



## Chairman's preliminary consolidated version of the rolling document<sup>1</sup>

### A. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings

Recognising the need to improve the format of IGF outcomes to ensure its impact on global internet governance policy issues;

Underlining the full diversity of opinions on policy issues of the IGF multistakeholders community;

Recalling the importance of the non-binding and non-duplicative process of the IGF which should be maintained and reflected in IGF outcomes;

To ensure the impact of IGF outcomes, the Working Group underlines their potential impact on outreach and cooperation and subsequently on global internet governance policies with improved communication tools and strategy;

And on this basis, the Working Group recommends to:

#### 1. Develop more tangible and robust outputs

Broadly agreed extract of Portugal's proposal (Appendix III to the Chairman's summary of the Third Meeting)

The IGF should continue to produce its current reports, including the Chairman's report, the sessions' transcripts, the workshops reports and the overall proceedings, to which additional more focused documentation should be added to improve communication and the impact of the results of IGF discussions.

New ways should be found to extract the outcomes of discussions at the IGF, for example, in the form of concrete messages. These messages could map out consensus or diverging opinions on a given theme, and capture the range of policy options available.

To focus discussions, the preparation process of each IGF should formulate a set of questions and objectives to be considered at the IGF, as part of the overall discussions. The results of the debates on these questions should be specifically stated in an outcome document to be prepared by pre-assigned *rapporteurs* to be identified by the MAG. They may be consensual answers to questions or the expression of the different views presented when consensus does not emerge.

#### 2. Improve the visibility of IGF outcomes and their accessibility with enhanced IGF communication strategy and tools

Broadly agreed extract of Portugal's proposal (Appendix III to the Chairman's summary of the Third Meeting)

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<sup>1</sup> Following the Fourth Meeting of the CSTD Working Group on Improvements to the IGF (11–13 January 2012, Geneva), the rolling document was transmitted to members of the Group as an outcome of the meeting and was appended to the "Chairman's summary of the third meeting". This document consolidates the rolling document on the basis of the agreed structure established at the third meeting of the Group as well as on, in particular, the "Categorization of proposals based on the Chairman's summary of the meeting" transmitted by Marilia Maciel before the fourth meeting of the working group.

To guarantee the impact of the IGF the resulting documentation must be transmitted to the relevant stakeholders. This includes strengthening the IGF communication strategy. A better use of the IGF website would be a first step in this direction. Clear information material would help also to engage stakeholders

Additional points of broad agreements [moved to section on broadening participation]

- Set up voluntary on-demand system for dissemination of documents.
- Visibility of the IGF and IGF outcomes.

### **3. Ensure the impact of outcomes on outreach and cooperation**

Broadly agreed extract of Portugal's proposal (Appendix III to the Chairman's summary of the Third Meeting)

To improve the outreach and cooperation with other organizations and fora dealing with Internet governance issues, it is important to ensure that messages are transmitted to these organizations and fora through appropriate mechanisms. The MAG together with the IGF Secretariat could create an overview of these organizations and fora as well as the issues that they are dealing with. The link between the IGF and the CSTD could be strengthened by taking into account inputs from the IGF when drafting annual resolutions at CSTD.

Additional points of broad agreements [could be included in Portugal's text or moved to subsequent items]

- Outcome documents sent to national governments.
- Recommendations conveyed to national governments
- Disseminate to international organisations and liaise with them.
- Include member States, intergovernmental organisations, all stakeholders, other international organisations in space of Internet and governance.
- IGF to accept inputs from other organisations and events and distribute outcomes back to these organisations.
- Close cooperation with WSIS Forum.
- Encourage stakeholder initiatives to document IGF and link to them on the IGF Web site.
- IGF needs to be informed about key discussions that impact on IG taking place in other bodies.

#### **B. Working modalities including open consultations, MAG, and Secretariat**

Recognising the need to improve working modalities of the IGF, including open consultations, the MAG and the Secretariat to ensure the effective impact and uniqueness of IGF's multi-stakeholder policy dialogue;

Underlining that the IGF has two dimensions: open and exploratory on the one hand, and, on the other, focused on themes and specific policy challenges;

The Working Group recognises the importance of maintaining overall modalities of the IGF, namely, main sessions, feeder workshops, workshops, round tables and specific policy challenges;

And on this basis, the Working Group recommends to:

#### **1. Improve the bottom-up, open, and inclusive nature of the overall preparatory process of the IGF**

- Broad agreement that the IGF Secretariat and the MAG should invite the IGF community to identify pertinent key policy questions around which main sessions will be structured.

