

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting XV**

25 August 2020 at 11:00 UTC

Summary Report

Open Action Items:

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| MAG2020-XV-2 | MAG members to update the proposals of the main session organising groups they have joined, as well as provide input for other main session drafts, where possible. |
| MAG2020-XV-3 | MAG members to comment on the draft design document for introductory and concluding sessions in time for further discussion at the MAG virtual meeting of 8 September . |
| MAG2020-XV-4 | MAG members to send comments on the draft “IGF in 2020 online discussion series” either directly to the MAG Chair or to the MAG mailing list. |
| MAG2020-XV-5 | Secretariat to send a copy of the draft flowchart of IGF 2020 key inputs and outputs to the MAG mailing list. |
| MAG2020-XIV-1 | MAG members to provide feedback on the “BPF on BPFs” draft report and its recommendations, with a discussion to be held at a future MAG meeting, when the recommendations have been finalised. |
| MAG2020-XIV-2 | MAG members and the Secretariat to begin discussion on the MAG mailing list regarding how to improve outputs from this year’s IGF, with a view to having a more substantial discussion on the topic at the next virtual meeting of the MAG. |
| MAG2020-XIV-4 | MAG members to appoint facilitators for each of the groups to take forward the planning work. |
| MAG2020-XIV-5 | The MAG Chair to send a draft document to the MAG mailing list that she has been putting together that summarises the different types of IGF sessions, what their goals are, and possible approaches that might need to be taken, given this year’s IGF is fully online. |
| MAG2020-XIV-7 | MAG members to capture the process for organising introductory and concluding sessions for thematic tracks used last year so that it can be adapted based on lessons learned. Paul Rowney and Ben Wallis volunteered to start this effort. |

1. The fifteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 25 August 2020 at 11:00 UTC.

- Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG.
- Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.

The following are attached as annexes to this report:

- Adopted agenda
- List of participants
- List of shared input documents

The meeting's transcript is available on the website at

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-mag-virtual-meeting-xv>

2. The meeting included an update on the Recommendation 5A/B Options Paper arising from the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation's report, as well as discussions on the status of preparation for the virtual IGF 2020.
3. The Chair welcomed MAG members to the virtual meeting and called their attention to the reduced timeframe for the virtual IGF 2020, information about which had been recently emailed to the MAG mailing list by the Secretariat. IGF 2020 is now a total of 12 working days, while continuing to adhere to the principle of having as few parallel tracks as possible.
4. Update on previous action items:

Completed

MAG2020-XIV-3 The **MAG Chair** to forward to the MAG mailing list a proposal previously sent to the MAG WG-Strategy regarding possible approaches to the IGF 2020 outcomes.

Update: proposal available at this [MAG mailing list post](#).

MAG2020-XIV-6 The **Secretariat** to document the options available in Zoom for sessions with large numbers of people to assist the main session organising groups in their planning work.

Update: Luis Bobo has distributed this document.

MAG2020-XIV-8 **MAG members** to share their experiences on the recent virtual RightsCon Summit on the MAG mailing list (adding to the lessons learned from previous online events held this year).

Update: MAG members have shared their experiences with the MAG Chair and Secretariat. The MAG Chair encouraged MAG members to continue sharing any experiences of virtual events they are participating in, to help strengthen this year's virtual IGF.

Underway

MAG2020-XIV-1 **MAG members** to provide feedback on the “BPF on BPFs” draft report and its recommendations, with a discussion to be held at a future MAG meeting, when the recommendations have been finalised.

Update: Markus Kummer and Wim Degezelle in process of creating a Google docs version of the draft for the MAG to be able to comment on.

MAG2020-XIV-2 **MAG members** and the **Secretariat** to begin discussion on the MAG mailing list regarding how to improve outputs from this year’s IGF, with a view to having a more substantial discussion on the topic at the next virtual meeting of the MAG.

Update: this work is underway and was reported on in the appropriate agenda item later in the virtual call.

MAG2020-XIV-4 The **Secretariat** to organise calls, this week and next, for the four groups organising the thematic track main sessions. **MAG members** to appoint facilitators for each of the groups to take forward the planning work.

Update: the calls were organised and were reported on in the appropriate agenda item later in the virtual call.

