

MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy
Online Meeting
12 September 2024 at 5 :00 UTC

Summary Report

The 83rd virtual meeting of the IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy (WG-Strategy) was held on 12 September 5:00 UTC. The meeting was moderated by Concettina Cassa (Titti) and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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

Agenda

1. GDC and SoF update
2. [IGF strategic vision](#)
3. GDC update (22 august Open Consultation and GDC rev.4)
4. [IGF IWW main session](#)
5. Update from the IGF Secretariat
6. WSIS+20 review
7. AoB

Discussion

1. GDC update and SOF Update

Jorge shared Co Facilitators have sent the GDC Rev4.0 with two changes, one on Internet Shutdown and other one on Child Abuse to the President of GA (PGA) and now its in hand of the PGA. He has reappointed the Co-facilitators for GDC.

The negotiations are currently on for the Pact of the Future and the next 10 days are crucial on how things pan out.

2. [IGF strategic vision](#)

The IGF Strategic Vision document to be reshared with the MAG and added as an item to be discussed in the next MAG meeting.

3. [IGF IWW main session](#)

There was a discussion of the meeting of the IWW main session held on 11 Sept. It was decided that there should be no overlap between DC, NRI and other sessions including high level ones and that there should be alignment between the sessions.

The IWW main session is still working to decide on the format and outcomes expected from the session.

4. Update from the IGF Secretariat

In terms of IGF Secretariat involvement in the SOF, Celine shared that Host country will organize a side event. There will be a reception by Digital Cooperation Organisation by invitation only and the IGF has been asked to attend it on 21 Sept. There will be an action date event of ITU-UNDP where LP members and Chegetai will be part of the audience.

The Next MAG meeting after SOF will discuss the outcome of the meeting.

The soft launch of IGF2024 website was made and the official launch soon.

On the Parliament Tracks status, she shared that the Saudi Parliament was just renewed so there was a delay in sending out the letters. The Secretariat is having a meeting on Mon and after that will know about the next course. The theme for the Parliamentary Track will be Digital Cooperation.

5. WSIS+20 Review

Jorge shared that different preparations are on by the different UN institutes on WSIS+20.

Christine raised that it's important to have a discussion on the question on how to proceed on the WSIS+20 and what mechanism to use to navigate for the WSIS+20 review, and identify how the IGF messages can feed into the WSIS+20 review discussions.

Jorge shared that while some elements of the process are fixed as an outcome document of the WSIS+10 process, however some processes are not fixed yet. He cautioned that people in NY may want to repeat the WSIS+10 process which was not a Multistakeholder. He suggested involving UNDESA, who have supporting role in WSIS+20 process. He shared that in June 2025 when the co facilitators will be announced the process will become intergovernmental. That is why now is the time to get into action.

Christine suggested that if some agreements are achieved in Riyadh on how to engage in WSIS+20 review by IGF it would be helpful.

Jorge suggested drafting a letter proposing that wsis+20 follows SPMG, suggesting some specific ideas. If there is interest a small team can be formed to draft the same.

7. AoB

The next call will be on **26 September at 13:00 UTC**.

List of participants

1. Amrita Choudhury, Group's Co-Chair, CCAOI
2. Bruna Santos, IGF MAG Member Group's Co-Chair
3. Celine Bal, IGF Secretariat

4. Christine Arida, Former IGF MAG member
5. Concettina Cassa, Group's Co-Chair, Government of Italy
6. Jennifer Chung, former IGF MAG member
7. Jorge Cancio, Government of Switzerland
8. Juan Fernandez, Independent Expert
9. Junko Kawauchi, IGF MAG Member
10. Markus Kummer, former IGF MAG Chair
11. Neil Dundas, Independent Expert
12. Tracy F. Hachshaw, Independent Expert
13. Xiao Zhang, IGF MAG Member
14. Washington Jiang, Independent Expert
15. Yuping Ying, Independent Expert