

## IGF Inter-sessional activities

### Policy Menus for Connecting the Next Billion – Draft Framework

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#### **Principles for IGF inter-sessional work on "*Connecting the Next Billion*":**

- The process will comply with the IGF and the MAG's working principles.
- The process will be open and inclusive, all stakeholders will be invited to contribute and should be able to actively participate;
- Diversity of ideas and opinions and views will be welcomed, while consensus will be encouraged differences of opinions can also be acknowledged.
- Contributions will be addressed and incorporated in a neutral fashion.
- The Chair of the IGF MAG would ensure the process complies with the principles above-mentioned.

#### **Draft methodology:**

- Format of the output: Policy menus
- Tool used: Web platform allowing for people to insert comments remotely
- Process: MAG members will be invited to work with the group of co-facilitators led by Amb. Fonseca. They will form an open-ended editorial group to work on the draft.
- Outreach: A public call for submissions on the theme of "***Connecting the Next Billion***" will be issued. All contributions in relation to the theme will be accepted and published on the IGF website. Input from the regional and national IGFs will be acknowledged.
- The Secretariat will assist the group of co-facilitators and the open-ended editorial group in extracting sub-themes and suggestions of policy menus for "***Connecting the Next Billion***".
- The draft Policy menus will be shared using an online platform. Comments from the public will be incorporated through an iterative process before the final output is presented to the IGF in November.

#### **Timeframe**

- 27 April: invitation to the MAG community to join open-ended editorial group.
- 11 May-5 June: Launch a public call for input on "***Connecting the Next Billion***"
- By 25 May: Setting-up the web platform.

- 25 June – 25 July: First draft Policy menus open for public comment through the web platform.
- 1-2 Sept: Draft Policy menus reviewed by the MAG during their physical meeting.
- 7 Sept – 5 Oct.: Second draft Policy menus open for public comment through the web platform.
- 2 Nov. Final output document published on IGF website
- 10-13 Nov.: Presentation of the Policy menus at the IGF
- Post-IGF: the ***“Policy menus on Connecting the Next Billion”*** are shared with relevant fora (WSIS+10, etc.)