MAG2020-XIV-7 **MAG members** to capture the process for organising introductory and concluding sessions for thematic tracks used last year so that it can be adapted based on lessons learned. Paul Rowney and Ben Wallis volunteered to start this effort.

Update: this work is underway and was reported on in the appropriate agenda item later in the virtual call.

Pending

MAG2020-XIV-5 The **MAG Chair** to send a draft document to the MAG mailing list that she has been putting together that summarises the different types of IGF sessions, what their goals are, and possible approaches that might need to be taken, given this year’s IGF is fully online.

Update: the Chair is working with the Secretariat to finalise the draft document.

5. The Secretariat provided an update on its activities:

- The schedule for IGF 2020, in the shortened 12-day format, **2-17 November**, has been sent to the MAG and will be published on the website shortly.
- The workshop form has been opened to enable workshop organizers to update their proposals with an agenda for their session, with a deadline of **15 September**.

- One provisionally approved workshop, #81, is still pending a US Government speaker confirmation, which the workshop organizers have assured will be done before the 15 September deadline.
 - The 2021 MAG nomination deadline ends today (**25 August**). To date, 115 nominations have been received, consisting of 100 unique nominees.
 - The Secretariat has shared the concept note with the MAG via an [email to the MAG mailing list](#).
6. Wai Min Kwok, UN DESA, and Jason Munyan, Office of the Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser on Preparations for the 75th UN Anniversary and the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, presented an update on the Recommendation 5A/B Options Paper arising from the report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, with the aim of seeking feedback from the MAG on its views on the contents of the option paper (currently still in draft form, and [sent to the MAG mailing list](#)).
- The final version of the Options Paper is expected to come out in the next few weeks.
 - It was noted that there were a number of suggestions in the options paper, but in some cases missing details of modalities.
 - There need to be a prioritisation process to decide which proposals in the paper should be focused on first for implementation. UN DESA and the MAG will be included in the dialogue around this prioritisation.
 - A roundtable was held on July 27 to seek feedback on the draft options paper, and this will be incorporated into the final version.
 - The tech envoy role should be filled by early 2021. The tech envoy will then take on responsibility for carrying forward the UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation.
 - There will be a paragraph about digital cooperation in the declaration to be adopted on **21 September** by the UN General Assembly as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations, but there is currently no plan for detailed discussion by the General Assembly on digital cooperation.
 - There was a suggestion from a MAG member to focus on the elements of the paper that have consensus, such as streamlining and focusing IGF meetings and improving funding for the IGF.
 - It was noted that there were different views on whether two of the options, on the creation of a high-level body complementary to the MAG and what the outcomes of IGFs should be, had consensus to go forward.
 - It was noted that the MAG Working Group on Strategy and Strengthening was also looking at how to strengthen IGF's outputs and outcomes, as well as the possible composition and mandate of a high-level body, and that the work of that Working Group, as well as past Working Groups, would need to be taken into consideration.
 - It was noted that while there isn't full consensus on all aspects of the draft Options Paper, its implementation will go forward, in parallel with consultations about its proposals.
 - There was discussion about the IGF's possible role in providing a helpdesk/clearinghouse function (included in the Options Paper, but not the UN

Secretary-General's Roadmap). It was noted that the ITU and UNDP are working on a digital capacity-building initiative that could provide a clearinghouse function. It was noted that the UN Secretary-General's office was trying to avoid duplication of efforts, so if the ITU/UNDP initiative was able to meet the needs for capacity building, then the item under the Options Paper for a role for IGF in a capacity building helpdesk would probably not be pursued. It was also observed, however, that IGF had always had a strong focus on capacity building, such as supporting Global South participation, and that IGF could continue to pursue capacity building elements outside those of the ITU/UNDP initiative.

- There was also brief discussion about the other recommendation roundtables.
 - It was noted that the various recommendation groups, such as the Recommendation 5A/B group, serve as input to the UN Secretary-General's roadmap, and as such, aren't binding.
 - Each of the different recommendation roundtables has its own ways of working, with some open, and some more closed, with the aim of enabling freer discussions within a smaller group.

