



**Internet Governance Forum (IGF)  
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)  
Virtual Meeting XVIII, 15 October 2019 at 11:00 a.m. UTC**

**Summary Report**

**About**

1. The eighteenth virtual meeting of the Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the IGF 2019 preparatory cycle took place on 15 October 2019 at 11:00 a.m. UTC. Ms. Lynn St. Amour moderated the meeting as the Chair of the 2019 MAG and Mr. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat. 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 agenda focused on updates regarding the IGF 2019 overall preparatory process, as well as on updates from the intersessional workstreams, MAG working groups, main sessions, and reporting on the thematic introductory and concluding sessions.

**Summary of key points**

3. The meeting started with a brief input from the IGF Secretariat regarding the most recent updates of the IGF 2019 preparatory process, summarized below:
  - a. All session organizers are required to submit the pre-session reports by 28 October. It was reminded that the IGF Secretariat will host a webinar on 17 October to explain the submission process.
  - b. All session facilitators were asked to complete their sessions' descriptions on the [IGF 2019 interactive schedule](#) by 1 November 2019.
  - c. So far, 2 800 stakeholders submitted their registrations to attend the IGF 2019 annual meeting. Participants were encouraged to register and submit their visa applications as soon as possible.
  - d. Thirty-four (34) remote hubs are registered so far. MAG members were encouraged to disseminate the message to their constituencies that the final deadline for registering remote hubs is in the next two weeks, as

well as to inform the community that a dedicated webinar will be organized by the IGF Secretariat.

- e. MAG members that applied for travel support will be informed about their travel arrangements during the upcoming days. For these, the IGF Secretariat has confirmed that the hotel accommodation is provided by the Host Country at the venue hotel. For those that have already reserved the accommodation, it is not possible to receive any form of reimbursement for not accepting the accommodation offered by the Host. It was confirmed that the travel dates for these MAG members are: 24 November as arrival and 30 November as the departure date.

4. The Host Country representative informed the MAG that a high-level session will follow the opening ceremony on the first meeting day. It was explained that the high-level session will be composed of three individual panels, focused on: *(i) Future of Internet governance; (ii) Digital Inclusion and SMEs; and (iii) Internet Governance*. Regarding the role of parliamentarians at the IGF, the Host Country representative briefed that the members of parliaments from around the world will be welcomed by the President of the German Parliament during the pre-event day. The Host Country is in a communication with the parliamentarians to explore their substantive interests and map the sessions they could attend, before the final main session for legislators will take place. This legislative main session will be hosted on the last meeting day, and opened by the German Government State Secretary, followed by the discussion among the parliamentarians focused on the IGF. An official handover of responsibilities from the German Parliament representative to the Polish Parliament representative will take place during the closing ceremony. The Host Country also plans to engage a few rapporteurs to prepare informative materials for the parliamentarians on the IGF's thematic discussions.

5. Participants moved to providing updates on the Best Practice Forums (BPFs).
  - a. For the [BPF on Cybersecurity](#) the co-facilitator updated that the group received six (6) contributions, while they still wait for inputs from the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace Initiative . It was further said that the group will incorporate these responses into the research paper this BPF has produced in June this year and with that will not follow the practice from last year where the responses were consolidated into a separate document. The final output document will be subject to the community's feedback a few weeks before the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF starts.
  - b. The co-facilitator of the [BPF on Local Content](#) updated to have received nine (9) response to the survey on preserving culture online. MAG members were asked to circulate the survey to their respected communities and help gathering enough responses for the analysis for the final output document.
  - c. The [BPF on Big Data, Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence](#), reported that the group had a virtual meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October focused on the current review of the output document before publishing it on the

25<sup>th</sup> October. The group is also focused on planning this BPF's session for the upcoming IGF meeting. Finally, the group said to plan to launch a short survey related to trust in IoT and AI applications. The next meeting of this group will be hosted on 22 October 2019.

- d. On behalf of the [BPF on Gender and Access](#), it was said that the group works on developing the final output document, available at the IGF website. Currently, a map of resources is being built. By the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> IGF meeting, the group will focus on producing recommendations on the topic.

