

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy

Online Meeting 37

12 May 2022 at 14:00 UTC

Summary Report

The 37th virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group (WG) on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 12 May 2022 at 14:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Chris Buckridge. The list of participants and the recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

Agenda:

1. Implementation of the [PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2022](#)
2. Update from the IGF Secretariat on the current issues:
 - a) EGM Report
 - b) Leadership Panel
 - c) Tech Envoy nomination
3. Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology
 - a) GDC public call
4. Declaration for the Future of the Internet
5. AoB

Discussion:

Implementation of the [Plan of Activities for 2022](#)

Chris shared that the MAG had approved the two documents of the WG: the plan of activities and the synthesis of the synthesis document activities. He encouraged thoughts and suggestions from the participants on what could be the immediate priority and modalities on doing the activities.

Responding to Ben Wallis's concern that the comments on the GDC were requested by September, while the IGF inputs will be available only in December, Chris shared that the discussions on the mailing list indicate a possibility of taking the input of IGF into consideration in Dec.

Timea Suto stated it would be great to know details of the process of how / by whom the multistakeholder consultation's results on the GDC will be taken forward at the GA.

Flavio Wagner commented that the multi-year plan is important, as it may closely relate to WSIS+20. It may not be urgent right now, but it should be addressed in 2022.

Mark Cavell supported Annriette's suggestion of using the NRIs as channels for information exchange for the GDC. He suggested we could discuss what its role can be and the format in which the information exchanges can take place.

Chris shared that the WG strategy can develop a communication and share to the MAG on what message needs to go to the NRI, the goal and thinking behind it the output of this group is to advise the MAG on how to respond to the GDC

Adam Peake suggested that perhaps Anja Gengo can set up a call with the NRI coordinators and explain to them how they can contribute their inputs to the GDC. Anja confirmed that there will be a call with NRI coordinators towards the end of May.

Update from the IGF Secretariat on the current issues:

EGM Report

Chengetai Masango shared that public comment will be invited on the EGM short report (Action Item) from today.

Mark Cavell asked what will follow on from the analysis of the public comments and prioritization and if there will be any impacts in time for this year's programme.

Chengetai clarified that based on the analysis, who would be leading the action items would be decided along with the timelines for each action item.

Leadership Panel

The Leadership Panel (LP) is expected to be announced next couple of weeks.

Adam Peake expressed concern on the delay in announcing the Leadership Panel that may affect the other work of the IGF.

Mark Cavell asked what the scope of the work, role and profile of the members of the leadership panel would be. How often LP would meet in open session and its expected role at the IGF event (e.g. in the opening/conclusion) and whether the mandate of the LP was fully agreed now?

Chris referred to the update from the EGM debrief, that the LP would be promoting the IGF, and noted that this role may be useful in relation to promoting .

Chengetai shared that the MAG Chair and proposed LP Chair is presently on and does not see any contention between the LP and MAG.

Tech Envoy nomination

There was no formal update.

Update on behalf of the Office of the Envoy on Technology

There was no update as there was no representative of the Office of the Envoy on Technology on the call.

GDC public call

Jorge Cancio mentioned his email exchange with the Tech Envoys office on the September deadline and the assurance he received that the Tech Envoys office will accommodate input from IGF in December. However, he reiterated the importance that the IGF messages come out on time.

He pointed out that while the timelines of the intergovernmental meetings and negotiations are still unclear, it presents an opportunity to make the process as multistakeholder as possible.

Declaration for the Future of the Internet

Mark Carvell shared that there was no wide stakeholder development by signatory member states. Needs to build some credibility to be more multistakeholder. Need to broaden the dialogue and more definition needed.

Adam Peake questioned what are the next steps and if there is a plan?

Amrita expressed concern that most developing nations are missing.

Alisa Heaver shared that a summit is being planned to include more countries and stakeholders. However the dates are not known probably in fall opined Giacomo Mazzone

Chris wondered if there would be discussions on the declaration during the WSIS summit.

AoB

Mark Carvell asked if there is an issue for IGF to get hosts from Small Islands or developing nations and asked about hosts for 2024.

Chengetai shared that there are interests expressed for 2024, however formal declaration is awaited. He elaborated on the requirements for hosting an IGF and updated that a page with details for hosting an IGF is being posted on the IGF website soon.

Adam Peake shared that at the EGM meeting there were discussions on IGF meetings.

The next meeting of the WG-Strategy will be 26 May, 14:00 UTC

Annex 1: List of participants

1. Paul Mitchell, MAG chair
2. Adam Peake, MAG Member
3. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI, MAG Member
4. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
5. Alisa Heaver, Policy Government of Netherlands
6. Ben Wallis, Microsoft
7. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat
8. Chris Buckridge, Group's Co-Chair, RIPE NCC, MAG Member
9. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy, past MAG Member
10. Flavio Wagner, CGI.br/ Federal University of do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, past MAG Member
11. Giacomo Mazzone, Independent expert
12. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
13. Karolina Brudek, Independent expert
14. Poncelet Ilelej, Independent expert
15. Fiona Alexander, Independent expert
16. Mark Carvell, Independent expert
17. Markus Kummer, IGFS
18. Olivier KOUAN, Independent expert
19. Poncelet Ileleji, Independent Expert
20. Raul Echeberria, Independent expert
21. Irene Signorelli EC/DG-CNECT
22. Timea Suto (ICC)
23. Anna Podgorka, Independent expert
24. Yara S, Independent expert
25. Velimira GRAU, EC/DG-CNECT
26. Wiktor Skwarek, Independent expert
27. Wim Degezelle, IGF Secretariat