

Dear members,

This is the final report of the discussion and feedback we have had in the last days with regards the candidates for MAG 2016. It will be divided in two sections (A) and (B): firstly, the names of the candidates with the information they have sent and secondly the comments and support received from IGC members (because they are a lot, I do attach in a pdf document the detailed text, if anyone wants me to send it pasted in the mail, please just send me an email).

Finally, as agreed, I will send this report to the CSCG and keep you updated on the discussion in that group and the final endorsement made by it.

#### A) IGC candidates

##### 1. [Arsene Tungal \(Congo\)](#)

Arsene Tungali, 26, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, a blogger and activist. I speak fluently Kiswahili, French and English, interested in a slot in the MAG 2016.

I feel that there is an under representation among Civil Society members for the Francophone African countries and hope to add my voice to those advocating for the underrepresented from these African countries and in that way promote a more multilingual IG. I am a strong advocate for remote participation; also advocate for increasing the youth participation at the IGF and for including more sessions on child online protection and women's involvement in ICT, which continues to be a barrier in many African countries. I strongly believe the Internet is for everyone and we need to make sure everyone has the ability to participate.

I am familiar with the IGF, took Diplo Foundation IG courses and play an active role in the Central African IGF and the African IGF. I also attended and contributed to the IGF USA in 2015. I am an active member of the newly created dynamic working to host the first IGF in the DRC. I attended the IGF 2015 as an ISOC Ambassador, reported some sessions and blogged about my experience in Diplo's daily newsletter during the Forum. I contribute to various IG lists and working groups such as with the Internet Governance Caucus, the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance and follow discussions on other lists.

I am an active ICANN fellow. I am the Executive of Rudi International, the only youth-led Congolese non-profit working on child online protection and women's participation in ICT issues. Since 2012, my organization has convened the annual ITU's Girls in ICT day events and is a member organization that is part of their Child Online Protection (COP) initiative across Africa.

Co-founder and Executive Director, [Rudi International](#)  
Founder, [Mabingwa Forum](#)

##### 2. [Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro \(Republic of Fiji\)](#)

**Expression of Interest**

I would like to express my interest in submitting my name for consideration regarding the selection of Civil Society nominees for the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG). Kindly find a brief Biography about myself. I would be pleased to channel and be a bridge for civil society interests. I have good working relationships with the sectors such as the Public Sector, Private Sector and the Technical community and am able to raise civil society concerns and engaging in productive dialogue. One of my favourite analogies about Internet Governance was provided by Dr Jovan Kurbalija when he shared the story about the Blind Indostan men and the elephant where each of the blind man only saw in part but together saw a greater whole. This powerful imagery to me captures the conflicts and diverse perspectives within the global internet governance. I am an advocate for an open and free internet.

### **About Myself**

I am Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro also known as Sala T. Originally from Fiji, I am an Indigenous Fijian and passionate about development. I am an Attorney at Law. I am Diplo Foundation Alumni and a European Summer School on Internet Governance Alumni.

### **Work on Internet Governance**

I founded a Think Tank called Pasifika Nexus (our major Project in 2016 is to provide technical and strategic counsel for Parliamentary Opposition in preparation for the debate of 26 Bills that will take place within 4 weeks within Fiji's Parliament) that is based in Fiji which is geared towards sustainable development and have run several programs in Fiji and the Pacific which have included hosting remote internet governance discussions amongst Pacific communities, [Internet Exchange Point Symposiums](#), [Girls and Women in ICT events](#), [Youth Tech Camps](#), Regional and National Computer Quizzes for Secondary Schools and participated actively in [Access for persons with Disabilities](#) and work closely with the Pacific Islands Disabled Persons Forum in advocating "access". I also founded the [Pacific Digital Alliance for Women in ICT](#) and am a keen advocate for Child Online Protection and work closely with several Pacific countries in this area. I have chaired National Cyber Security Working Group within Fiji and worked as a national expert and regional expert in the area in devising Policy and advising several Pacific Governments. I am also the World Summit Award National Expert for several Pacific countries and participated in speaking roles in Pacific Network Operator Group Events, Internet Governance Forums (IGFs), Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF), Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forums (PRiGF), APNIC and Pacific Telecom Council meetings. From time to time, I provide Advisories to the Region on matters of interest regarding ICT or internet governance issues. I enjoy writing opinion pieces on Circle ID.

