

Main Session breakout II findings - Draft report

1. Impact of virtual IGF on main session scheduling and design:

- Number of Main Sessions for IGF 2020 - ideally 1, no more than 2 per day
- Format - should run stand-alone (not in parallel to other sessions)
- Length - 90-120 mins
- Timezone - UTC / Europe / Backbone timezone

2. Main Session Topics

Presumed to have a guaranteed slot

- I. Definitive/Committed Actions for Connecting and Enabling the Remaining Billions (Roberto Zambrana and Karim Attoumani Mohammed)
 - Could be viewed as an Inclusion Main Session. Supported as a topic, with opportunity needed for interested MAG members to provide comments on and contribute to the further development of the proposal.
- II. Role of the Internet in Emergency Situations (NRIs)
 - Supported
- III. Dynamic Coalitions in Socio Economic Renewal post pandemic (DCs)
 - Supported. Noted that it might be overlapping with the NRI's session and the input from the open consultations requesting a main session on the pandemic, nonetheless the DC's session seems to be more future-oriented. Although DCs are working independant from the MAG they are advised to bring their planning for a main session forward to the MAG and discuss with members.

Possible topics shared in advance for the remaining Main Session slots

A. General support:

- Digital Cooperation:
 - Support for a Main Session on the Digital Cooperation Architecture elements (i.e. IGF+) of the Roadmap on Digital Cooperation.
- Environment
 - Supported in general. Some were happy for a standalone session on the Environment, while others considered something broader, e.g. on sustainable development, of which environmental sustainability is a part.
 - If there is consent among the MAG to have a main session per each of the 4 thematic tracks this would be the environment track main session.
- WS #229 A-changin' times for data governance?
 - There were suggestions that, as with the Content Governance Main Session from 2019, this workshop proposal could be used as the

inspiration and basis for a Main Session to be created and organised by MAG members. It was noted that this might mean a highly-rated workshop doesn't end up being used in its proposed form. One solution could be for the MAG to invite the proposers of #229 to be part of the MAG group that takes responsibility for organising this Main Session.

B. No consensus:

- Emerging Issues (ISOC proposal)
 - Needs further discussion and possibly needs more focus. Could be taken up in a different format/modality, or elements of the ISOC proposal could be considered for the MAG driven Emerging Issues Main Session (see below) with some invited participation by ISOC.
- Emerging issue (suggestion within breakout)
 - There was a suggestion to save space for issues which emerge as new and pressing, while providing a couple of months to organise it (which would require identifying and agreeing the topic by late August).

C. No support:

- COVID-19/Pandemic
 - Not supported as there's no need for a Main Session on COVID-19 in addition to those already identified by NRIs, DC, as well as the various workshops and likely high-level session(s).

3. Introductory and Concluding sessions

Introductory sessions should be treated as opening sessions, to take place at the very start of the virtual IGF, possibly even in advance, and to avoid clashes with other sessions.

Concluding session(s) - could form part of the closing plenary and / or as separate sessions before the Closing Plenary to serve as a forum to capture feedback on the track for input to the closing plenary.

4. Thoughts on Opening and Closing plenaries

The main observation was that these were thought likely to be organised as webinars, so there could be challenges in enabling the traditional community open mic comments at the end of the plenaries; open mic sessions are considered as an very important instrument for community engagement at the IGF.

5. Next steps for working on main session planning (e.g. groups, how many, how to constitute them)

Working Groups of MAG members to be established for each Main Session the MAG is responsible for (i.e. not including the NRI and DC Main Sessions).

Main Session working groups should be volunteer-based, with MAG members able to sign up and contribute to one or more of their choices.