- [In response to each main session, a report captures the following, in response to the key policy questions: - points of convergence - points of divergence - points that stood out as requiring further exploration. When finalising the reporting of each IGF, the MAG and secretariat would discuss these reports, and communicate them to other policy-making institutions. This report, focused on the main policy questions that were discussed, will not replace the chairman's summary or the proceedings of the IGF].[already covered by Portugal's text]
- The Secretariat and the MAG in cooperation with national and regional IGFs should find new and more deliberate mechanisms to reach out and encourage international organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national governments and other stakeholder groups, including representatives of disadvantaged groups (disadvantaged refers to the following groups: living in rural areas without connectivity, etc..) to be more actively involved in the preparation of the IGF such as by sending requests inviting them to provide written comments on programme papers and on any other relevant documents. Organisers of national and regional IGFs should also be engaged to enhance their input to the global IGF and vice versa.
- The purposiveness of the IGF process should be considered to ensure that it feeds real policy-making.
- [Logistics for the preparatory process should be improved, in particular,] Broad agreement that preferably all, but at least one of the annual open consultations, should allow for remote participation.
- In terms of logistics, the IGF Secretariat should facilitate bilateral meetings (>40 bilateral meetings) by ensuring notably the booking of the necessary facilities and enhancing transparency with regards to this service and the related and available options.
- Global governance institutions should be invited to engage with the IGF on some of these questions, e.g. by convening forums, workshops, etc.
- The rotation of members of panels, MCs of working groups, etc should be encouraged

## **2. Improve the structure and working methods of the MAG**

- Broad agreement that the working methods of the MAG should be made clearer through the development of clear Terms of Reference, and its functioning should be transparent and open. Terms of reference should include:
  - Requirements for MAG members:
    - Represent groups' or constituencies' interest and not private interests;
    - [selected members should present] Proven ability to work as a team member;
    - [selected members should present] Active participation in the IGF process;
    - [selected members should present] Extensive linkages within one's own stakeholder group and, if possible, to other stakeholder groups;
    - [selected members should present] Experience and expertise in Internet governance issues;
  - Responsibilities of MAG members:
    - Attend three meetings in Geneva per year; Participate in the yearly global meeting;
    - Participate in inter-sessional work;
    - Make outreach to wider community, including national and regional IGF type initiatives and bring other networks into the MAG;
    - Bring in comments from the community;
    - Explain recommendations to the community;

- Willingness to commit to work and follow through.
- Responsibilities of the MAG as a whole:
  - Develop the detailed programme including the identification of issues of concern;
  - Selecting workshops and other meetings;
  - Defining how best to plan and organize the meetings;
  - Organizing main sessions and where necessary participate in dedicated thematic working groups;
  - Establishing linkages between workshops and main sessions;
  - Facilitating the organization of workshops;
  - Coordinating panels and supporting panelists, moderators and speakers at the annual meeting;
  - Liaising with their respective communities;
  - Publishing reports;
  - Additional outreach with other organizations and in conjunction with the Secretariat.
- Broad agreement that the process of selection of MAG members must be inclusive, predictable, transparent and fully documented
  - Broad agreement on the transparency of the self-management by each stakeholder group
  - In light of transparency, stakeholder groups should publicise their selection process and should identify the process that works best for their own culture and methods of engagement
  - Selection of any stakeholder group may not be confined to be mediated through any one particular body.
  - The selection would be based on proposed candidate lists made by the three non-governmental stakeholder groups. The stakeholder groups are encouraged to nominate a sufficiently large slate of candidates to provide some flexibility in selection of MAG members and are asked to ensure appropriate gender balance
  - One possibility mentioned by the MAG group itself last November:
  - A form of 'triage' that would be used to ensure appropriate geographical balance among MAG members. This 'triage' could be carried out by a trusted group of former non-governmental MAG members, perhaps including some MAG members who are being rotated out. This trusted group would work in active consultation with the respective stakeholder groups.
  - The recommendation would then be submitted to the Secretary-General for approval. One proposal was that the list of all MAG nominees to be submitted to the Secretary-General should be published on the IGF website.
  - Another selection process was mentioned capturing the essence of the NomCom idea, or we better call it "selection committee" to avoid confusion with existing systems in other organizations.
  - The selection Committee members, appointed by the IGF Chair, should be drawn fairly from representatives of stakeholders across the different regions and constituencies.
  - Preferably, the Selection Committee would include experts with wide-ranging knowledge of Internet governance, previous experience of program preparation and strong links to various stakeholder groups.
  - This Selection Committee would select candidates for the MAG ensuring balanced representation of geographical distribution, gender and the wide range of stakeholders. The final selection of candidates should be submitted to the UN Secretary-General for final approval