6. The meeting continued with updates on the IGF 2019 Closing Ceremony. The MAG Chair introduced the concept of the closing session that is composed of three main sections, each one hour long: (i) closing high level session; (ii) taking stock/open mic sessions and (iii) closing ceremony. For the closing high level session, currently titled: 'Bringing It All Together', it was informed that it will be focused on key reflections on the three themes, while the second section of the closing ceremony is the community-time that will allow participants to reflect on their experience at the IGF 2019. The MAG Chair said that ideas are being exchanged to include a brief reflection to the HLPDC Report also in this section. The Host Country representative followed with an announcement that after the closing ceremony, a reception will be co-hosted by the Government of Germany as the IGF 2019 Host Country and the Government of Poland as the IGF 2020 Host Country.

7. The MAG Chair called for updates from the [Dynamic Coalitions \(DCs\)](#). The co-facilitator reminded that the group is focused on preparing the [DCs main session](#) where then (10) DCs will be discussing the SDGs from the perspective of their DCs focus. It was added that the group has confirmed co-moderators and the session format should be announced soon. The co-facilitator informed that the DCs Network will meet the deadline for submitting the pre-session report and expressed concern related to meeting the deadline for the short post-session reporting (twelve (12) hours after the session ends). The IGF Secretariat and UNDESA representatives explained that the post-session reporting timeline follows the usual UN reporting procedures and that the particular purpose of this tight deadline is to have inputs from session organizers by the beginning of the next day for developing thematic messages and inputs for the Chair's Summary.

8. For the network of national, regional and youth IGF initiatives (NRIs) it was informed that the total number of NRIs is 121 (87 national, 17 regional and 17 youth IGF initiatives). The MAG was briefed that the preparations for the six NRIs collaborative sessions as well as the main session is underway. Specifically, for the NRIs coordination session as an open work meeting between the NRIs, MAG Chair and the MAG, UN DESA and IGF Secretariat, it was said that the draft agenda will be communicated in the coming days. This meeting will engage the NRIs supporting organizations as invitees, as well.

9. The MAG Chair called for updates from the MAG working groups (WG), given in the following order:

- a. The co-facilitator of the [MAG WG on the IGF Improvements](#) agreed to share with the MAG the document<sup>1</sup> that categorized recommendations for improvements from various IGF-related process, for MAG's feedback that will serve as an input to further work of this group.
- b. For the [WG on Outreach and Engagement](#), it was reported that a digital marketing chart has been produced and communicated to the IGF Secretariat. The group will brief the MAG once the update from the Secretariat is received. The MAG Chair advised that the Group facilitators discuss this matter with the IGF Secretariat on a dedicated call.
- c. For the [WG on Workshop Process](#) it was updated that thirty-nine (39) responses were submitted to the survey and that the group will be analysing the results soon.
- d. The facilitator of the [WG on Fundraising](#) informed that the group agreed to host a session focused on the importance of financially supporting the IGF. The efforts to develop a session concept and final title are underway. It was shared that this session will aim to have speakers coming from the global south that would reflect on why the IGF is important to them, as well as from the current IGF donors. These reflections are expected to be short and powerful in terms of referring to the IGF's impact. Finally, the current idea for this session is to also include a short overview of the IGF as an extra budgetary project of the United Nations and reflect on its funding mechanism. Tentative scheduled time for this session is: 27 November from 08.30-09.20 a.m.
- e. The [Ad-hoc WG on Reporting](#) is focused on preparing the concluding session reporting process, discussed under a dedicated agenda item (*para. 11 of this report*).

10. The MAG Chair updated on the preparations of the main session on Digital Cooperation and Internet governance, based on contributions received to the [IGF 2019 Call for feedback to the Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation \(HLPDC\)](#), in particular inputs to the Report's Recommendation V and IGF Plus model. The MAG Chair briefed that, along with the Host Country, had a phone call with the team from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) that was in charge for the HLPDC during its mandate. It was said that the EOSG team shared positive follow up actions to the report with many initiatives and actions being launched across the UN. The Chair also said that a small Secretariat for a follow-up monitoring of the HLPDC recommendations has received over a hundred response, among which many gave support to the IGF Plus model. It was further said that the Secretariat intends to create several open multistakeholder working groups to advance the HLPDC Report's recommendations, without pre-empting the outcome of the post-

