

**MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy**  
**Online Meeting**  
**27 February 2025 at 6:00 AM UTC**

## **Summary Report**

The 91th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 27 February 2025 at 6:00 AM UTC. The meeting was moderated by Amrita Choudhury, and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Amrita opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

## **Agenda**

1. Working Groups
2. General updates - WSIS/GDC/AI governance
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat
4. AoB

## **Discussion**

### **1. Working Groups**

Amrita shared the list of working groups that have been activated to follow up the plan of the activities of the WG Strategy for 2025 and the name of the coordinators:

- Working group 1 (Bruna): Work on a paper reinforcing the mission of the IGF and its long-term contribution to the digital cooperation and internet governance space: [WG-Strategy: Objective #1](#)
- Working group 2 (Chris): Draft a panel submission to WSIS +20 OCP in order to host a discussions during the High-Level event in Geneva: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lvTxDECW1hX9CJbchhBCfpMonkd06q0DRa862YcAWKI/edit?tab=t.0>
- Working group 3 (Titti): Host a dialogue webinar with ODET and other UN Agencies on the implementation of Para 68-71 of the GDC (MAP), together with DCs, NRIs and other intersessional work: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1suCaQDM-TWem29QZXTXcpxZS3\\_0JW8YL/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1suCaQDM-TWem29QZXTXcpxZS3_0JW8YL/edit)
- Working group 4 (Flavio): Host a webinar on the implementation of the NM+10 Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines implementation to the IGF work. Focal groups: NRIs, DCs, PNs, and BPFs + MAG

- Working group 5 (Amrita): Consider actions for fostering Governmental Engagement
- Working group 6 (Bruna): Draft a high level Multistakeholder statement addressing the UNGA Presidency highlighting the importance of the IGF and the need for it to be transformed into a permanent effort and fora :  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezsfdAT5-y48GUfG9IJ96wK2cxxAbmc5h626UYE6XZY/edit?tab=t.0>

Chris and Titti, Flavio and Amrita gave an update on the status of the activities of working groups 2 and 3, 4 and 5. Wout stated that he will serve as a link from DCs to support wg6.

The timeline for each will be agreed by the participants of working groups except for wg2 whose deadline is March 14th.

## **2. General updates - WSIS/GDC/AI governance**

Jorge gave an update on WSIS+20 modalities negotiations saying that Russia and other countries had started discussions about a technical rollover. The European Union has filed proposals that could be ignored as long as nobody opens the text. The US and UK were yet to decide on their stance, with the next meeting scheduled for 6 or 7 March.

On the AI panel and dialogue and the multistakeholder event held on February 18, Jorge noted that various countries expressed differing views on the model, structure, and the use of existing structures. The co-facilitators were expected to present an elements paper by 28 February. On the GDC implementation, Jorge highlighted that ITU is also involved in implementation of par 71 and that the map will be attached to the WSIS report. The title of the wg3 needs to be rephrased to reflect that several UN agencies are involved in the implementation of par. 71.

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

Anja provided an update on the Arab IGF, emphasizing the quite large number of people attending in person and the unique engagement with a concentrated yet diverse regional community. Approximately 150–200 participants attended in person. The Forum saw strong international participation, including ITU, UNCTAD and also eight ministers attending in person. The UN Tech Envoy also spoke during the meeting about the GDC, the scientific AI panel, and AI dialogue.

Anja shared that she noted the region's distinct approach to AI and highlighted ongoing challenges specially with access and connectivity, pointing to a visible digital divide that requires international attention. The event had a strong focus on WSIS+20 and GDC.

Regarding the IGF 2025 in Norway, the registration is open for the second open consultation and MAG meeting and it will be held from April 14–16 in Geneva. So far, 54 session proposals have been received, including 23–24 workshops, with more expected before the March 12 deadline. The call for remote hubs closes on March 5, and travel support for journalists is open until March 7 — Anja encouraged spreading the word. She added that the IGF Secretariat conducted a planning mission in Norway with the host country, inspecting the venue and finalizing logistics. Despite tight timelines, the proactive host country remains on track, with plans to use the "silent" meeting format, similar to the approach in Riyadh.

## **5. AOB**

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be held on 20 March at 13:00 UTC.

### **List of participants**

1. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, CCAOI
2. Anja Gengo, NRIs coordinator, IGF Secretariat
3. Amrith Kumar, Independent Expert
4. Charles Shaban, IGF MAG member
5. Cheryl Miller, IGF MAG member
6. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
7. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member, Government of Italy
8. Milosevic, Desiree, IGF MAG member
9. Henriette Amphobo, Independent expert
10. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
11. Jennifer Chung, IGF MAG member
12. Jimson Olufuye, IGF MAG member
13. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
14. Jordan Carter, former IGF MAG Member
15. June Parris, Independent Expert
16. Manal Ismail, Independent Expert
17. Nabel Yasin, Independent Expert
18. Henry Wang, Independent Expert
19. Peter Koch, Independent Expert
20. Saba Tiku, former IGF MAG Member

21. Kawachi Junko, Independent Expert
22. Wout De Natris, Independent Expert