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**CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the IGF
Recommendations**

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CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the IGF Recommendations

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- Mandate and composition
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Background

- Set up CSTD WG on improvements to the IGF
- Proposal - CSTD, May 2010
- Approval - ECOSOC Res. 2010/2, July 2010
- Endorsement - UN GA Res. 2010/17
- Extension of mandate to 15th session of CSTD
– UN GA Res. 2011/16



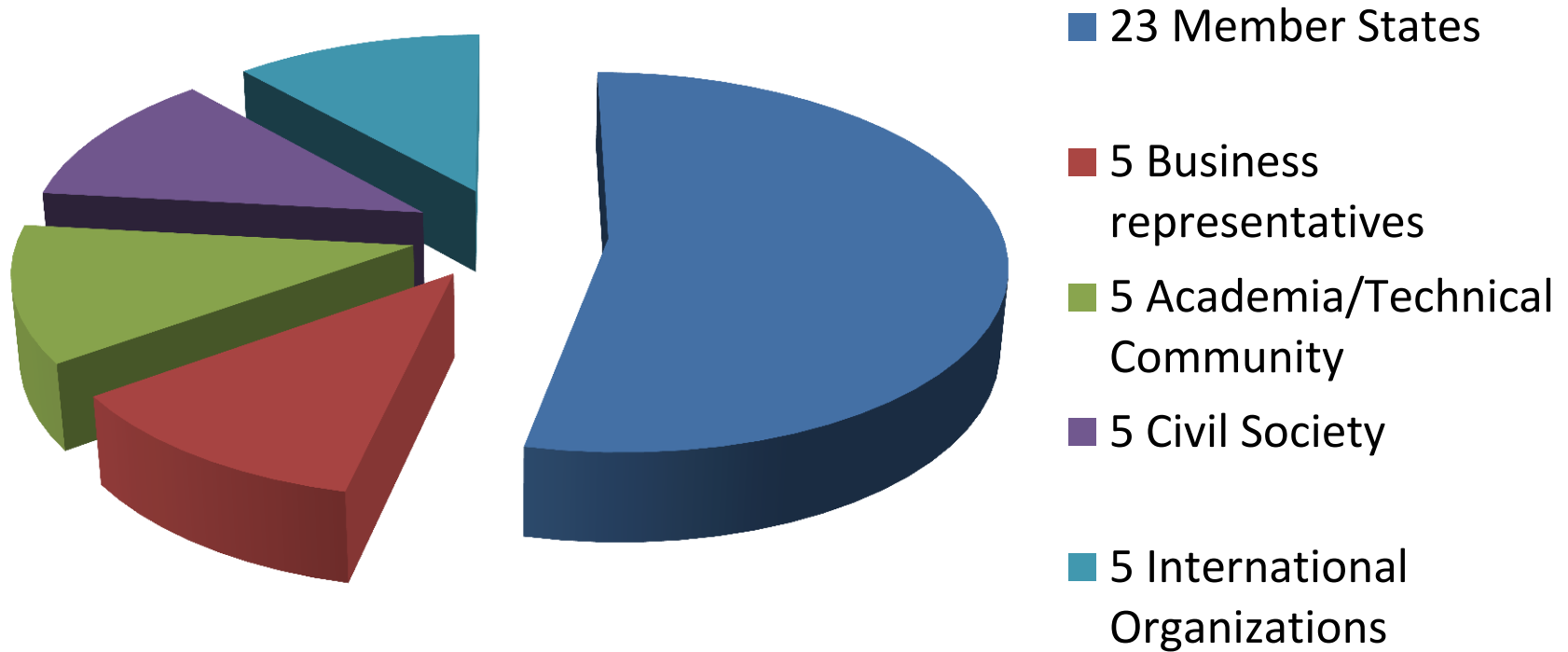
Mandate of the CSTD WGIGF

- established in open and inclusive manner
- to seek, compile and review inputs from all UN member States and all other stakeholders on improvements to the IGF
- to give recommendations for improvements without changing basic features of the IGF:
 - multi-stakeholder character
 - not a decision taking forum
- to report to CSTD in May 2011



Composition of the Working Group

Multi-stakeholder approach





CSTD WGIGF meetings Phase I

Chairman: Mr. Frédéric Riehl (Switzerland)

- 1st meeting – Montreux, February 25-26, 2011
agreed on questionnaire to stakeholders
- 2nd meeting – Geneva, March 25-26, 2011
 - compile and discuss responses to questionnaire
 - lack of time: no recommendations
- 14th session of CSTD Geneva, May 2011
 - extension of mandate of WG
 - new chairman



CSTD WGIGF meetings Phase II

Chairman: Mr. Peter Major (Hungary)

Vice-chair: Mr. Vijaya Kumar (Sri Lanka)

- 3rd meeting – Geneva, October 30-2 November 2011 – agreed 5 main points based on responses to questionnaire
- 4th meeting – Geneva, January 11-13, 2012 discussed and agreed on 3 main points
- 5th meeting - Geneva, February 20-22, 2012 discussed and agreed on remaining points and draft recommendations



Agreed main topics

- I. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings;
- II. Working modalities including open consultations, MAG and Secretariat;
- III. Funding of the IGF;
- IV. Broadening participation;
- V. Linking the IGF to other related processes/mechanisms/bodies.



Results of CSTD WGIGF

- Multi-stakeholder approach
- Disconnected from enhanced cooperation
- Mutual trust and team work
- Agreed main topics
- 39 recommendations
- Submit report with recommendations to members of WG for approval



I. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings

Recommendations:

1. Develop more tangible outputs
2. Improve the visibility of IGF outcomes and its accessibility with enhanced communication tools
3. Communication strategy and tools to making available the relevant documents to all the relevant stakeholders and the media.



II. Working modalities

Recommendations:

1. Improve the overall preparatory process of the IGF
2. Improve the structure and working methods of the MAG
3. Strengthen and expand the Secretariat



III. Funding of the IGF

Recommendations:

1. Encourage increased voluntary financial contributions
2. Enhance accountability and transparency
3. Acknowledge the host country's support and in-kind support from other countries, organizations and the UN.



IV. Broadening participation and capacity building

Recommendations:

1. Expand and diversify participation
2. Enhance measures for broader participation
3. Improve the on-line visibility and accessibility of the IGF
4. Enhance all stakeholders' understanding of the IGF and Internet governance issues



V. Linking the IGF to other IG related entities

Recommendations:

1. Ensure the relevance and inclusiveness of annual IGFs
2. Support enhanced communication
3. Empower the MAG and the IGF secretariat to do consistent outreach



WGIGF follow-up

- WG's report to CSTD session (21 to 25 May 2012)
http://www.unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/a67d65_en.pdf
- CSTD draft resolution on WSIS Follow-up including results of the WG and Open Consultation on Enhanced Cooperation
- Report and recommendations to be forwarded to UN General Assembly through ECOSOC
- To be endorsed by General Assembly of UN



Implementation

- No explicit provisions
- Implicitly: tasks for Secretariat & MAG
- Wait for endorsement by CSTD, ECOSOC, GA
- Until then - proactive reflections on tasks



Conclusion

- Multi-stakeholder approach – mutual trust
- Decoupled from enhanced cooperation
- Results: within mandate - improvements
- Discussion of report - 15th session of the CSTD preferably focus on implementation



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Thank you for your attention

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