

IGF 2025 MAG Meeting II
Action items & next steps

25 February 2025 | 14:00 UTC | Online

1. Updates from the IGF 2025 Host Country Co-Chair, incl. on government participation

- Based on the ongoing discussion of the MAG Working Group (WG) on Strategy on increasing government participation at the IGF, MAG members were informed that Norway strongly supports the integration of government representatives and policy makers at the IGF 2025. While the Host Country advised against the creation of a separate ‘Government Track’, as it might silo governments and send ambiguous signals prior to the WSIS+20 review, Norway is closely working with the IGF Secretariat on special activities to attract high-level government representatives. These activities include government-led sessions and timely and strategic dispatch of high-level invitation letters.
- Special attention should be given to governments from the global south, especially those who are not regular attendees of the IGF. With reference to the IGF subtheme on Digital Cooperation, it was also suggested to have Brazil, India and South Africa, as the latest G20 organizers, organize an Open Forum on their digitalization efforts.
- MAG members stressed the importance of curating an avenue for discussion that would be of interest to governments.

2. Update from the Secretariat

- MAG members were encouraged to [register](#) for the Second Open Consultation and MAG meeting taking place from 14 to 16 April 2025 in Geneva and online.
- So far, the IGF Secretariat received:
 - 4 workshop proposals
 - 10 Lightning Talks
 - 4 Day-0 Events
 - 1 Open Forum
 - 33 village booth and 9 remote hubs applications
- The call for [remote hubs](#) is open until 5 March, while the calls for [session proposals](#) and [village booth proposals](#) are open until 12 March.
- Global south journalists can [apply for travel support](#) until 7 March.
- Over 800 travel support applications have been received and are currently being processed by the Secretariat.

Actions

- ➔ **MAG members who require an invitation letter to attend the Second Open Consultation and MAG meeting should send a request to the IGF Secretariat.**

3. IGF Intersessional Work: Policy Networks, Best Practice Forums, Dynamic Coalitions

- The Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (PNAI) submitted its workplan for 2025, including its intention to contribute to the GDC implementation. Given the short timeline, PNAI may focus on fewer areas for the mid-term report, which will be presented at the IGF 2025. PNAI also contributed input to the open consultations for the GDC’s AI Panel and Dialogue.

- The Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) plans on consolidating substantive content developed in its work over the past few years to contribute to the GDC implementation. This includes good practices and examples of successful policies that could be adopted elsewhere.
- The Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation (PNIF) is interested in strong multistakeholder participation and better coordination with other relevant IGF workstreams. MAG members were invited to join PNIF's activities.
- Co-facilitators of the Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Securing Access to the Internet and Protect Core Internet Resources in Contexts of Conflict asked the MAG whether it should be chartered as a new BPF, or whether it should refocus on cybersecurity. This BPF expressed its intention to closely collaborate with PNIF.
- Members were introduced to the new MAG liaison to Dynamic Coalitions (DCs).
- DCs grouped into IGF subthemes to develop four DC sessions at IGF 2025. In preparation to the annual meeting, DCs will organize a first webinar in March, to which MAG members will be invited. Those interested in submitting individual or joint session proposals were encouraged to propose workshops or lightning talks.
- DCs will also work on a DC main session proposal for the MAG's consideration and may submit a joint DC booth request.
- Finally, there will be a concerted effort to bring DCs' perspectives into the WG-Strategy's work.

Actions

- ➔ **The IGF Secretariat will set up a meeting amongst PN and BPF co-facilitators to coordinate their work plans.**

