

**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Virtual Meeting V, 31 March 2020 at 14:00 UTC**

Summary Report

Major Outcomes:

- *The MAG extended the deadline for submitting the workshop proposals for one week, until 22 April, 23:59 pm UTC and agreed on the workshop evaluation timeline. The NRIs and DCs sessions will follow the same deadline for submission of their session proposals.*
- *In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the IGF Secretariat confirmed to plan the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG Meeting as an online meeting, with contingency to switch back to face-to-face meeting in Geneva around 16 - 18 June, should the situation improve. It was informed that the planning for the 15th annual IGF meeting in Katowice continues with constant monitoring of the situation by the Host Country, UN DESA and the IGF Secretariat.*
- *For the evaluation of the workshop proposals, the MAG members will be randomly assigned a thematic track and a set of workshops falling under the assigned track.*
- *Four working groups (WG) were approved by the MAG for the IGF 2020 cycle: WG on IGF Strengthening and Strategy; WG on Workshop Evaluation Process; MAG Language WG; WG on Outreach and Engagement.*

1. The fifth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2020 preparatory cycle took place on 31 March 2020 at 14:00 p.m. UTC. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2020 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. The Host Country was represented by Mr. Przemysław Typiak from the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs. The adopted agenda is attached to this report as Annex I and the list of participants as Annex II. The list of shared input documents is attached as Annex III. The meeting's transcript is available [here](#).
2. The meeting focused on continuing the preparations for the 2020 annual IGF meeting, possible impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the IGF processes, call for workshops process and updates from the intersessional work and MAG working groups.
3. The IGF Secretariat shared a few updates regarding the preparatory process for the 15th annual IGF meeting. For the currently open calls for session proposals, IGF Village and Remote Hubs, the Secretariat reported to have received 40 requests for IGF Village booths; 10 for pre-events; 6 for open forums; 2 for remote hubs; 1 completed and 16 draft submissions for workshop proposals; 20 expressions of interest for Music Night and 107 requests for travel support. The Secretariat further presented analyses of the submission records per days during the last year's call for workshops. In explaining the analyses, it was said that up to 50% submissions of final proposals occurred 48 hours before the deadline with the highest jump being recorded 24 hours before the call closed. The Secretariat further informed that the [first outreach IGF 2020 webinar](#) will be

hosted on 6 April at 14:00 pm UTC. The webinar aims at establishing a direct interaction between the MAG, Host Country and the IGF Secretariat with the community, on providing tips for successful submission of session proposals and engagement in the intersessional work. It received over 550 registrations.

4. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the IGF Secretariat briefed the MAG that, along with the Host Country and the UN DESA, is constantly monitoring the situation. Based on the current conditions, plans are made to host the 2nd Open Consultations and MAG meeting as an online meeting, with the possibility to switch back to an onsite meeting, should the situation improve before the set dates of the meeting (16 to 18 June). Regarding the 15th annual IGF meeting, it was said that the planning continues for hosting an onsite meeting, with constant monitoring of the situation and keeping the community informed.
5. Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and a few received inquiries, the MAG decided to extend the deadline for submission of workshop proposals for one week, until 22 April, 23:50 UTC. The MAG also endorsed the [timeline](#) the Secretariat presented, reflecting the evaluation process and final announcement.
6. The MAG Working Group on the Workshop Process shared their decision on how to allocate workshop proposals to the MAG members for evaluation. It was explained that each thematic track will be randomly assigned to MAG members that later would randomly receive proposals on the assigned theme. The MAG members that were coordinating the development of the thematic track narratives will stay with the same thematic tracks during the evaluation process. The group shared with the MAG a written overview of the proposed changes to the evaluation process, including the definition of the conflict of interest and weighting criteria.
7. The MAG Chair presented an [overview](#) of all proposed MAG Working Groups for the IGF 2020 cycle and asked for a final decision on approving these. The MAG endorsed all four groups to carry out their work in this IGF cycle: *WG on IGF Strengthening and Strategy*; *WG on Workshop Evaluation Process*; *MAG Language WG*; *WG on Outreach and Engagement*.
8. Facilitators of the [IGF 2020 Best Practice Forums](#) also shared updates. For the **BPF on BPFs**, the latest version of the Terms of References was accepted by the MAG. It was added that the first planning call with BPF facilitators and lead experts is expected to take place around mid-April to start the work on the questionnaire. The [BPF on Cybersecurity](#) reminded on the update shared during the latest MAG meeting on dividing the work into three streams and updated that currently the facilitators are engaging volunteers to be engaged in those streams' work. From the [BPF on Data and New Technology in an Internet context](#), it was said that during the latest planning meeting on 20 February, the group introduced two new facilitators and that the next call is scheduled for 17 April. The [BPF on Gender and Access](#) followed with an update that they work on connecting with the coordinators of the DC on Gender to map synergies. A final update was given by the [BPF on Local Content](#) that said to be working on a survey for collecting best practices. The Chair also added that all BPF facilitators met on a virtual meeting and discussed ways of better cooperation with the

community on the engagement with the BPFs. These BPFs coordination meetings will be regularly hosted on every two months.