### **Areas of Interest in Internet Governance**

Human Rights, Access, Critical Internet Resources, ICT, Cyber Security, Gender

### **Current Key Roles Held**

Currently, I am the President of the South Pacific Computer Society (SPaCS) and an Executive Council member of the South East Asia Computer Confederation (SEARCC). I am a member of the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC). I am also on the Advisory Council of BrightPath Foundation. I also manage the [Japan Pacific ICT Centre](#) within the University of the South Pacific.

### **Previous Capacities**

In previous capacities, I had the privilege of serving as co-coordinator of the Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus (IGC) for two years where I replaced Dr. Jeremy Malcolm and served alongside Dr Izumi Aizu and then later Norbert Bollow. Two organisations that I am a member of are both accredited At Large Organisations

,namely SPaCS and PICISOC. I was nominated and elected to represent the Asian Pacific Regional At Large Organisation (APRALO) where I served on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) where together with the At

Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and members of the At Large structure under Dr Olivier Crepin LeBlond's leadership participated in raising concerns from a global public interest perspective on policy development processes. Over the years, I have presented and facilitated workshops on Internet Governance in various spaces locally, regionally and globally.

### 3. [Deidre Williams \(Trinidad and Tobago\)](#)

Dear IGC members,

I would like to seek your support for nomination as a civil society representative for the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

I have been involved with Internet Governance (IG) since 2008 and have been working to strengthen the links that bring Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) together since the early 1990s. I have attended every IGF meeting since Hyderabad in 2008 (Nairobi 2011 virtually), and also all of the regional - Latin America and Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the IGF (LACIGF), and sub-regional – Caribbean IGF, since 2009. My attendance at these meetings was due to a broad range of funders to all of whom I am very grateful.

- Within the IGF environment I have worked, and am working, particularly with the Dynamic Coalition for Access and Disability (DCAD), with the MAG Remote Participation Working Group, and the now dormant [Coalition Dynamique pour la Diversité Linguistique](#) I have contributed to the work of the [Dynamic Coalition on Internet Rights and Principles](#) and [Dynamic Coalition on Public Access in Libraries](#)
- I follow discussions on Bestbits and the Justnet Coalition Forum, as well as on the Internet Governance Caucus (IGC) list, and in other areas where IG is discussed. I try to be aware of those issues that unite civil society, as well as of those issues about which there are strongly divergent opinions
- For the last two years I have been one of two Co-coordinators of the IGC.
- In 2014 I had the honour to be selected as the speaker from civil society at the opening ceremony of the IGF in Istanbul.
- I was invited, in several different capacities, to be part of the pilot Stanford Deliberative Poll organised for this year's IGF
- I have good relationships across the group that identifies itself as civil society and also with those belonging to other constituencies. This is useful because the MAG should finally aim for consensus across all of its constituent groups.
- My own priorities are in involving ordinary end users in the IG process despite barriers of disability, language and culture, gender, education, geographic location, etc. This brings with it a strong interest in the facilitation and improvement of remote participation.

Thank you all for your consideration

Best wishes

Deirdre

### 4. **Renata Aquino Ribeiro** (Brazil)

English/Español/Português

Hi!

\* I have been nominated for the MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group) for the IGF (Internet Governance Forum) of the UN and accepted it in the beginning of January. This message is to ask for your support.

\* My candidacy is about the context of internet governance debates within sustainable and regional development initiatives. I was nominated by a citizen of João Pessoa, Brazil, where the last IGF occurred and part of the region I am currently living in. Bringing regional voices to IGFs is a mission for me, I've also been to conferences in Mexico, where the next IGF will be, and I am part of Latin-American groups and engaged in their demands.

