

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy
Online Meeting
25 September 2025 at 13:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 103rd virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 25 September 2025 at 13:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Titti and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Titti opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

Agenda

1. WSIS+20 Draft 0
2. Upcoming MAG work / IGF evolution
3. General updates: GDC and AI governance
4. Update from the IGF Secretariat
5. Any other business (AoB)

Discussion

1. WSIS+20 Draft 0

Titti shared that the date to submit comments on the zero draft had been extended to 3rd Oct.

Juan expressed concern that Internet Governance seems to be separated from digital world such as Data governance, AI cybersecurity. IG seems to be limited in the narrow sense. He suggested the need to be broadly scoped.

Ana Neves supported Juan in expressing concern on the lack of importance given to Internet Governance and wanted to understand from the participants their feedback.

Wolfgang shared the concern on risk of scope of IGF is reduced to the technical element. The Zero draft speaks about not duplicating processes, it speaks on creating links between GDC, IGF and WSIS. So it is the right moment to raise the voice.

Titti shared that renaming IGF as Internet and Digital government forum could be useful. However, putting this on the table may not be suitable at the moment. Even if the Tunis Agenda includes the wide scope and definition of Internet Governance there is no awareness about this,

Desiree shared the Zero draft is a good document. On IG there could be improvements in enabling environment and capacity building. Stronger language open standards and

Community led infrastructure development. She shared on EU Accountability Forum in first week of October. How to safeguard the IGF and evolve it.

Jimson spoke of the African consultation on Zero draft. Major concern WSIS is not followed up in Africa, except by NRIs. IGF is more acceptable to countries and can be used as a platform for review of WSIS, GDC etc., even at the global and NRI level.

Wout shared the point of view of the DC. Make intersessional work explicit in their submission. This will show how broad the discussions at the IGF are.

Jennifer shared that the IMSB met yesterday and discussed any we may bring an action item to the MAG call for coordinated input of LP, MAG and IMSB.

2. Upcoming MAG work / IGF evolution

Chris presented the work that has been developed so far on [proposed focus areas](#). He mentioned that comments had come in post the MAG meeting and that he was looking forward for comments.

Bruna shared her concern on the framing of the text. There is always a scope of improvement . She suggested changing the framing of document from MAG improvement to spaces for improvement within the IGF.

Amrita agreed to Bruna but also shared that the Secretariat had asked the MAG for suggestions on how to improve the MAG work.

- 3. General updates: GDC and AI governance** - There were no updates discussed.
- 4. Update from the IGF Secretariat** - Anja messaged that she would share the same over email.
- 5. Any other business (AoB)**

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be held on Thursday, 9 October , at 19:00 UTC.

List of participants

1. Amrita Choudhury Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
2. Ana Neves, IGF MAG Member
3. Bruna Santos, Group's Co-Chair,
4. Christine Arida, Former IGF MAG member
5. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
6. Desiree Milhoshevich, IGF MAG Member

7. Titti Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
8. Henry Wang, Independent Expert
9. Jennifer Chung, IGF MAG Member
10. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
11. Juan Fernandez, IGF MAG Member
12. June Parris, Former IGF MAG Member
13. Justin Fair, IGF MAG Member
14. Manal Ismail, Independent Expert
15. Nabel Yasin, Independent Expert
16. Wout De Natris, Independent Expert
17. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat
18. Ellen Taylor, ISED Canada
19. Philippe Schulte, German Government
20. Jimson Olufuye, IGF MAG Member
21. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, IGF MAG Member