

**IGF 2024**  
**MAG working Group on Youth Engagement (WG-Youth) Virtual Meeting II**  
**20 June 2024 | 16 :00 UTC | Online**

The meeting was chaired by MAG member Saba Tiku, along with the co-facilitators. The list of participants is available in the annex.

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

MAG member Saba Tiku started the meeting by welcoming everyone and reiterated that this was a follow-up meeting to further refine and gather feedback on a draft youth mentorship program proposal, which the working group planned to finalize and submit for MAG approval. Co-facilitator Jenna Fung also provided an opening remark on the prospect of being able to get the youth mentorship program kicked off as soon as possible, following the approval process.

**2. Updates from the IGF Secretariat on the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG Meeting**

The IGF Secretariat provided an update on the IGF 2024 2nd Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) meeting to be held from 26-28 June 2024 in Geneva at the United Nations Office. Details and agenda are available here [IGF 2024 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting | Internet Governance Forum \(intgovforum.org\)](https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-second-open-consultations-and-mag-meeting)

The secretariat also provided an update that many NRI meetings are ongoing, and the IGF calendar is being updated with these confirmed events. The IGF is also collecting video testimonials from the community about the positive impacts and incentives that have come through IGF activities. The community is invited to submit 60-second video snippets for this initiative.

There were also updates regarding the IGF 2024 Youth Track that was just launched a few days ago, following extensive work by the core group. The first workshop of the Youth Track was held in a hybrid format, originating from the EuroDIG in Lithuania, and focused on the topic of deepfakes and their impact on democracy and political elections. Details are available here <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2024-youth-track>

**3. Discussion on the draft proposal of the mentorship program**

This agenda item was chaired by the working group co-facilitator, Jenna and the following were key discussion points regarding the draft proposal on the mentorship program:

**Finalizing the Core Elements of the Mentorship Program:**

1. The group discussed and aimed to finalize the core elements of the mentorship program based on community input, ensuring the scope is achievable.

**Defining the Target Audience:**

2. There was a discussion about whether to limit mentors to just MAG members or open it up to other candidates as well.

3. For mentees, the group discussed requiring at least 2 years of experience in the IGF ecosystem, with some discussion on whether 1 or 2 years would be the appropriate minimum.

**Mentee Selection Process:**

4. The group discussed the role of MAG members in selecting mentees, with the co-facilitators suggesting members of the working group should have a voice.
5. There was openness to having a dedicated organizing team manage the mentee recruitment, review and selection, but the working group wanted to ensure its broader community input on the criteria.

**Key Outstanding Questions:**

6. What should the criteria be for selecting mentees?
7. Should there be a dedicated organizing team to manage the selection, or should it be decided more broadly by the working group?
8. What role, if any, should MAG members play in the mentee selection?

**Mentor Selection Criteria:**

9. The group discussed the criteria for selecting mentors, including whether they should be experienced IGF community members or could also include young people previously engaged with the MAG.

**Managing Scale and Accessibility:**

10. The group acknowledged the challenge of managing a large number of mentee applications and the need to set limits on capacity, with differing views on how selective the process should be.
11. Suggestions were made to leverage existing connections, such as pairing mentees with their national/regional IGF representatives, and to consider language accessibility.

**Expanding the Organizing Team:**

12. The group discussed expanding the organizing team for the mentorship program and potentially meeting more regularly to finalize the details.

The following were key points to address in the proposal:

- Determining whether the mentorship should be a one-on-one relationship or if mentors can have multiple mentees.
- Clarifying who can serve as mentors - should they be MAG members or others recommended by the MAG
- Specifying how many mentees will be allocated to each mentor.

## **Next Steps**

- The organizing team will meet regularly (weekly or bi-weekly) to finalize the proposal and action items for the mentorship program.
- The team will incorporate all suggested comments and ideas into the document, especially regarding the selection of mentors and the structure of the mentorship program.
- The team will send the finalized proposal to MAG and kickstart the program.

## **Annex I:** Agenda

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (1 min)
2. Welcome and Introduction (3 min)
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat on the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG Meeting (5 min)
4. Discussion on the draft proposal of the mentorship program (45 min)
5. Questions & Answers (5 min)
6. Any other Business (2 min)

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

1. Saba Tiku (MAG Member, co-facilitator)
2. Bram Fudzulani (MAG Member, co-facilitator)
3. Jenna Manhau Fung (co-facilitator)
4. Anja Gengo (IGF Secretariat)
5. Ashrafur Rahman Piaus
6. Physo
7. Ananda Gautam
8. Marko Paloski
9. Samuel Jose
10. Gabriel Delsol
11. Saima
12. kossi AMESSINOU
13. Muhammad Umair Ali