9. For the network of [Dynamic Coalition \(DCs\)](#), it was said that on 23 March the DCs had a virtual meeting where they reflected on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on their overall work and reiterated the importance of submission of their annual reports that are condition for the DCs integration in the IGF 2020 annual meeting.
10. For the [national, regional, sub-regional and youth IGFs \(NRIs\)](#), in addition to an extensive update provided on the forth MAG meeting, it was added that many of the NRIs postponed their meetings for later in the year, due to the ongoing pandemic, with EuroDIG deciding to be hosted online on 10-12 June. There were indications that LACIGF and the African IGF might also switch to hosting their meetings online and that the final information on this will be confirmed to the MAG as soon as possible.
11. One MAG member asked for the Secretariat's support to the MAG WGs, while another member advised for a written update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the IGF processes, to be communicated to the MAG.
12. It was agreed that the next meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 14 April at 20:00 UTC.

Annex I

Meeting Agenda IGF MAG Virtual Meeting IV

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Secretariat update
3. Confirming deadlines for call for session proposals
4. Finalization of the workshop evaluation process
5. Final approval of MAG working groups
6. BPF and DC updates
7. AoB

Annex II

List of Participants*

Title	Last Name	First Name	Stakeholder Group, Country
MAG Chair			
Ms.	Esterhuysen	Anriette	Civil Society, South Africa
MAG Members			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia

Ms.	Jallow	Adama	Civil Society, Gambia
Ms.	Faith	Afia	Civil Society, Togo
Mr.	Espinosa	Amado	Private Sector, Mexico
Mr.	Malcolm	Jeremy	Civil Society, Australia
Mr.	Afonso	Carlos	Brazil, Civil Society
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Ms.	Croll	Jutta	Civil Society, Germany
Mr.	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Ms.	Galstyan	Lianna	Civil Society, Armenia
Mr.	Attoumani	Karim Mohamed	Private Sector, Comoros
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Zambrana	Roberto	Civil Society, Bolivia
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojša	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	Civil Society, Chile
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Chalmers	Susan	Government, USA
Ms.	Cadena	Sylvia	Technical Community, Colombia
Mr.	Markovski	Veni	Technical Community, Bulgaria
Ms.	Astbrink	Gunela	Technical Community, Australia
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	Civil Society, Indonesia
Ms.	AlHashimi	Hana	Government, United Arab Emirates
Ms.	Ofianga	Mary Rose	Private Sector, Philippines
Ms.	Dahmani	Wafa	Government, Tunisia
Mr.	Jevtović	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Tungali	Arsene	Civil Society, DR Congo
Ms.	Galpaya	Helani	Civil Society, Sri Lanka
Ms.	Munoz	Maricela	Government, Costa Rica
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Tao	Xiaofeng	Technical Community, China
Mr.	Zhaoyu	Ji	Government, China
Mr.	Gridl	Rudolph	Government, Germany
Ms.	Teleanu	Sorina	Civil Society, Romania
Other Participants			
Mr.	Prendergast	Jim	USA
Ms.	Walpen	Livia	OFCOM, Switzerland / IGF 2017 Host Country
Mr.	Nelson	Mike	USA
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
Ms.	Cade	Marilyn	USA
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Belgium
Mr.	Wagner	Flavio	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Kummer	Markus	Switzerland, IGFS
Mr.	Mazzone	Giacomo	Switzerland, EBU
Mr.	Amessinou	Kossi	Benin IGF
Mr.	Aboulyazed	Hisham	Egypt, Government
Mr.	Chen	Yu	China

IGF 2020 Host Country			
Mr.	Przemysław	Typiak	Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland, Minister's Counsel
UN DESA			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
IGF Secretariat			
Mr.	Masango	Chengetai	Programme and Technology Manager
Mr.	Bobo Garcia	Luis	Associate Information Systems Officer
Ms.	Gengo	Anja	Associate Programme Expert/NRIs Focal Point
Ms.	Madomi	Lima	Fellow

**Apologies received from: Chennai Chair and Dalsie Baniala.*

Annex III

List of input documents:

1. Taskforce on Language: [Working suggestions; Terms of Reference](#)
2. [Overview of the IGF 2020 working groups](#) (longer version of the overview is available [here](#))
3. [Call for workshops timeline \(possible 1-week extension\)](#)