**IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Virtual Meeting XV
24 October 2018**

Summary Report

1.   The fifteenth Virtual MAG Meeting of the 2018 IGF preparatory cycle took place on 24 October. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as Chair of the MAG. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The agenda (**ANNEX I**) focused on several programme elements ahead of the annual meeting, specifically the revised reporting process for 2019, organization and planning for thematic main sessions, as well as brief reviews of intersessional work and IGF National, Regional & Youth Initiatives (NRIs) in relation to the annual meeting.

2.   The meeting began with short updates from the Secretariat on IGF meeting preparations. It was reported there were more than 2200 registered participants thus far, as well as 33 remote hubs registered. MAG members were asked to raise awareness within their communities of the remote hubs in particular, and to encourage them to organize these. While MAG members and participants more widely would have to comply with Schengen and French national visa regulations, the Secretariat said it would help those experiencing significant difficulty or delay on a case-by-case basis.

3.   Ambassador David Martinon, the French Host Country Co-Chair, also briefed participants. Mr. Martinon informed that the meeting's traditional opening ceremony, on the afternoon of 12 November, would begin with addresses from the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and the Director-General of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Audrey Azoulay. These would be followed by two high-level multistakeholder panels. One would focus on 'new challenges in Internet governance', including cybersecurity, data protection, cyber criminality, and inclusion, and would likely have as speakers Ms. Azoulay, the EU Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, and the chief executive officers of the Internet Society (ISOC) and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Andrew Sullivan and Goran Marby. A second panel would be dedicated to 'empowerment of the IGF', with the MAG Chair and former IGF Host Country representatives invited as speakers. Given the demand for speaking slots from Government ministers and other high level participants, Mr. Martinon mentioned a proposal, yet to be confirmed, to organize a high-level segment on the morning of 13 November. In response to a couple of miscellaneous organizational questions, Mr. Martinon asked that requests for any outstanding high-level invitations be sent directly to his office, and that onsite registration for the meeting would likely open the Sunday preceding the meeting.

It was said that minor, exceptional changes had been made to the schedule [now available in an online interactive format] based on session organizers' needs, and that the self-reservation system for bilateral meeting rooms was now open and available on the IGF website via request to the Secretariat. It was also reported that the IGF Village

was finalized. MAG members were reminded of open deadlines for remote hubs, closing on 15 October, and for IGF meeting registration, on 3 November, and asked to disseminate these within their communities.

3.   France's Ambassador for Digital Affairs, David Martinon, who is leading the organizational effort in the French Government, then briefed MAG members on preparations on the Host Country side. Ambassador Martinon gave an overview of the events happening together with the IGF during 'Paris Digital Week', specifically the Paris Peace Forum and the GovTech Summit, noting that for the former a high number of heads of state and ministers had confirmed their attendance. An outline of the IGF's opening ceremony/high level session, which France is helping to prepare for the afternoon of 12 November, was also given, and will include opening remarks from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs; a keynote speech by the UN Secretary-General; two high-level mulitstakeholder panels; and a closing speech by the French President. It was noted there would be other speaking opportunities for high-level participants in the main sessions, as well as in an open forum organized by UNESCO. Ambassador Martinon further informed that thus far, three receptions were tentatively scheduled for the week of the IGF – one on Monday hosted by the I* group, on Tuesday by another organization planning a launch, and on Wednesday by the German Government.

4.   In response to queries from MAG members, Ambassador Martinon informed that any member seeking an invitation for a minister from their Government or high-level official from their organization should contact the French organizing committee directly and provide the relevant contact details. On the question of other 'Paris Digital Week' events, members were told they would have to register for these separately, and that given its popularity and expected high level attendance, registration could be slower or close imminently for the first day of the Paris Peace Forum. The MAG Chair added that an event co-organized by UNESCO and ISOC on Artificial Intelligence would now take place on the Thursday immediately following the IGF (rather than on the preceding Sunday, as originally planned). Details will be shared upon receipt.

5.   As a general note on main session preparation, the MAG Chair advised organizing groups that a preliminary plan was in place to reintroduce a version of the 'Geneva Messages' or thematic key messages from IGF 2017. These had been successfully piloted during IGF 2017 and as such the MAG supported 'IGF Messages' being continued in 2018. In connection with this, main session facilitators were advised to wisely select their rapporteurs, who will be expected to help draft messages, and to ensure that real-time drafting is taken into account in their session planning. Further details on the messaging process would be shared online and in the next MAG meeting. In addition, the Chair reminded facilitators that without exception, all main sessions would have a duration of 80 minutes, and that each must allocate appropriate time for participant engagement. Facilitators would also be expected to submit their session descriptions as soon as possible in a standard format for posting on the IGF website, the template for which was recently shared on the MAG list.

6.   Short briefings on the state of main session preparations were given by the co-facilitators of the main sessions on 'Cybersecurity, Trust & Privacy'; 'Development, Innovation & Economic Issues – Focus on SDGs' (co-organized with Dynamic Coalitions); 'Digital Inclusion & Accessibility'; 'Human Rights, Gender & Youth';

'Technical & Operational Topics'; 'Evolution of Internet Governance – Focus on the Multistakeholder Approach' (co-organized with National and Regional Initiatives); 'Emerging Technologies'; and 'Media & Content'. All main sessions, it was reported, have clear outlines and strategies, as well as appointed facilitation teams.

7.   Short briefings were also given by the facilitators of the Best Practice Forums (BPFs) on Cybersecurity and on AI, IoT & Big Data. Both were in the process of collecting multistakeholder contributions for their output documents ahead of the meeting. [Further details on their activities and individual meetings, as well as on other BPFs, can be found on the BPF page on the IGF's website.]

8.   Finally, under 'Any Other Business', MAG member Concettina Cassa provided a brief update on the European Commission's High Level Meeting on Internet Governance (HLIG). The meeting, which is typically divided into an open, multistakeholder segment, and a Governments-only one, had taken place earlier in the week. In line with improvements currently underway, stakeholders at the HLIG recommended stronger private sector and Government engagement in the IGF's processes, outputs oriented more toward recommendations, as well as increased financial contributions to ensure a well-resourced and sustainable IGF.

9.   Due to insufficient time, focal points and/or facilitators for MAG working groups, the DCs and NRIs communities were requested to send their updates in writing to the MAG list.

10.   The next virtual meeting of the MAG will take place on **Wednesday 24 October at 11.00 UTC**, as indicated in the calendar.

Annex I

2018 IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XV
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - 11.00 UTC

Draft Agenda

1. Opening/Adoption of Agenda (5 mins)

2. Misc. Updates by the Secretariat/Chair (5 mins)

3. Update on Host Country preparations (15 mins)
- Opening Ceremony and High Level Panels

4. Reporting/Outputs Process Review (20 mins)

5. Review Thematic (Main) session process and preparations (30 mins) -
- Title
- Guiding/framing questions
- Status of speakers (overall status, any help required)

6. NRI Updates (10 mins)

7. Intersessional Updates: BPFs, DCs, CENB (20 mins)

8. MAG WG Updates (10 mins)

9. AOB (5 mins)

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