7. The MAG discussed progress on the development of main sessions for IGF 2020:

- The Trust main session organising group reported that the session will focus on the issue of Internet fragmentation, and will include subthemes of digital sovereignty and disinformation. The organising group wants to develop outcomes for the session that are focused on the long-term, and not just standalone outputs for this 2020 IGF.
- The Data main session organising group has a co-chair, but not yet a chair. The group wants to base the session around COVID-19 and how it has influenced the discussion on data practices.
- The Environment main session organising group had a sparsely attended call, but hopes to base its main session around the original narrative developed for the environment track.
- The Inclusion main session organising group stated that they were working on the basis of the proposal developed by Karim Attoumani Mohamed and Roberto Zambrana and discussed by the MAG during the Second Open Consultation and MAG meeting in June.

The Chair urged MAG members to not only work within the organising groups they had previously volunteered to join, but to also review the work of other groups, and provide input and assistance to advance all the main sessions.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XV-1: Secretariat to organise an additional one-hour MAG call for Tuesday, 1 September, to focus on the updates of the main session organising groups.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XV-2: MAG members to update the proposals of the main session organising groups they have joined, as well as provide input for other main session drafts, where possible.

8. There was a presentation on the introductory/concluding sessions design draft by Paul Rowney.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XV-3: MAG members to comment on the draft design document on introductory and concluding sessions in time for further discussion at the MAG virtual meeting of **8 September**.

9. Ms Esterhuysen introduced a proposal for an “IGF in 2020 online discussion series”, that had been [posted to the MAG mailing list earlier](#). She encouraged MAG members to send any comments they might have to either her directly or to the MAG mailing list.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XV-4: MAG members to send comments on the draft “IGF in 2020 online discussion series” either directly to the MAG Chair or to the MAG mailing list.

10. There was a brief update from the Secretariat regarding planning for IGF 2020 outputs, with an overview of the ways that different documents and sessions would contribute to the final outputs of the meeting.

ACTION ITEM: MAG2020-XV-5: Secretariat to send a copy of the draft flowchart of IGF 2020 key inputs and outputs to the MAG mailing list.

11. The Secretariat reported that the next MAG meeting would be held **1 September** at 14:00 UTC.

Annex I: Meeting Agenda

IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XV: 25 August 2020 at 11:00 UTC

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Checking on action items from the previous meeting.
3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat
4. Discussion on recommendation 5A/B Options Paper (initiated by USG Fabrizio Hochschild's office and UN DESA)
5. Updates from main session organising groups
6. Update on Introductory/concluding sessions
7. Chair's proposal for "IGF in 2020 online discussion series"
8. IGF 2020 outputs discussion
9. AOB

Annex II: List of Participants*

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group	Country
MAG Chair				
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MAG Members				
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Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government	UAE
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community	Australia
Ms.	Baniala	Dalsie	Technical Community	Vanuatu
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community	Colombia/Australia
Ms.	Canales Loebel	Maria Paz	Civil Society	Chile
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government	Italy
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community	France
Ms.	Chair	Chenai	Civil Society	South Africa/Zimbabwe
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government	Canada
Ms.	Chung	Jennifer	Private Sector	Hong Kong S.A.R., China
Ms.	Dahmani	Wafa	Government	Tunisia
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society	Armenia
Ms.	Glavor	Nataša	Government	Croatia
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society	Indonesia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community	Serbia
Mr.	Karim	Attoumani Mohamed	Private Sector	Comoros
Mr.	Khanal	Raj Ananda	Government	Nepal
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community	Bulgaria
Ms.	Muñoz Zumbado	Maricela	Government	Costa Rica
Mr.	Ndoumba	Eric Armel	Government	Congo
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government	Estonia
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector	Barbados
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government	Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Mr.	Rowney	Paul	Private Sector	Namibia
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector	Romania
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community	Nigeria
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector	UK/USA
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society	Bolivia
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** Apologies received from Jutta Croll, Amado Espinosa, Rudolf Gridl*

Annex III: List of input documents

- [High Level Track Concept Note](#)
- [5A/B Draft Co-champions Options Paper](#)
- [Pre-IGF online discussions on the IGF and digital cooperation](#)
- [Main Session - Trust](#)