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<sup>1</sup> Document available at:  
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HLPDC process. Specifically, for the IGF Plus model, it was said that many of the submitted contributions do not require for the consultations and approval of the UN General Assembly as they fit the current mandate. In regard to the main session on digital cooperation and Internet governance, it was said the HLPDC Secretariat would share their mapping report from the consultation activity in early November. The MAG Chair informed that the work of consolidating received inputs to the IGF's feedback to the HLPDC Report is underway. The consolidation, especially regarding the IGF Plus model will serve as a critical input to the main session around which the discussion will be developed. Both the Host Country representative and the MAG Chair have invited the MAG to use the momentum and contribute to the digital cooperation main session discussion, and through that, to the potential implementation of some of the HLPDC recommendations.

11. Updates were shared for the [Introductory and Concluding thematic sessions](#). For the introductory breakout sessions, the co-facilitator briefed that three (3) MAG members volunteered to support the track and have joined the group. Participants were invited to provide feedback to the session proposal communicated through the MAG mailing list that incorporates both the introductory and concluding sessions. The breakout group on data governance is investing efforts to engage a high-level speaker that would set the stage for the discussion. Specifically for the data governance breakout session, the session organizers will be invited to share their short inputs in an organic way, without the requirement for a mandatory input form all 35 sessions that fall under this theme.

It was agreed that the IGF Secretariat will communicate to all session organizers the marketing materials the group gathered around the introductory track will produce.

12. For the [concluding session track](#), it was reminded that a session proposal was circulated to the MAG list, that proposes for the concluding session to mirror the introductory session. It was added that a few MAG members proposed for the session to have a few keynote speakers. The co-facilitator reminded that the purpose of the concluding session is to provide an overview of the key discussions within a theme and consequently, having speakers is unnecessary. It was agreed that the co-facilitators will invite the MAG over the mailing list to provide final comments for the session proposal by the end of the week.

13. A set of brief updates regarding the main session was given. For the main session on '[Multidisciplinary frameworks for policy-making in the digital age](#)' it was updated to have a confirmed moderator, while the facilitators of the main session on '[Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks](#)' asked if the signed invitation letter by the UN could be sent to one of the high-level government speakers.

One of the participants asked if the list of high-level confirmed attendees could be shared with the main session facilitators to invite them as speakers. The IGF Secretariat reminded that the list of high-level attendees and funded participants from the global south, was communicated to all session organizers last week. Main session facilitators

were encouraged to review the list and approach the Secretariat for connecting to the mapped stakeholders. For the main session on '[Issues on the Free Flow of Data, ICT Products and Services in a Digitally Connected World](#)', it was briefed that the planning goes well and that in particular the Japanese Government representatives have confirmed their speaking roles, while other speakers are to be confirmed. The MAG was invited to propose potential speakers.

14. The meeting concluded with an update from the IGF Secretariat and UNDESA on the recently concluded assessment mission in Poland for preparing the 15<sup>th</sup> annual IGF meeting. It was briefed that the final outcome of the mission is that the Government of Poland has all conditions to host a successful IGF, including the facilities, but also the political support. It was added that the chosen venue is built recently and that its staff has experience with hosting of UN-related events, as well as that many accommodation facilities are nearby and the international airport. The meeting dates will be announced once formally agreed.

15. It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the MAG will be hosted on 5 November 2019, time to be announced.

## **Next Steps**

16. Facilitators of the Introductory Session track to communicate marketing material to the IGF Secretariat to be disseminated to the IGF 2019 Session organizers.

17. Facilitator of the Concluding Session track to communicate the proposal to the MAG mailing list for final feedback.

18. [MAG WG on the IGF Improvements](#) to share with the MAG the document<sup>2</sup> that categorizes recommendations for improvements from various IGF-related process and status of implementation, for MAG's feedback.

