

IGF 2018

MAG WG – Multi-year Strategic Work Programme (WG-MWP)

The eighth meeting of the 2018 MAG WG-Multi-year Strategic Work Programme was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

The meeting summary below is organized according to the agreed agenda (Annex I).

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

List of Participants can be found in Annex II, and participants agreed to the meeting being recorded. That recording can be found [here](#).

2 - Continue to progress the following proposals:

a) Proposal for an “IGF Programme Framework” - review updated document

Preparations for a broad community review of the “framework” continue and a document was circulated before the meeting including questions to draw out input. WG Members were asked to review the document and comment online no later than September 19th in order to send it to the community by September 21st.

Expected timetable would give the community four (4) weeks to review, and the developers two (2) weeks to consolidate any comments, and it was assumed that this was achievable given the main supporting documents were approved last year. The goal would be two-fold: 1st – validate the current process with the broad community, and 2nd- use the validated document as the starting point for improvements to next years process given the earlier appointment of the MAG.

The suggestion was made that we should hold a special call with the MAG to cover all the efforts in the WG and this was supported.

b) Option Paper on Methodologies for the Development of Written IGF Outputs

A brief update was provided on this proposed pilot, as funds were still being sought distinct from regular donations to the IGF Trust Fund.

c) Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018

An update had been sent previously on this proposed pilot, and the discussion focused on the difficulty of moving these pilots forward within a WG. It was suggested that the MAG as a whole should agree up front on the specific goals/desired outcomes (and topics) of pilots and the WGs could then implement. This was not feasible in the past due to the limited time available to the MAG, but should be feasible in the future with the increased time.

It was proposed that we should now focus on what might be done leading up to IGF 2019 with respect to piloting some of the ideas (and choice of topics) in the “Strengthening Cooperation” reports, while acknowledging the need to work across

multiple MAGs. Topic selection based on " Impact" criteria was also suggested.

3 - Review status of concrete proposal for the development of a multi-year strategic work programme

An update was provided on the effort by a small drafting group to agree a concrete proposal for how the MAG and the IGF community could advance a multi-year strategic work programme (MWP). It would build on work done to date and focus on how we would develop the MWP, how we would engage the broad community, etc.

The question on what level of risk might exist that an incoming MAG would not support work previously identified as strategic and multiyear came up several times. The WG assessed this as relatively low risk given the broad consultations across the community that leads to the strategic multiyear programmes, and the fact that the work is determined and driven by the community in a bottom-up manner.

A concern was raised that we would need to ensure any recommendations were kept up to date. There was then a discussion on what 'recommendations' might be: advice, "soft recommendations", best practice forum recommendations, etc. The analogy was made to the IETF's RFCs, and the point was made by several WG members that any "recommendations" would be in the form of advisory they would not be binding and had no legal force.

4 - Next steps/future agenda items

There was a brief discussion on next steps and a suggestion that we work to capture the Option Paper on Methodologies, the Strengthening Cooperation, and the multi-year strategic work programme efforts in one process/document to enable a review by the MAG in support of transitioning the work to the incoming MAG. This would likely be done in a separate MAG meeting.

Future Meetings:

Sep. 25th, 2018 – 1300- 1400 UTC

Oct. 10th, 2018 – 1500 – 1600 UTC

Oct. 30th, 2018 – 1500 – 1600 UTC

5 – AOB

Following a question it was re-confirmed that any funds being sought for the pilots would be in addition to funds destined for the IGF Trust Fund and not re-directed in any way.

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ANNEX I - AGENDA

1 - Intro/Logistics/Admin

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- c) Strengthening Cooperation within the Context of the IGF: A Roadmap for 2018

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ANNEX II – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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