

MAG Working Group on Strategy (WG-Strategy)

Online Meeting

19 March 2026 at 13:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 112th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 19 March 2026 at 13:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Amrita Choudhury. A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Agenda

1. WG activities for 2026 ([draft proposal](#))
2. Update from the Secretariat
3. Any other business (AoB)

1. WG activities for 2026 ([draft proposal](#))

Amrita introduced the draft document and invited comments from those who had made comments or edits. Titti noted that the document was drafted after the discussions on the last call of the WG-Strategy, but noted that there had been a lot of comments. Chris noted that Priority 1 is focused on implementation and tracking of the 2025 MAG's recommendations on improving MAG modalities.

It was clarified that the document is intended as a **preliminary proposal outlining possible activities of the WG-Strategy for 2026**, to be submitted for consideration and endorsement by the incoming MAG. There was also discussion of the comment left by Jorge Cancio regarding the importance of the "asks" from the WSIS+20 - Chris noted that the MAG team working on the recommendations document is taking account of the WSIS+20 outcomes.

Anriette noted a suggestion for the WG-Strategy to host a webinar on reflections about the WSIS+20 and implications for the IGF, and noted that David Souter has done a few presentations on this and would be keen to take part in the webinar. Anriette also noted that the group could invite those who had contributed to the WG-Strategy webinars held in August 2025, ahead of the WSIS+20.

Wolfgang noted that there are three relevant processes that the WG-Strategy should foster IGF connection with: the new global mechanism on cybersecurity, the discussions on AI (including the Global Digital Compact, the Global Dialogue on AI, the Bletchley process and others); and finally, the ITU discussions, including the PP2026 and the WRC27.

Romella noted that the several speakers in the recent UN consultation on the Global AI Dialogue noted the importance of the IGF's engagement.

Wout suggested that the document includes a lot of work, and that we need to consider accountability and responsibility for the work outlined. We should be careful of taking on responsibilities that we cannot match. Chris and Anriette agreed on this point, and noted that for many of the GDC-related activities, the IGF is not really present, either the MAG or Secretariat. She stressed the importance of integration of these processes, and it requires engagement, but this requires time and resources. Wout noted that we need the IGF to focus on content - producing, disseminating, and discussing content. Romella noted the importance of fostering the IGF as a community, independent of the UN, its funding, or the support of specific governments; she also noted that governance is a competitive environment.

Anriette noted the discussion around harnessing NRIs in the global IG space.

She referred to a [proposal](#) introduced by one of the co-chair of the WG-Strategy on leveraging NRIs to support WSIS Action Line follow-up and to strengthen linkages between national, regional and global processes.

She suggested that further work on this approach could be included among the WG-Strategy priorities for 2026. She also noted that there is active discussion now in Africa about using NRIs for WSIS Action Line follow-up, and then feeding that into the global IGF.

Chris and Jennifer noted the need to consider next steps for the document, including the intended audience (2026 MAG?).

Wout noted his contribution to ensure issues around post-quantum cryptography are considered in a strategic way by the IGF, and including that under Priority 3 (on positioning the IGF in emerging discussions on emerging digital technologies). He also discussed the need for Dynamic Coalitions' coordination with the MAG and the IGF community.

Anriette noted the need to clarify the framing of the document as relating to the activities of the WG-Strategy, which will need to be agreed and endorsed by the 2026 MAG.

Bruna also noted that the WG-Strategy could add support for recommendations coming out of the upcoming Expert Group Meeting.

2. Update from the Secretariat

On the Open Consultation for the AI Global Dialogue, Bruna noted that the sessions were very well attended (<800 people in the first session); there were requests on clear goals and definitions; she noted that there is a call for written input, open until 30 April, and it may be useful for an IGF group (PNAI?) to respond. Jimson noted the

focus of the Co-Chairs on the way ahead, but expressed concern that they have not addressed the potential duplication of processes and discussions.

Jimson also noted an upcoming event in Cameroon regarding a moratorium of tariffs on ICT transmission systems.

3. AoB

The next WG Strategy meeting is scheduled for 2 April at 13:00 UTC, and will be a webinar with David Souter, focused on reflections on the WSIS+20 outcomes and implications for the IGF.

List of participants:

1. Amrita Choudhury Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
2. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
3. Titti Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
4. Bruna Martins dos Santos, Group's Co-Chair, former IGF MAG member
5. Anriette Hesterhuysen (former MAG Chair)
6. Ana Neves, IGF MAG Member
7. Craig Stanley Adamson, UK Government
8. Jimson Olufuye, IGF MAG member
9. Fiona Alexander, Former IGF MAG Member
10. Giacomo Mazzone, Independent Expert
11. Godsway Kubi, Independent Expert
12. Ellen Taylor, ISED Canada
13. Jennifer Chung, IGF MAG Member
14. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
15. June Parris, Former IGF MAG Member
16. Isra Rosas (ISOC), Former IGF MAG Member
17. Adam Peake, former IGF MAG member
18. Lito Barra, IGF MAG member
19. Rodrigue Guiguemde, Independent Expert
20. Romella Janene, Independent Expert
21. Staninlas, Independent Expert
22. Timea Suto (ICC), Former IGF MAG Member
23. Wout De Natris, Independent Expert
24. Juan Fernandez, IGF MAG member
25. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, IGF MAG Member
26. Manal Ismail, Independent Expert
27. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, IGF MAG Member