

**MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**  
**Online Meeting**  
**13 November 2025 at 7:00 AM UTC**

### **Summary Report**

The 105th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 13 November 2025 at 7:00 AM UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Chris opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

### **Agenda**

1. WSIS+20 Rev. 1
2. Update from the IGF Secretariat
3. General updates: GDC and AI governance
4. Any other business (AoB)

### **Discussion**

It was shared the link to the [Konstantinos Komaitis' article](#) commenting Rev.1 draft and main differences with the previous version ( Draft 0)

#### **WSIS+20 Review Process & Discussion on Rev1**

- **General Sentiment:** Rev1 was seen as a **positive step**, making the text more concise and streamlined compared to the "Zero Draft."
- **Key Improvements:**
  - The document now **explicitly mentions making the IGF permanent**.
  - It better reflects the IGF's ecosystem including specific references to Policy Networks, Best Practice Forums (BPFs), and Dynamic Coalitions.
- **Concerns and Desired Improvements:**
  - **Scope of the IGF:** Multiple participants (Jorge, Markus, Juan) argued that the text still defines the IGF's scope too narrowly. They want clearer language stating that the IGF is a platform for discussing all digital policy issues (like AI and data governance), not just "internet governance" in a restricted sense.
  - **Funding Mechanism:** on IGF funding it was noted the needs for more concrete mechanisms, including potential UN funding or innovative ideas like using funds from the domain name industry (e.g., ICANN's reserves).
  - **Human Rights Language:** A point was raised that the document should refer to "international human rights law" instead of the more generic "human rights law."
  - **Overall Architecture:** Juan Fernández emphasized that the broader WSIS follow-up and review architecture remains too vague and needs a clearer definition of roles and responsibilities to avoid duplication (e.g., with the WSIS Forum).

#### **2. IGF Secretariat Update (Anja)**

The IGF Secretariat provided several updates on their activities:

- **WSIS+20 Side Events:** The Secretariat submitted **five proposals** for side events at the WSIS+20 review in Geneva, covering topics like:
  - Building local internet governance ecosystems.
  - Intergenerational cooperation and capacity development.
  - The role of Dynamic Coalitions.
  - Better engagement of the private sector (both big tech and SMEs).
  - The IGF's strategic future (submitted by the Leadership Panel).
- **Intersessional Work:** The outputs from the Policy Networks and BPFs are ready and will be presented to the community in an event on **December 1st**.
- **NRIs (National and Regional Initiatives):** A survey to improve NRI modalities has been completed, and the results will be shared by the end of the month to inform a 2026 work plan.

### 3. Other Governance Topics

- **AI Governance:** A significant discussion emerged about the relationship between the IGF and the new UN AI Governance dialogue. While it was acknowledged that the AI dialogue has been separated from the IGF, participants stressed the need to:
  - Prevent siloed discussions.
  - Create communication pipelines between the AI dialogue and the IGF/WSIS processes.
  - Advocate for the multi-stakeholder nature of the new AI dialogue.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Positive feedback was given on the multi-stakeholder engagement efforts by the co-facilitators including recent consultations in Dubai.

### 4. Administrative and Other Business

- **MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group) Renewal:** In response to a direct question, the Secretariat confirmed that the current MAG will continue to function until the process for renewing its membership for the next year is clarified.
- **Next Meetings:**
  - The next MAG meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18th**.
  - The next meeting of this Working Group on Strategy was tentatively discussed for November 20th or 27th, with a final decision to be communicated later.
- **Scheduling Conflict:** A clash was noted between the MAG meeting and a meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on data governance on the same dates.

### List of participants

1. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
2. Amrita Choudhury Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
3. Bruna Santos, Group's Co-Chair,
4. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
5. Titti Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
6. Jorge Cancio, Swiss Government
7. Markus Kummer, former IGF MAG Chair
8. Juan Fernandez, IGF MAG member
9. Manal Ismail, Independent Expert

10. Nabel Yasin, Independent Expert
11. June Parris, former IGF MAG member
12. Fundetel, Independent Expert
13. Jorge Perez, IGF Spain coordinator