4. Updates from the IGF MAG Working Groups

- The WG on Strategy set up 6 subgroups including volunteers to:
 1. Work on a paper reinforcing the mission of the IGF and its long-term contribution to the digital cooperation and Internet governance space;
 2. Draft a panel submission for the WSIS Forum High-Level event in Geneva;
 3. Host a dialogue webinar with the Office of Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) and other UN Agencies on the implementation of Para 71 of the GDC together with DCs, NRIs and other intersessional groups;
 4. Host a webinar on the implementation of the Netmundial+10 Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines implementation within the IGF's work;
 5. Consider actions for fostering government engagement; and
 6. Draft a high level multistakeholder statement addressed to the President of the UN General Assembly highlighting the importance of the IGF and the need for it to be transformed into a permanent forum.
- The WG on Youth Engagement is organizing a workshop on 26 February at 13:00 UTC with the IGF Secretariat and the co-facilitators of the WG on Workshop Processes to guide youth through the workshop submission process. The session will be recorded and made available on demand.
- The WG on Workshop Processes met to review the workshop evaluation form. Co-facilitators are also participating with the Secretariat in online workshops to guide session organizers through the workshop submission process.
- The WG on Multilingualism called for volunteers to translate MAG meeting notes into Spanish, French, Arabic and Russian. Any other languages are also welcome.

Actions

➔ Interested MAG members can join WGs via their [mailing lists](#).

5. Workshop evaluation process

- The WG on Workshop Processes introduced to the MAG an updated workshop evaluation form, emphasizing the need for diverse perspectives in workshop proposals.
- Innovative ideas and new speaker suggestions should have a positive effect on the evaluation.
- It was suggested to merge similar workshop proposals, which could also positively contribute to diverse perspectives in session discussions. Members were encouraged to review sessions as a whole and avoid duplications in the programme.
- Besides workshops, it was suggested to allocate room for discussion on key issues, such as IGF funding.

Actions

➔ The IGF Secretariat will provide a demonstration to MAG members on the workshop evaluation platform of the IGF website.

6. Any Other Business

- It was suggested to organize special events or activities at IGF 2025 considering the Forum's 20th anniversary.

Actions

➔ The next virtual MAG meeting will be rescheduled from 11 to 18 March.

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

1. Welcoming remarks from the MAG Chair and adoption of the draft agenda
2. Updates from the IGF 2025 Host Country Co-Chair, incl. on government participation
3. Updates from the Secretariat
4. IGF Intersessional Work: Policy Networks, Best Practice Forums and Dynamic Coalitions
5. Updates from the IGF MAG Working Groups
6. Workshop evaluation process
7. Any other Business

Annex 2: List of Participants

MAG Chair	
Roach	Carol
IGF 2025 Host Country Co-Chair	
Martinsen	Ole-Martin
MAG Members	
Aguerre	Carolina
Betancourt	Valeria
Buckridge	Chris
Cassa	Concettina
Cavalli	Olga
Choudhury	Amrita
Chung	Jennifer
Dofel	Sook-Jung
Elgamal	Hossam
Fair	Justin
Fernandez	Juan
Horejsova	Tereza
Illishebo	Michael
Ibarra	Rafael Lito
Inné	Anne-Rachel
Katoh	Masanobu
Kenyanito	Ephraim Percy
Kleinwächter	Wolfgang
Mangal	Anju
Miller	Cheryl
Milosevic	Desiree
Mbow	Alhagie
Moisander	Juuso
Nalwoga	Lillian
Olufuye	Jimson
Sibul	Heiki
Sultanov	Talant
Swinehart	Theresa
Wagner	Flavio
Zhang	Xiao
Past and prospective IGF host countries	



Cancio	Jorge
Iida	Yoichi
Lois	Isabelle
Martinez	Marcelo
Ngo	Tu An
Roule	Jonas
Representatives of intergovernmental organizations (IGOS) and European Commission	
Carballido	Ariana
Chan	Yuping
Hackshaw	Tracy
Grigoryan	Tatevik
Past MAG Chairs	
Esterhuysen	Anriette
Other participants	
Amessinou	Kossi
Amuge	Peace Oliver
Croll	Jutta
Degezelle	Wim
Dickinson	Samantha
Doria	Avri
Espinosa	Amado
Faith	Afia
Flavin	Andrew
Gonzalez	Camila
Gonzalez	Angel Atilio
Gron	Maciej
Kawauchi	Junko
Martins dos Santos	Bruna
Mazzone	Giacomo
Niyonkuru	Audace
Parris	June
Peake	Adam
Ryan	Ino
Stanley-Adamson	Craig
Tiku	Saba
Uduma	Mary
IGF Secretariat	
Appianing	Macwilliam
Bal	Celine
Bobo	Luis
Chukov	Roman
Gengo	Anja
Masango	Chengetai
Mazucchi	Eleonora