

WORKING GROUP ON IGF STRENGTHENING AND STRATEGY

PLAN OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2025

INTRODUCTION

The IGF MAG Working Group on IGF Strengthening and Strategy, known as WG-strategy, was established in 2020 to support the MAG in developing actions, implementable in the short- and medium-term to strengthen the IGF and position it strategically in the evolving digital cooperation landscape.

From 2020-2024, the WG-strategy concentrated its discussions on various aspects of IGF evolution and improvements, including:

- I. Mandate of the IGF as outlined in the Tunis Agenda (2005) and how the IGF can bet fulfill it.
- II. Discussions on digital cooperation, in particular the [UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation](#) launched on June 11, 2020 and on the "IGF +" model identified in the [report of the High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation](#).
- III. The [Options Paper](#) issued by the co-champions of recommendations 5A/B of UN SG's HLPDC report.
- IV. The [Proposals on Strategic improvements to the IGF and operational measures in 2021](#)
- V. The [mapping of the IGF activities with the Roadmap for digital cooperation activities](#).
- VI. The discussion on the role of the IGF in the UN SG's "[Our Common Agenda](#)" report.
- VII. Discussions on how the IGF can contribute and integrate GDC implementation
- VIII. Support for the preparatory process of the IGF annual event.
- IX. The [IGF vision beyond 2025 document](#), a strategic vision for the IGF beyond the WSIS+20 review in 2025.

The results of discussions and the documents drafted by the WG are available on the [IGF website](#). They include several documents issued by the Working Group and shared with the IGF MAG, the LP, UNDESA, etc.

PROPOSED WG ACTIVITIES IN 2025

As 2025 is a crucial year for the IGF, the WG-strategy has identified key priorities that require further action and proposes their implementation in 2025.

Priority 1 – Annual IGF Event

- Develop strategies to enhance the effectiveness and outcome orientation of IGF sessions, including a structured discussion on IGF evolution and its strategic framework, and a strengthened positioning and better integration of IGF intersessional work into the IGF programme and outputs.
- Facilitate dialogue on integrating the [NETmundial+10 São Paulo Multistakeholder gdcGuidelines](#)

- Create a governmental track together with some of the UN agencies that is separate from the Parliamentary track

Priority 2 – WSIS+20 Review

- Suggest how to strengthen coordination between the IGF and the CSTD, ensuring greater involvement of the IGF in the WSIS+20 review process. Draft a paper to be submitted to WSIS +20 OCP in order to host a discussion during the High-Level event in Geneva;
- Identify commonalities between WSIS and the Global Digital Compact (GDC).
- Support NRIs to play a more active role in the WSIS+20 process:
 - Assess the local implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the IGF's contributions.
 - Evaluate GDC progress at the national and regional levels.
 - Support NRIs in organizing a dedicated WSIS+20 session at the IGF event to present their findings.

Priority 3 – GDC Implementation

- Propose an initial follow-up track for the IGF's engagement with the Global Digital Compact.
- Discuss how to implement the convergence between WSIS framework and GDC framework.
- Discuss how the IGF, their intersessional activities and related forums can facilitate multistakeholder contributions to the Compact's implementation (GDC, Paragraph 68).
- Propose how to strengthen collaboration between the IGF, UNGIS, the WSIS Forum, and the UN CSTD to ensure complementary efforts, effective coordination, and alignment with the GDC follow-up and review process in 2027 (Paragraph 74).
- Map GDC objectives with IGF 2024 messages and WSIS's Action lines in preparation of the IGF annual meeting in Oslo.
- Identify and actively make use of the activities of intersessional work streams, including the Dynamic Coalitions vis-a-vis the GDC implementation.

Other Considerations

- Enhance the WG-strategy's engagement with the Leadership Panel.
- Suggest how to improve coordination between the IGF, ITU, UNESCO, etc.
- Organize dedicated workshops to raise awareness about the IGF's mandate, emphasizing its broad scope. Additionally, explore renaming the forum to better reflect its mission and objectives.

Timeline

Month	Day	Milestone
Feb	5-7	First Open Consultation and MAG Meeting - Discussion and approval of IGF MAG Working Groups
Feb	13	Discussion of the Plan of Activities e finalizing the timeline
Feb	14-28	Drafting the proposal on WSIS+20 HLE and IGF engagement
Feb	28	Draft a letter to Co-facs of WSIS +20 review and invite them to the IGF 2025 event
March	14	Submission of the proposal to WSIS+20 OPC
February-31 March		Drafting of a paper reinforcing the mission of the IGF and its long-term contribution to the digital cooperation and internet governance space;
April		Organize a dialogue webinar with ODET and other UN Agencies on the implementation of Para 71 of the GDC (MAP), together with DCs, NRIs and other intersessional work;
May		Host a webinar on the implementation of the NM+10 Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines implementation to the IGF work. Focal groups: NRIs, DCs, PNs, and BPFs + MAG;
		Support to Governmental Track Organization
April		Draft a high level Multistakeholder statement addressing the UNGA Presidency highlighting the importance of the IGF and the need for it to be transformed into a permanent effort and fora.

MEMBERSHIP

This group is open to MAG members and other members of the IGF community. The WG will be co-chaired by 2025 MAG members Chris Buckridge, Concettina Cassa, and Amrita Choudhury, and former MAG member Bruna Martins Dos Santos.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The set of inputs for this Working Group includes:

- 1) [The CSTD WG on IGF Improvements Report](#) (2012)
- 2) [IGF Retreat](#) (2016)
- 3) [The Multiyear Strategic Work Programme Working Group](#)
- 4) [The MAG Working Group on IGF Improvements](#)
- 5) [The UN SG's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation](#)
- 6) IGF Expert meeting report (2021)
- 7) The [IGF vision beyond 2025](#)