

**MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**  
**Online Meeting**  
**15 August 2024 at 19:00 UTC**

**Summary Report**

The 81st virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 15 August at 07:00 PM UTC. The meeting was moderated by Titti Cassa, and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

The co-chair opened the meeting by introducing the agenda:

**Agenda**

1. GDC update
2. [IGF strategic vision](#)
3. [IGF IWW main session](#)
4. Latest version of the [IWW LP paper](#)
5. Update from the IGF Secretariat
6. WSIS+20
7. AoB

**Discussion**

**1. GDC update**

Titti Cassa noted that there will be consultation for stakeholders on 22 August. Justin Fair also noted a Member State consultation on 19 August. He clarified that there are certain paragraphs being discussed. He also noted that it is vital to clarify that the IGF is a venue for a broad range of digital policy-related discussions.

Jorge Cancio noted that there have been some G77 "compromise proposals" circulated. He also noted that, including the various state groups, nearly 80% of Member States had broken silence on various sections of the latest draft, with issues of AI governance and GDC follow up still especially contentious. Veni Markovski noted that there is still an opportunity to engage with governments and urge that the current references to "multistakeholder" elements in the text be retained, and stressed the importance of this.

Chris Buckridge noted that the Chairs of the MAG and LP are working on an input to the Co-Facilitators and the consultation process on behalf of the IGF.

**2. IGF strategic vision**

**3. IGF IWW main session**

**4. Latest version of the IWW LP paper**

Titti noted that the document has been further developed, and encouraged working group participants to continue commenting and contributing.

Chris noted that the next three agenda items linked together - the strategic vision document has been work in progress for some time, and now includes some practical suggestions for the IGF (particularly the MAG) to take in developing the IGF and its engagement with the

broader digital cooperation ecosystem. Meanwhile, the MAG sub-group working to develop an IGF 2024 main session around "the Internet We Want" has agreed that the strategic vision document should serve as a framing of the session, and has extended an invitation to WG-Strategy members to take part in that process (they are encouraged to join the mailing list for the sub-group [here](#)). It has also been noted that the strategic vision and the IGF 2024 session should be actively aligned with the latest iteration of the Leadership Panel's "[The Internet We Want](#)" document.

Elizabeth Oluoch asked whether there were plans for the strategic vision document to be circulated to the wider IGF community for inputs (perhaps in the same way that the LP has sought comments from the wider community on the IWW paper). Chris noted that the role of the WG-Strategy is to deliver a document to the MAG, and it will be for the MAG to decide how to socialise the document; however, he noted that the main session in the IGF 2024 program is being developed as an opportunity for community discussion of the ideas in the strategic vision document.

## **5. Update from the IGF Secretariat**

Celine Bal noted that there will be a virtual MAG meeting on 20 August. This will also provide more information on High Level sessions being organised with the host country. A draft schedule will be shared with all stakeholders very soon (next week), and the call for travel support has been launched. The [IGF website](#) is being developed and will launch officially soon.

She also noted that invitations have been sent out to ministries (via the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs) by the Host Country.

Jorge asked whether there were any updates on the IGF 2025, including location and timing, and ideas on the MAG composition for next year. Celine noted that the package has been sent to the office of the Secretary-General, but they expect to hear back after the Summit of the Future. In relation to MAG members, a proposal has been sent to the Under-Secretary-General.

Justin asked about the participation of civil society. Celine noted that there will be some outreach activities planned by the Host Country during the Summit of the Future, though this will be relating to all stakeholders. She noted that there will be an opportunity to further discuss civil society concerns at the MAG meeting on 20 August.

## **6. WSIS+20**

Justin noted that the New York/UNGA phase of WSIS+20 has been a bit on hold, both due to the GDC preparation and awaiting the new President of the GA (who will appoint Co-Facilitators). Chris noted that there had been interest from the MAG group organising the IWW Main Session about having the Co-Facilitators of the WSIS+20.

Jorge suggested that it would be useful to invite Wolfgang Kleinwächter to update the group on his work developing ideas going into the WSIS review. The Co-Chairs of the WG-Strategy agreed to extend an invitation.

## **7. AoB**

The next call will be on 29 August 13:00 UTC.

### **List of participants**

1. Ana Christina Neves, Government of Portugal
2. Avri Doria, Independent Expert
3. Celine Bal, IGF Secretariat
4. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
5. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
6. Elizabeth Oluoch, ICANN
7. Fiona Alexander, former MAG member
8. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
9. Isra Rosas, Internet Society
10. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
11. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
12. Juan Fernandez, Independent Expert
13. Justin Fair, IGF MAG member
14. Muriel Alapini, Independent Expert
15. Saba Tiku, IGF MAG member
16. Xiao Zhang, IGF MAG Member
17. Veni Markowski, ICANN
18. Fanny Salyou, Independent Expert