IGF 2020 MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting IV
6 August 2020 at 2:00 p.m. UTC

Summary Report

The fourth online meeting of the IGF 2020 MAG's Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 6 August 2020 at 2:00 p.m. UTC. The meeting was hosted and moderated by the Group's co-chairs, Concettina Cassa and Anriette Esterhuysen. The meeting's agenda is annexed to this report, as well as the list of participants. The recording of the meeting is available only to the meeting participants upon request.

Agenda

The co-chair, Anriette Esterhuysen, opened the meeting explaining the agenda and the main items included. She gave an outline on the main activities started and asked to the leaders of the working groups to give and update.

Updates from the 4 working groups

1. **Improvements to the IGF**. Flavio Wagner explained that the working group has produced a large number of recommendations over the past three years related to activities on IGF improvements. Taking as reference the charter of the WG on Strengthening and Strategy he drafted a subset of recommendations related to 3 aspects of the IGF improvements: Outcomes; Link to other IG entities; Multiyear planning. Nevertheless, the list of recommendations is long. Participants express the need to prioritize and to establish which of them are still relevant. Some suggested linking the recommendations to the Roadmap and Options Paper document. There was a general agreement among the members to take as reference the inputs coming from the Roadmap for Digital cooperation (par. 93) and from the Options Paper document and to choose from them a maximum of 10 recommendations on which small groups can focus. The selection of recommendations will take into account the objectives included in the charter of the working group on strategy. The template of the document will be shared in the working group so that participants can volunteer.

2. **Strengthening IGF outcome**s. Raul Echeberria reported that the working group participants did not agree on the objectives therefore the work did not proceed. He will share some personal ideas considering the recommendations shared by Flavio.

3. **MAG TOR improvements.** It was noted that several comments shared by Flavio and related to IGF retreat could be used by the working group on ToR. It was decided to postpone the activity as the overall structure of IGF + is still unclear and it seems premature to work on this activity therefore it was decided.

4. **Possible implementation models for the Roadmap's High-level body.** Livia Walpen gave an update on the Roadmap activities (particularly the roundtable on 27 July on the options paper,

where the multistakeholder high-level body was also discussed).There was a general agreement to collect inputs from the members of the working group on how the multistakeholder high-level body could be operationalized (e.g. suggested functions, procedure for selecting the members, etc.) It was decided to update the google document considering the discussion held so far and that Anriette Esterhuysen and the colleagues from the Swiss government (Jorge Cancio and Livia Walpen) will take the lead in this.

Roadmap on Digital Cooperation and Options Paper

Jason Munyan from the HLPDC team updated via chat that after the Roadmap was issued, some recommendation groups were activated to explore next steps for implementation. He informed the working group that the Co-Champions are finalizing the Options Paper to be sent to the Office of USG Hochschild. The Options Paper will be analyzed for recommendations to the Secretary-General.

The co-chair, Titti Cassa, explained the idea to collect inputs from the members of the strategy working group on the main chapters of the Options Paper in order to draft a short document to be presented to the co-champions of Recommendations 5A/B of HLPDC to express the position of the working group . Most participant welcomed this proposal, despite noting that it would be difficult to find a consensus on all chapters and that the document would not impact the current process but it could be a good contribution to the next discussions.

Many participants volunteer to the working group that will draft the document (Livia, Timea, Raquel, Ben, Flavio, Raul). Titti will share the template of the document.

Wolfgang Kleinwächter said that a good moment to introduce some results of the working group into the UN debate would be the annual Resolution on WSIS implementation on ICT for Development of the 2nd Committee that normally start discussions during mid-October.

Anriette suggested focusing on the chapters of the Options Paper that are closest to the MAG activities and to the charter of the working group.

Anriette informed the participants about the idea to organize in her capacity, as MAG chair, a session to discuss more informally the Options Paper and the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. The strategy-working group will support the initiative. Anriette will invite the co-champions and key constituents to be part of the process.

Deniz Susar suggested focusing on the summary section of the Options Paper document as it contains the main points of agreements. He agreed on the idea of Wolfgang to present some results of the working group during the General Assembly; but he warned that there should be agreements among member states on this.

Jason Munyan informed participants that there will not be any substantial difference on the final version of the Options Paper and that the working group on strategy has enough elements to start its work. He also pointed out that both the Options Paper and the Roadmap will not be delivered to the General Assembly as the working groups have already formulated their initial plans and actions to implement the different recommendations. He said that during the General Assembly, there would be a declaration that will include a paragraph on digital cooperation and that it will be a high-level statement not related to specific documents.

Next Steps

1. The co-chairs will work with the volunteers to communicate the shared documents and timeline through this group's mailing list.

2. The next meeting will be in three weeks' time on **August 27 - 2 PM UTC.**

Annex 1:
Meeting Agenda

1)Introduction

2) Updates and inputs on the 4 key areas of activities;

- Improvements to the IGF
- Strengthening IGF outcomes
- MAG TOR improvements
- Possible implementation models for the Roadmap's High-level body

3) Options Paper document - Collecting comments on the main chapters.

4) AoB

Annex 2:
List of participants

1. Anriette Esterhuysen, IGF 2020 MAG Chair, Group's Co-Chair
2. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
3. Ben Wallis, Microsoft, MAG member
4. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat
5. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, MAG member, Government of Italy
6. Jason Munyan, HLPDC Secretariat
7. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
8. Jody Pandey,Georgia Institute Electronic, India
9. Livia Walpen, Government of Switzerland
10. Luis Bobo, IGF Secretariat
11. Markus Kummer IGF-USA Chairman
12. Poncelet Ileleji, Gambia IGF coordinator
13. Raquel Gatto, Independent Expert
14. Raúl Echeberría, Independent Expert
15. Giacomo Mazzone , Independent Expert
16. Deniz Suzar, UN DESA
17. Timea Suto , ICC Basis, MAG member
18. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
19. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat
20. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, University of Aarhus

Links to the working documents:

1)Charter:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G2KNGN5G2Y1IicjpC2PvCmrbDrphJJ2PVbJmuKdYtRs/edit
2) Improvements of the IGF:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lutZTnFaGLhMm-QK3hSb2ZNv4i3f658LTLWguT-OT8Y/edit?usp=sharing

3) Strengthening IGF outcomes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_DIq4a6D3lvv89QGbCpbd36kos4KyD6iGc_w4w_RAO4/edit?usp=sharing

3) MAG TOR improvements: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gaBfwc-A2b1Cd1ZqQQUtaiIbRpjCi4kwEY9-UVj_Hho/edit?usp=sharing

4) Possible implementation models for the Roadmap's high-level body:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zk8D2ub1D9yY4y5mznDbGuqZPDdZi6NjlV38Jsv4FkI/edit?usp=sharing
 5) DECLARATION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
https://www.un.org/pga/74/wp-content/uploads/sites/99/2020/06/200625-UN75-highlight.pdf