\* My goals as a MAG member would be to overturn the lack of access to IG initiatives by a great deal of CS organizations due to language barriers, cultural differences and simple misinformation about what the IGF truly is and how to go on to participate on it. I've seen resistance, disinformation, discouragement upfront and how to deal with it.

\* Last but not least, prior to IGF in Brazil I've participated in other IG debates in regional IGFs, CGI.br courses, ICANN events (all as a fellow or similar initiatives) and for 15+ years I've been advocating for the increase in connectivity in schools and universities and professional development programs for teacher w/ technology.

So, again, thank you all in this community for the space in which to put forward those plans and I ask for your consideration of these efforts with the MAG nomination support

Thank you

Renata

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ESPAÑOL

Hola!

\* Estoy candidata al MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group) para el IGF (Internet Governance Forum) de la ONU y vengo pedir su apoyo.

\* Mis planos para el MAG estan nel contexto de tener más debate de gobernanza de internet dentro de iniciativas de desarrollo sostenible regional. Mi nominación fué hecha por una ciudadana de João Pessoa, Brazil, donde el último IGF se pasó y en la misma región en que vivo hoy. Traer voces regionales para los IGFs es una misión para mi, tambien ya tengo experiencia en conferencias en México donde va a ser el próximo IGF y tengo identificación con las demandas latino-americanas.

\* Mis objetivos como participante del MAG van a ser cambiar la falta de participación en iniciativas de gobernanza de internet de muchas organizaciones de sociedad civil por motivos de diferencias de lenguaje, cultura o simplemente falta de información de lo que es el IGF en verdad y como seguir a participar en ello. Ya he visto resistencia, poca información, desincentivo y ya he trabajado con esto.

\* Por último, antes de IGF en Brasil ya participé de otros debates de IG en IGFs regionales, cursos de CGI.br, eventos promovidos por ICANN (todos como fellow o iniciativas similares) y por más de 15 años tengo luchado por mas acceso a internet en escuelas y universidades y por programas de desarrollo profesional de profesores c/ tecnologia.

Asi, una vez mas, gracias por conocer mis planos y por permitir que venga a pedir su apoyo para esa nominación.

Muchas gracias!

Renata

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PORTUGUÊS

Olá!

\* Estou candidata ao MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group - Grupo de Conselheiros Multisetorial) para o IGF (Internet Governance Forum - Fórum de Governança da Internet) da ONU e venho pedir seu apoio.

\* Meus planos para o MAG estão no contexto de ter mais debates sobre governança da internet dentro de iniciativas de desenvolvimento regional sustentável. Minha indicação foi feita por uma cidadã de João Pessoa, Brasil, onde aconteceu o último IGF e na mesma região onde vivo hoje. Trazer vozes regionais para os IGFs é uma missão para mim, também já tenho experiência de conferências no México, onde vai ser o próximo IGF e identifico-me com as questões latino-americanas.

\* Meus objetivos como participante do MAG vão ser mudar a falta de participação em iniciativas de governança de internet de muitas organizações da sociedade civil por diferenças de linguagem, cultura ou simplesmente desinformação sobre o que o IGF realmente é e como participar nele. Já vi resistência, desinformação e falta de engajamento de perto e já lidei com tudo isto.

\* Por último, antes do IGF no Brasil já participei de outros debates de governança da internet em IGFs regionais, cursos do CGI.br, eventos da ICANN (todos como bolsista ou iniciativas similares) e por mais de 15 anos tenho lutado por mais acesso a internet em escolas e universidades e por programas de desenvolvimento profissional de professores c/ tecnologia.

Assim, uma vez mais, agradeço por conhecer estas intenções e peço seu apoio.

Muito obrigada!

