

Internet Governance Forum
Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
Summary of Informal Online Meeting's
26 July and 31 July 2013
(to be completed)

1. The Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), held an informal online meeting 26 July 2013 to discuss the ongoing substantive planning of the 8th IGF, scheduled to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 22 to 25 October. Each Member was given the opportunity to invite a guest to the call. Markus Kummer moderated the meeting as the Interim Chair of the Open Consultations and MAG meetings. Chengetai Masango represented the IGF Secretariat.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the substantive planning of the 8th IGF. However, much of the discussions touched on ongoing rumors regarding the possible cancellation of the 2013 IGF. Many MAG members expressed a sense of urgency about receiving further information from Indonesia whether the meeting was going to go ahead as planned.
3. The Chair clarified that the United Nations has not received any official communications from the Indonesian government and that any news about a possible cancellation were only rumors at this stage. The IGF Secretariat and UNDESA would continue discussions with the Indonesian authorities in the coming days to try and get further clarification on the status of preparations.
4. The discussions focused on the substantive planning of the 2013 meeting, and noted that much positive progress has been made by the various ad hoc MAG working groups online. Substantive planning will continue as per usual. The working groups will continue to work online to plan each of the focus/substantive sessions, and will update the Secretariat on their work periodically.
5. There was agreement to focus on government surveillance in the Emerging Issues session. Raul Echeberria will be the main facilitator for this session supported by Susan Chalmers, Veronica Cretu, Olga Cavalli, Ayesha Hassan, Qusai Al-Shatti and Vlada Radunovic, among others. An initial concept note will be drafted and circulated shortly.
6. The session on the Role of Governments/Building Bridges was discussed by participants in the meeting. Mark Carvell updated the group by reporting that he and the Chair had held a positive planning discussion with members of the Brazilian delegation in Durban at the recent ICANN meeting. The working group on this session is awaiting a reply from the Brazilians with further thoughts on the planning of the session.
7. Many of the ad-hoc online working groups gave positive reports on their respective work. The Principles group has compiled a list of materials and has developed a concept for the focus session, which has been circulated for comments. The Internet as an Engine for Growth session plans to focus on showcasing concrete examples and experiences of how Internet governance is playing a large role towards the achievement of the MDGs, and will continue to play a significant role in achieving post-2015

sustainable development goals and post 2015 WSIS targets. The focus session on Legal Frameworks has received very positive feedback from potential contributors to the session including technical experts on topics such as spam, etc. The session will invite governments with the intention of providing them with clear take-away's for policy making in their respective countries.

8. The capacity building working group has also circulated its proposal for comment; it is proposed that the capacity building track should be clearly defined in the programme, which includes orientation sessions and specific workshops geared towards capacity building, in addition to other relevant sessions. The group working on workshop streamlining also reported that there is now a proposal out for comment, which builds on efforts done by various MAG members over the past year. MAG members are encouraged to add to the proposal and to follow-up with Fiona Alexander with further comments.
9. There was some discussion about the status of the MAG working group on the implementation of the CSTD working group recommendations. Peter Major reported that an assessment matrix of the recommendations has been circulated to the MAG for comments. He expressed his hope that it would be possible to provide a report on the progress achieved to the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly later this year. A progress report could also be made available at the IGF meeting itself. The working group will continue to communicate with the MAG and UNDESA on any updates to this process moving forward.
10. Another virtual meeting was scheduled to be held on 31 July to finish the substantive agenda and discuss any updates from Indonesia or the UN in regards to the meeting in Bali.
11. **The MAG continued the virtual meeting on 31 July.** The purpose of the virtual meeting was to continue the discussions of 26 July and to update the MAG and observers on the ongoing negotiations and planning for the 8th IGF.
12. The IGF Secretariat reported that since the last MAG virtual meeting, the United Nations has been holding ongoing discussions with both the Indonesian Permanent Mission in New York and Indonesian officials in Jakarta to try and resolve the issues that might prevent Indonesia from hosting the meeting. It was clarified that the UN still had not received an official statement from Indonesia in this regard, and that these discussions will continue until there is clarity whether or not the meeting will go ahead in Bali as planned.
13. The IGF Secretariat has also been communicating with the Indonesian multistakeholder organizing committee. The committee continues to indicate that there are problems with financing the meeting and that if additional funds are not found then the government will have to withdraw its offer to host the 2013 IGF meeting. A representative of the organizing committee reported that it has approached the Ministry of the Economic Coordination to try and resolve the issue but they had yet to receive an answer on whether they would be able to assist. The representative said that an official withdrawal notice would be sent to the United Nations if additional funding was not found to bridge the current shortfall of approximately USD 900,000.
14. The issue of the host country agreement (HCA) was discussed at some length. It was

