IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting VIII
27 June 2018

Summary Report

1.   The eighth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 27 June. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on upcoming steps in the IGF 2018 workshop selection process, as well as recent work by IGF intersessional groups, National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs), and by the MAG's working groups.

2.   The Secretariat began the meeting with an update on ongoing venue and programme arrangements for the annual meeting. It was confirmed that the duration of the meeting would be three days, from 12 to 14 November, without a programme of community pre-events the day prior (or 'Day 0' community events). On 11 November there would be, however, a high-level event organized by the French Government, the details of which are still being discussed, as well as a special event on Artificial Intelligence by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), where the IGF will be held. At the same time, as 11 November coincides with French Armistice Day, a number of events around Paris will take place related to that, including the start of the Government-organized Paris Peace Forum. Host Country representatives have indicated that ways of maximizing the IGF's visibility through synergies with the Paris Peace Forum would be explored.

3.   Regarding the venue itself, both the Host Country and Secretariat confirmed that the facilities at UNESCO's headquarters were adequate and that certain budgetary and logistical matters were being finalized. These include ensuring the rooms are technically configured for the meeting. There could be up to eleven workshop rooms at the IGF's disposal, though given the MAG's decision to reduce parallel sessions (in response to multiple requests for improvements) it was agreed the MAG would carefully consider this.

On the organization of thematic or main sessions, it was mentioned that due to the ability of interpreters to work up to a maximum of three hours, the sessions could either be three hours or split into two blocks of less than 90 minutes each. A number of scenarios, for thematic/main sessions as well as the schedule proportions for other session types, were shared with the MAG for their review and guidance during the workshop selection process. The document also features past IGF meeting titles to get members started on thinking about the title for this year's meeting.

4.   As the original deadline for members to complete their evaluations was the day of the call, those who had not already done so were strongly encouraged to submit all their scores (the Secretariat ultimately decided to extend the evaluation period until Friday 29 June).

5.   The draft agenda for the Second Open Consultations and face-to-face MAG Meeting, on 11-13 July, was then reviewed, with a focus on the review the MAG will conduct of the high-scoring workshops within each theme or track. It was emphasised, most importantly, that the review should strive to carefully balance the diversity of themes, and the diversity of topics, according to: which issues are most important to each stakeholder group, each regional group, as well as to the community of National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs). The MAG's desire for a more cohesive programme was also reiterated. The results of the Call for Issues will be a critical guide in helping to make determinations of those stakeholder interests; the Secretariat's analysis of the evaluated proposals will further help to identify gaps and imbalances within the themes or tracks. It was reiterated that some volunteer MAG members would continue to look at the submissions pool to potentially establish metrics for assessing the internal diversity of proposals.

6.   The various Best Practice Forums (BPFs) in 2018 each gave short updates on their work to date, following a number of updates sent in writing to the MAG list. The BPFs on Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Internet of Things both reported that they had held their first virtual meetings; the BPFs on Gender & Access and on Local Content said they would be holding their kick-off meetings shortly and before the MAG's face-to-face meeting, with Local Content also looking for participation from key individuals and organizations.

The fourth phase of the Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion(s) initiative (CENB IV) said it would be holding its first meeting soon and laying groundwork to pick up with the Secretariat-hired consultant once they are formally recruited.

The MAG also heard short updates on Dynamic Coalitions (DCs) and NRIs, with both communities having made or preparing requests to organize their own main sessions during the IGF. Notably, NRIs plan to focus on 'Evolution of Internet Governance' as a theme. DCs, it was said, have agreed on their calls to better align their activities and coordinate, wherever possible, with other intersessional groups such as BPFs.

6.   Finally, the MAG's working groups also updated members on the call – namely the Working Group on Outreach and Engagement (WGOE); on Workshop Review and Evaluation Process (WG-WREP); on IGF Improvements (WG-IMP); on Fundraising (WG-FUN); and on a Multiyear Strategic Work Programme (WG-WMP). In particular, the latter group, led by the MAG Chair, has held three meetings thus far and is focusing its efforts on several fronts: 1 – options for producing more tangible, concrete outputs, and 2 - bringing more cohesiveness to the work of the MAG and the community within the IGF ecosystem, and 3 – advancing a multi-year program for a small number of critical topics. As part of this last effort, the group will try to understand what policy questions the IGF is uniquely positioned to address long-term, bearing in mind a broader and growing Internet governance ecosystem. Finally, it was noted that particular attention was being paid to broadening community engagement across this effort.

7.   The next meeting of the MAG will be face-to-face at the IGF 2018 Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting, to take place 11-13 July at the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG). Further virtual meetings will be schedule in the MAG's online calendar.

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting VIII
Wednesday 27 June 2018, 13.00 UTC
Draft Agenda

1 - Adoption of Agenda (3 min)

2 - Misc Updates by the Secretariat (10 min)

3 - Update by Host Country (10 min)

4 - Review of draft Agenda: Open Consultation and MAG Meeting - July 11 - 13 (30 min)

5 - BPF & CENB Updates (30 min @ 5 minutes each).

6 - MAG Working Group Updates (30 min @ 5 minutes each)**.**

7 - AOB (7 min)

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