

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy
Online Meeting
26 September 2024 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 84th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 26 September 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge, and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

Agenda

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Discussion

1. [Pact of the Future/GDC](#)

Chris shared that the Pact of Future and GDC had been agreed the past weekend and commended the work done by the WG Strategy on making submissions through MAG and LP.

Justin shared that the outcome was much better than initially feared. There was a clear recognition that Internet governance should be multistakeholder. Challenges remain and there are more questions on implementation, the process has a long way to go, and we need a roadmap of WSIS+20. He cautioned on the need to continue to be vigilant.

Anriette shared that the outcome is good and stressed the need to ensure WSIS supports IGF. She added that we did a lot of work on the follow-up process, which is not mentioned in the document. We reuse those. She reflected that the GDC process was a clash of cultures between multilateral and multistakeholder processes, better development of modalities drawing on references from the NetMundial process. She stressed the importance of identifying concrete approaches. She added the need to relook at WSIS and how GDC can connect to WSIS and the IGF's engagement in the WSIS process.

Giacomo shared that the level of IGF visibility in GDC was low, while WSIS had high visibility. He also noted that UNESCO's role was very low profile.

Ana shared that Doreen stated that ITU did a lot in the Action Days and that the ITU, as a digital technology agency, was proud of what they did and what they will do for GDC. It seems that the idea is to project ITU as the UN's Digital Technology Agency.

Desiree shared the first youth-oriented summit and IGF should take some credit for promoting youth. She also urged to look at what bridges can be built with the Tech Envoy's office as there will be many parallel activities going on

Anriette shared APC is proposing that a "major group" for digital rights and development be established in the UN SDG process. Chris noted that some technical community organizations are ECOSOC-accredited, and could help to promote this idea.

Timea mentioned that the IGF secretariat and community needs to coordinate with UNDESA to amplify things in UN. In the WSIS process, the IGF is an outcome from WSIS, but it has grown, there is a need for the IGF to reflect on how to engage with others in the WSIS ecosystem.

2. WSIS+20 review draft letter

Titti shared the background of the draft letter and the suggestions made by Wolfgang.

Anriette shared her concerns on the letter, especially since the Under-Secretary-General will not be responsible for modalities and the President of the General Assembly will appoint co-facilitators. She suggested we get more clarity from the member state representatives.

Adam suggested that referencing NETMundial is a red flag, but noted that the origins of the principles were developed in IGF2013, and perhaps that could be referenced. Isra supported Adam's idea. Timea agreed to Adam's rationale.

Juan recalled the role of IGF in WSIS+20. Strategic thinking, come to consensus and do some lobbying for a concrete proposal on what should be the IGF approach to be taken into consideration on WSIS+20 process and follow up.

Xiao Zhang asked if will there be any interaction between IGF and CSTD on WSIS+20

Timea asked government colleagues on what can be expected and what could be the right time to send the letter.

Anriette agreed to the need to do more homework. We need to be exploratory perhaps rather than a letter, why can we not have a white paper or document on how IGF can support the WSIS process? She added a letter to specific individuals can follow when we know who the Co-Facilitators of the WSIS+20 resolution are.

3. IGF strategic vision

Chris shared the need to relook at the IGF strategic vision document in the context of the Pact of the future and GDC.

4. IGF IWW main session

Chris shared that the invitation to speakers has gone out for the main session.

5. Update from the IGF Secretariat

Since there were no representatives from the Secretariat, Chris shared on the MAG session on 25 Sept and discussion of the Main Sessions.

7. AoB

The next call will be on 17 October 19:00 UTC

List of participants

1. Adam Peak, former IGF MAG member
2. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI
3. Anriette Esterhuysen, former IGF MAG Chair
4. Avri Doria, former IGF MAG Chair
5. Ana Christina Neves, Government of Portugal
6. Bruna Santos, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
7. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, IGF MAG member
8. Christine Arida, former IGF MAG member
9. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
10. Desiree Miloshevic, Independent Expert
11. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br and University of Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil
12. Philippe Schulte, German Government
13. Kayode O, Independent Expert
14. Jim Prendergast, Independent Expert
15. Justin Fair, IGF MAG member
16. Isra Rosas, ISOC
17. Giacomo Mazzone, Independent Expert
18. Juan Fernandez, former IGF MAG member
19. Jennifer Chung, former IGF MAG member
20. Luisa Lendi, Independent Expert
21. Markus Kummer, former IGF MAG Chair
22. Mona Gaballa, ISOC
23. Peter Koch, Independent Expert
24. Samuel Jose, Independent Expert
25. Timea Suto, ICC, former MAG member

26. Tracy F. Hackshaw, Independent Expert
27. Zeina Bou Harb, Independent Expert
28. Wang Lang, Independent Expert
29. Washington Jiang, Independent Expert
30. Joanna Picetti, Independent Expert
31. Junko Kawachi, Independent Expert
32. Xiao Zhang, IGF MAG Member