## **Annex I**

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **IGF MAG Virtual Meeting XVIII**

1. Adoption of agenda (5 min)
2. Chair's introduction and welcome (5 min)
3. Update from the IGF Secretariat (5 min)
4. Update from the Host Country (5 min)
5. Updates from the Best Practice Forums, DCs, other intersessional activities and NRIs (30 min)
6. Updates from the working groups (20 min)
7. UN Digital Cooperation report consultation and Main session planning (10 min).
8. Updates on thematic/introductory/concluding sessions (20 min)
9. Updates from the main sessions (20 min)
10. A.O.B (5 min)

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**Annex II**  
**List of Participants**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group, Country</b>
<b>MAG Chair</b>			
Ms.	St. Amour	Lynn	Technical Community, USA
<b>MAG Members</b>			
Mr.	Sibul	Heiki	Government, Estonia
Ms.	Parris	June	Private Sector, Barbados
Mr.	Charlton	Paul	Government, Canada
Ms.	Glavor	Natasa	Government, Croatia
Mr.	Wallis	Ben	Private Sector, UK/USA
Mr.	Khanal	Ananda Raj	Government, Nepal
Mr.	Castex	Lucien	Technical Community, France
Mr.	Regoje	Nebojsa	Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms.	Suto	Timea	Private Sector, Romania
Ms.	Gatto	Raquel	Technical Community, Portugal/Brazil
Ms.	Cassa	Concettina	Government, Italy
Mr.	Bambo	Samuel	Government, Cameroon
Mr.	Jevtovic	Danko	Technical Community, Serbia
Mr.	Lo	Mamadou	Private Sector, Senegal
Mr.	Chharia	Rajesh	Technical Community, India
Ms.	Dalsie	Baniala	Government, Vanuatu
Mr.	Michael	Ilishebo	Government, Zambia
Ms.	Chenai	Chair	Civil Society, Zimbabwe
Ms.	Harsianti	Juliana	
Mr.	Mochizuki	Kenta	Private Sector, Japan
Ms.	Canales	Maria Paz	
Ms.	Munoz	Maricela	Government, Costa Rica
Ms.	Uduma	Mary	Technical Community, Nigeria

Mr.	Gridl	Rudolph	Government, Germany IGF 2018 Host Country Representative
<b>Other Participants</b>			
Ms.	Salanieta	Tamanikaiwaimaro	Fiji
Mr.	Prendergast	Jim	USA
Mr.	Faye	Makane	Senegal, African IGF Secretariat
Ms.	Christine	Arida	Egypt, Former IGF Host Country
Mr.	Flavio	Wagner	Brazil, CGI.br
Mr.	Markus	Kummer	Switzerland, IGfSA
<b>UN DESA</b>			
Mr.	Susar	Deniz	Governance and Public Administration Officer
Mr.	Kwok	Wai Min	Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer
<b>IGF Secretariat</b>			
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
Mr.	Degezelle	Wim	Best Practice Forums Editor
Ms.	Anriette	Esterhuysen	Best Practice Forums Editor



## **Annex III**

### **Input Documents**

- **Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation IGF**

### **2019 Introductory and Closing Sessions**

- **Proposals for Introductory and Closing Sessions; Consistent Reporting**
- **Introductory Session - Data Governance**
- **Introductory Session - Digital Inclusion**
- **Introductory Session - SSS&R**

### **IGF 2019 Themes**

- **Data Governance WS Groupings/Flowchart**
- **Digital Inclusion WS Groupings/Flowchart**
- **Safety, Security, Stability & Resilience WS Groupings/Flowchart**

### **Main Session Proposals:**

- **Addressing Violent Extremist Content Online: Rights, Responsibilities, Responses and Risks**
- **Multidisciplinary frameworks for policy-making in the digital age**
- **Issues on the Free Flow of Data, ICT Products and Services in a Digitally Connected World**
- **Applying human rights and ethics in responsible data governance and AI**
- **Securing the Interconnection of everything**
- **Achieving the SDGs in the Digital Age**
- **Emerging technologies and their interfaces with inclusion, security and human rights (NRIs)**
- **Dynamic Coalitions – Joint Efforts to achieve the SDGs**

### **IGF 2019 Main Sessions**

- **Main Sessions (Co-)Facilitators**
- **Main Session Planning Activities Timetable**
- **Main Session Guidelines**
- **Main Session Template [Draft]**
- **Main Sessions Draft Table**

### **IGF 2019 Session Reporting**

- **Draft IGF 2019 Workshop Reporting Structure**