explained that the HCA provided the legal framework for hosting the meeting, as the HCA binds the host country to following UN rules such as guaranteeing free entry and exit to all participants and providing diplomatic privileges and immunity with regard to all words spoken and written in the context of the conference. The signing of the HCA by the United Nations and the respective Host Country is what makes the meeting official. The fact that the HCA had not yet been signed created an additional difficulty. However, it is also explained that it was not unusual that HCA's are sometimes not signed until a short time prior to the meeting as the negotiations on legal and technical issues take time. The UN is waiting for a reaction of the Indonesian side whether they are ready to sign the HCA.

15. The United Nations is looking at ways to reduce its own costs within the standard UN rules and regulations. However, there was limited scope to reduce the number of security personnel or interpreters, as their deployment followed standard procedures.
16. Many MAG members expressed their concerns about those individuals and organizations that had already purchased non-refundable flights to Bali and booked hotel rooms for the event.
17. The meeting also addressed fundraising efforts made by the Indonesian organizing committee and referred to a brochure that was circulated among potential donors and also posted on the host country website. It was emphasized by the Secretariat that there are clear rules stipulating that UN meetings cannot and will not be commercialized and that this was made clear to the Indonesian organizing committee. The UN does not allow logos or special speaking roles, etc. for donor organizations during the meeting. It was clarified that in the past at IGF meetings logos were allowed only outside the UN premises and inside participant tote bags, where they would also not be allowed to 'sell' any products or services in their brochures.
18. Some members of the donor community expressed a strong desire to urgently fundraise to try and raise an additional USD 900,000 - 1,000,000 to ensure that the Bali meeting could be held as planned. One donor has already pledged USD 200,000 in this regard. Some clarity was needed, however, on whether these additional funds would be given directly to the multistakeholder organizing committee or to the United Nations. Clarity on the appropriate funding mechanisms should be sought as soon as possible.
19. Overall, there was a general sense that it would be preferable to hold the IGF in Bali as planned. Potential donors were encouraged to see whether it was possible to get the funds needed in time. However, at the same time it was felt that it would be wise to pursue a two track approach in order to be ready to relocate the meeting to an alternative venue, should it not be possible to hold the meeting in Bali. The MAG advised starting discussions with other potential hosts in parallel. The meeting was told that there are two serious expressions of interest in hosting the meeting this year. There was general agreement that these potential options should be further explored.
20. The normal fall-back position would be to hold the meeting in Geneva, but it was highly unlikely that sufficient meeting facilities would be available at such short notice as UNOG space is usually booked up well in advance.
21. The MAG agreed that there was a sense of urgency to come to a conclusion by 9 August at the latest to finalize a decision on hosting the meeting in Bali or not. In the

meantime every effort will be made to secure the Bali meeting, including fundraising while at the same time exploring other options. The meeting called on the UN to be as flexible as possible in the interpretation of its rules and regulations in order to minimize the burden on the host country.

- 22.** The MAG agreed to hold another virtual meeting on 6 August at 12:00 UTC to continue this discussion.
- 23.** Substantive programming for the 2013 meeting will continue online within the relative MAG working groups to ensure that a comprehensive programme is built for the 8th IGF, wherever it might be held.

Annex¹

List of Participants

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12. Veronica Cretu
13. Ankhi Das
14. Chris Disspain
15. William Drake
16. Raul Echeberria
17. Baher Esmat
18. Anriette Esterhuysen
19. Makane Faye
20. Lucinda Fell
21. Ondrej Filip
22. Brian Gutterman
23. Ayesha Hassan
24. Markus Kummer
25. Guo Liang
26. Peter Major
27. Chengetai Masango
28. Yuliya Morenets
29. Judith Okite
30. Jimson Olufuye
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32. Samuel A. Pangerapan
33. Ginger Paque
34. Adam Peake
35. Ricardo Pedraza Barrios
36. Jim Prendergast
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¹ Some observers on the call did not identify themselves.

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47. Ramanou Biauou
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49. Jeff Brueggeman
50. Marilyn Cade
51. Matthew Carrieri
52. Mandy Carver
53. Angelic Del Castilho
54. Chris Disspain
55. Stuart Hamilton
56. Chantal Lebrument
57. Guo Liang
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59. Nnenna Nwakanma
60. Irene Poetranto
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