member)  
Angel (MAG Member)  
Anja Gengo (IGF Secretariat)  
Celine Bal (IGF Secretariat)  
Wai Min Kwok (UNDESA)  
Ashrafur Rahman Piaus  
Athie Mohamed  
Bibek Silwal  
Alexandra Maldonado  
Rita Wehbe  
Alina Ustinova  
João Martins  
Mutegeki Cliff Agaba  
Lily Edinam Botsyoe  
Amy Crocker  
Tori Irvine  
Pedro de Perdigão Lana  
Nadia Tjahja  
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ISOC Gender Standing Group  
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Alejandra Prieto  
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Rekik  
Wai Min Kwok  
Millenium Anthony  
Shanea Lewis  
Xiaobo YANG  
Ashikur Rahman Shunno  
Samuel Jose  
Amina Ramallan  
Amina Ramallan Nigeria  
TsholofeloMokone  
Phyo  
Ananda Gautam  
Ayesha Siddika  
Osei Kagyah  
Wale  
Athanase Bahizire  
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