IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting I
18 December 2018

Summary Report

1.   The first Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2019 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 18 December 2018. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG, with Mr. Chengetai Masango representing the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on the proposed timeline for the preparatory work in 2019, including the process for the 2019 Call for Issues, to launch shortly, as well as a draft calendar of the MAG's upcoming virtual meetings.

2.   The meeting opened with remarks from the Chair, Ms. St. Amour, who welcomed the timely appointment of the new MAG this year and the opportunity to begin programme discussions at an early stage, noting the opportunity this presented for the MAG and the IGF community to advance more strategic items. Ms. St. Amour then introduced Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the administrative home of the IGF. Mr. Schweinfest warmly thanked the MAG members on their contributions to the IGF's work in the last year, and reflected on the annual meeting just held in Paris in November. The meeting had been successful and particularly high-visibility, with both the UN Secretary-General and Host Country President addressing an IGF for the first time. The statements from Secretary-General Guterres and President Macron included suggestions for the IGF's work moving forward; they join recommendations from other bodies, such as the European Commission, and the UN General Assembly through the WSIS + 10 review, specifically concerning the IGF's outcomes or outputs. In parallel, the High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation (HLPDC) launched by the Secretary-General in July, represents an opportunity for collaboration with the IGF. Mr. Schweinfest invited the MAG over the coming year to consider and discuss the many ideas that have emerged surrounding the IGF's future.

3.   The IGF Secretariat then gave an overview of two proposed timelines for the programme and preparatory work in 2019. Both proposals had been shared previously on the MAG's mailing list and been discussed by members. It was explained that the primary difference between the two was the spacing of the three face-to-face MAG meetings, which are closer together in the first proposal and scheduled to take place in the first six months of the year; in the second, the meetings are farther apart, with a third meeting proposed for September. The rationale for 'front-loading' the meetings in the first proposal was partly to allow sufficient time for early strategic discussions, taking into account all inputs to the 2019 preparatory process. These would include not only the traditional community stocktaking inputs for that year and previous years, but also the high-level statements made during the 2018 annual meeting, and the suggestions for improvements received through processes such as the CSTD WG on IGF Improvements, the WSIS + 10 review and the IGF Retreat organized by UNDESA in 2016 to name a few. It was also felt that the more intensive meeting schedule in the first half

of the year would maintain the momentum of much of last year's work across the MAG and the IGF community, thanks to the timely MAG appointment.

4.   Based on comments from MAG members on the list and on the MAG call, it was determined that Proposal 1 was favoured and the Secretariat suggested proceeding on that basis. Most members on the call, including the representative of the German Government, the 2019 Host, further expressed their approval for the first proposal. In particular, it was said this would give ample time to the usually lengthy process of facilitating workshop mergers and fine-tuning the annual meeting agenda. Moreover, dates for the third MAG meeting, which the German Government has offered to host in Berlin, are fixed for 5-7 June for logistical reasons.

5.   Within the agreed first proposal, some questions were raised about the timing of the second face-to-face meeting. This has been tentatively scheduled to take place during the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s annual WSIS Forum on the week of 8-12 April. Members asked whether holding the meeting at that time at ITU would cause a clash with the WSIS Forum. It was said, however, that the experience of three past MAG meetings held at WSIS has generally been a positive one, with much complementarity generated between the two Forums. It was remarked that the timing would, in fact, likely create a positive opportunity to draw new stakeholders into the IGF, specifically by inviting WSIS participants to the open consultations on the first day of the MAG meeting. Responding to questions related to this, the Secretariat informed that the exact days of the second meeting would be confirmed as soon as possible, as it continues to coordinate with ITU.

4.   A discussion followed on the [Call for Issues process](), which had been approved for the first time by the MAG [ahead of the 2018 IGF](). The Secretariat explained that this call was to gauge what issues the IGF community, and indeed, all stakeholders, would like to see reflected in the annual meeting. Responding to the stocktaking comments that year as well as prior general recommendations made to the IGF, the [Call for Issues results]() were further used as a foundation for a more thematic and cohesive meeting programme in 2018. The [volume of submissions]() had been fairly high and allowed the MAG and Secretariat to determine strong interest in specific topics, such as data privacy. By identifying respondents by region and stakeholder group, it also provided a useful mapping of which issues mattered more or less to different regions and stakeholders. Given the strong support for and success of the process last year, there was broad agreement to relaunch the call using the same wide range of thematic categories, with the option for respondents to introduce any new general themes beyond their more specific issues. It was felt that the submission period set aside, however, might be too short, with the Secretariat agreeing to launch the call by 21 December if possible (if not no later than January 3rd), and that the end date would be extended until 24 January. It also agreed to include language in the call that would contextualize this year's issues process within past meeting programmes or encourage respondents to consider whether their proposed issues have been covered in prior IGFs.

5.   A [draft calendar]() of MAG meetings, highlighting in particular the MAG's upcoming virtual meetings, was shared with members. As with last year, the meetings have been proposed to take place on Wednesdays every two weeks, with some adjustments to be

expected during holidays periods or if conflicts arise with other major meetings. The times would once again be rotated to accommodate different regions.

6.   Looking ahead to the first meeting of 2019, scheduled for 9 January per the calendar, the Chair suggested this would cover the IGF's intersessional work and the MAG working groups – noting that a second meeting in January ahead of the first face-to-face meeting would likely be necessary. She requested MAG members active in those activities to be prepared to speak to them.

Annex I

MAG Virtual Meeting I
Tuesday 18 December 2018, 13:00 UTC - (2 hours reserved)
Draft Agenda

1 - Opening/Adoption of Agenda (5 mins)

2 - Review of 2019 Timeline (40 mins)

3 - Discussion on Call for Issues (30 mins)

4 - Schedule of Virtual MAG Meetings (5 mins)

5 - AOB (10 mins)

List of Participants

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