

**MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**  
**Online Meeting**  
**31 July 2025 at 06:00 UTC**

## **Summary Report**

The 101st virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 31 July 2025 at 06:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Chris opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

## **Agenda**

1. Update from the IMSB
2. Multistakeholder consultation on WSIS+20 (July 29)
3. [Non-paper webinars](#)
4. Update from the IGF Secretariat
5. General updates: GDC, and AI governance
6. Any other business (AoB)

## **Discussion**

### **1. Update from the IMSB**

Chris spoke of the IMSB submission on the Elements Paper.

Christine suggested that the IMSB should organise regional discussion with the governments. Agreeing to the suggestion, Theresa suggested that it will be discussed by the IMSB and then a schedule could be planned. Amrita requested the help from the government members in WG Strategy to help reach the target audience.

Jimson raised the question on how IMSB should engage with the governments in the discussion. Christine shared the example that the GAC in ICANN was discussing the possibility of a meeting of the GAC with IMSB perhaps in ICANN84. She shared that it could be an informal group level discussion. Theresa shared that she would be checking on the possibility and also if it is possible to get the co-facilitators to join.

Titti highlighted that it is important to try and reach the NY representatives. She pointed out that most GAC members may not be the negotiators. She highlighted the challenges of coordination between the governments departments within a country and formulating a position and presenting it formally.

## **2. Update on the follow-up WSIS+20 virtual stakeholder consultation session**

Christine pointed to the lack of engagement of governments especially from Africa and the Middle East. She pointed out that this process is alien to the UN. Amrita shared that it may also be a cultural shift for governments to participate with other stakeholders. Chris also pointed out that it was an online event and that may have led to less presence of governments.

Chris pointed out that since the event was in webinar mode, could not see the speakers. Jimson spoke on the less participation and attendance of community. He shared that the IMSB took notes. The issue of enhanced cooperation was still there, but was not discussed extensively.

Amrita pointed that speaker list for the meeting and joining links were shared quite last minute, and many people may not have had a chance

## **3. Non-paper webinars**

Bruna shared on the [webinars on non papers](#) and spoke about the starting with webinar on 7 August and the next being on 13 August. She also requested for interested volunteers to moderate the sessions.

Theresa spoke of the discussion between MAG and LP on updating the document on 'The IGF We Need'. She suggested she will share the document for comments from this Working Group.

## **4. Update from the IGF Secretariat**

There was no update from the Secretariat as no one was there in the call.

## **5. General updates: GDC, and AI governance**

Jimson discussed Bertrand de la Chappelle's recent [CircleID article](#) on a "constitutional moment for the IGF". Chris shared that the MAG perhaps could refer to the article while reenergising the discussion for how MAG and IGF needs to be improved.

## **6. Any other business (AoB)**

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be held on 14 August at 13:00 UTC.

## **List of participants**

1. Amrita Choudhury Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
2. Christine Arida, Former IGF MAG member

3. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
4. Titti Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
5. Bruna Los Santos, Group's Co-Chair, former IGF MAG member
6. Jimson Olufuye, IGF MAG member
7. Hossam Elgamal, IGF MAG member
8. Jordan Carter, Past IGF MAG member, AuDA
9. Nabel Yasin, Independent Expert
10. Manal Ismail, Independent Expert
11. Tereza Horejsova, IGF MAG Member
12. Theresa Swinehart, IGF MAG Member
13. Sophia Longwe, Wikimedia Germany
14. Tracy Hackshaw, Independent Expert
15. Peter Koch, Independent Expert
16. Zeina BOU HARB, IGF MAG Member