## B) COMMENTS, SUPPORT, ENDORSEMENTS

Chaitanya Dhareshwar (+1 Sala) :

*"I, Chaitanya Dhareshwar, a member of the IGC wholeheartedly support Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro's expression of interest for joining the MAG. I believe her work will be spectacular and her capabilities are beyond doubt most valuable in the role."*

Baudouin Schombe (+1 Sala, +1 Arsene):

Nnenna Nwakanma (+1 Arsene):

*"Highly in support of Arsene. He has shown energy and dedication as long as I have known him"*

Ephraim Percy Kenyanito (+1 x 4)

*"Really excellent candidates and will be great additions."*

Akinremi Peter Taiwo (+1 Arsene)

*"+1 to arsene. Your courage speaks of whom you are. Goodluck!"*

Ang Peng Hwa (+1 Sala):

*"I, Peng Hwa Ang, a qualified member of the IGC unreservedly support Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro's expression of interest for joining the MAG. I had her once as a judge for a Youth IGF event in Singapore and she was the Paula Abdul among the judges: while everyone could criticise and find fault with the performance and presentation of the group, Sala was also able to point out positive aspects. In meetings that I have held with her participation, she was always able to have a balanced perspective. Any group could do with a Paula Abdul."*

Lillian Nalwoga (+1 x 4)

*"I endorse all four candidates. If the IGF secretariat allows to send four names then their should be no problem sending all four candidates."*

Mwendwa Kivuva (+1 x 4)

*"I have interacted with Sala, Deidre, Renata, and Arsene and I'm sure they are good representatives for the community.I endorse them."*

Chris Prince Udochukwu Njoku (+1 x 4)

*"I think it's not an error to send all 4. After all, since nominations can be made directly to IGF, it's possible to have more."*

Renata Aquino Ribeiro (+1 x 4)

*"I subscribe to the view of many here that all candidates are great (and I'm thankful for those who included me in this view). This was my first time applying to a major IG venue participation and it's interesting to find myself in such a group of people who I've learned from a lot by following their participation in IG debates. We all know that the UN will now continue with the process so that brings me to another point."*

Bruce G. Potter (+1 Deidre)

As a member of IGC, and as president of Island Resources Foundation, I want to join with the previously submitted endorsement by the directors of the Caribbean Conservation Association in support of the nomination of Deirdre Williams of St. Lucia, a small island nation in the Eastern Caribbean, to the Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the 2016 Internet Governance Forum. In addition to the objective facts cited in Ms. Williams nomination (appended below), we specifically support this nomination because of her special small island sustainable development experience and engagement with a wide range of civil society organizations and programs in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

For forty-four years (the same number of years as Ms. Williams has been resident in St. Lucia) Island Resources Foundation, founded in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, has pursued a vision where island systems are not miniature microcosms of continental areas, but rather where it is recognized that a failure to understand the differences between insular and continental systems has unanticipated and too often undesirable consequences for islanders. This is a vision that Ms. Williams fully understands, especially in its Caribbean manifestation and which she will be able to inculcate through her interventions in the MAG, leading up to the 2016 IGF.

In spite of being a small regionally-focussed non-profit research and education environmental and conservation organization, Island Resources Foundation, especially under its founding president Dr. Ed Towle, created a large footprint in the field of small island studies. From that perspective, we are convinced that it is vital that island residents have a direct role in the policy implementation, management, and evaluation of resource management and sustainable development programs affecting them. In the 21st century, the Internet is the enabling technology of the age, and without the strong influence of wise islanders and island organizations of civil society that a candidate of the caliber of Ms. Williams can bring to the IGF policy management process, much of the real world benefits of the Internet will be lost or irrelevant to small islands everywhere. We thank you for your consideration of the nomination of Deirdre Williams to the Multistakeholder Advisory Group of the 2016 Internet Governance Forum.

Carlton Samuels (+1 Deidre)

I would wish the record to show that I, Carlton Samuels, most wholeheartedly and very strongly endorse and support this nomination. Deidre has been my colleague working in the vineyard and a friend for many years. Her insights are forged by the experience of living and working in a small island developing state and, more importantly, she is willing to graciously share all of it to the benefit of all of us. Deidre possesses all of the skills and talents I feel a multistakeholder IGF should not only access but utilize for the greater good.