- Broad agreement that the composition of the MAG should be more representative of all the groups that Internet governance increasingly impacts and represent the wide internet community. Its membership should be balanced as regards stakeholders, geographic and cultural diversity, and gender. Technical and academic communities should be seen as specific stakeholder groups.
  - While stakeholder representative selection has to take place in a bottom-up manner, there needs to be general guidelines to ensure transparency, diversity, and widest participation of all groups.
  - Set up a framework with guidelines to guide the selection of the MAG (gender balance, regional representation, developed/developing, linkages with stakeholders)
  - Stakeholder groups should strive for geographic diversity, gender balance, and developing country representation. Stakeholder groups should also strive to reflect their internal diversity separating technical community and academic community.
  - Stakeholder representatives should be able to clearly demonstrate linkages to and support from a very broad set of groups or constituency.
  - The selection of MAG participants, should demonstrate close linkages with the constituencies they seek to represent
- Broad agreement on the openness and transparency of MAG meetings
    - Broad agreement that the rotation system which was introduced by the MAG should be further developed in order to allow for a constant renewal of the MAG and to guarantee its openness to new stakeholders. The rules of rotation should be clear, with about one third rotated every year and a three-year limit to each member's term in order to provide opportunities to all interested participants and to ensure fair representation.
    - The MAG should open its meetings to observers and make its proceedings available in the form of a live text streaming. This verbatim record is available on the IGF Web site. This proceeding is recommended for future meetings in order to enhance the openness and transparency of its work.

#### Points of discussion/miscellaneous

- [develop] guidelines on actual tour of duty (length of service, rotations, performance criteria such as removal/replacement of MAG members that do not participate);
- Giving idea of MAG selection process, keep it a dynamic committee.
- Consider the role of the MAG in the context of an evolving IGF and in the context of IGF improvements and the recommendations for IGF improvements.
- Consider relationships between the MAG and secretariat--roles and responsibilities
- Consider the role of the MAG in context of IGF no longer being just a single event but rather having evolved into a process.
- Importance of open consultations and role of MAG as facilitator and listener of what happens in consultations, important input into the process

### **3. Strengthen and expand the Secretariat**

- Broad agreement that the IGF Secretariat should continue to operate with transparency and flexibility, be accountable to all stakeholders, independent of other UN bodies and based in Geneva. With very limited human and financial resources, the IGF Secretariat, together with many volunteers, has managed to service well the IGF meetings, but it should be strengthened and expanded in order to meet the increasing demands and to support the desired and increased outreach.

### **C. Funding of the IGF**

Recognising the importance of increasing voluntary funding for the continued successful operation of the IGF;

Underlining that stability, continuity and effectiveness of the IGF leadership and staff have a positive impact on the IGF's capability to raise funds;

There's an important relationship between increasing voluntary funding and the implementation of other recommendations of the Working Group;

The Working Group recognised key principles such as independent, unencumbered, stable and predictable, voluntary sources;

And on this basis, the Working Group recommends to:

### **1. Encourage increased voluntary financial contributions.**

- Broad agreement on supporting the continuation of the present funding model, [with a voluntary, stable funding mechanism for the primary support to the Secretariat itself.]
- Broad agreement that more resources are needed to support the existing functions of the IGF Secretariat, and that furthermore, additional financial resources are needed to enhance the participation of stakeholders from developing and least developed countries throughout the IGF processes.
- With a view to ensuring the necessary funding [basis] [for the improved operation of] for the IGF activities [and in particular its secretariat], explore the possibility of enlarging voluntary contributions from all sources, [particularly from developed countries], and asking for pluriannual commitments from donors who can make them in order to improve stability and predictability of funding / With a view to ensuring the necessary funding for the IGF, explore the possibility of enlarging voluntary contributions from all sources, including those that can be contributed, on a voluntary basis, by entities involved in Internet management, and asking for pluriannual commitments from donors who can make them in order to improve stability and predictability of funding.
- [Broad agreement that creative mechanisms for ensuring predictable funding for the IGF be sought on an ongoing basis. For the above purpose, also specifically seek additional regular voluntary contributions by entities involved in Internet management, with long term pluriannual commitments, as a sustained basis of funding for the IGF.]
- IGF stakeholders should be encouraged to come up with creative mechanisms to mobilise alternative funds that can be used to enhance participation from LDCs and developing countries including speakers and moderators. [and other attendees.]
- Broad agreement that outreach is essential to attract potential donors.

### **2. Improve the voluntary funding process.**

- Broad agreement that an IGF finance [committee/group.] be established drawing on the MAG membership, relevant people from within UNDESA and the IGF donor community
- Broad agreement that with a view to ensuring sufficient, appropriate, stable and predictable funding for the IGF, the ability of all stakeholders to easily donate to the IGF should be ensured through mechanisms most suitable to them including multiyear donor program, small donations in kind support, etc. It is also necessary to explore the possibility, on a voluntary basis, of accessing funds collected, directly or indirectly, from relevant - stakeholders as a

long term contribution to the IGF budget and through mutually agreed mechanisms according to each entity rules and procedures.

### **3. Accountability, transparency.**

- Broad agreement to report at least annually to the whole IGF community. The report should cover the full budget and expenses associated with the IGF and its activities, in broad budget items including not only those associated with the IGF Trust Fund, but also those associated with other contributions, in cash or in kind. It should also take into account information provided on a voluntary basis by host countries and in kind contributions by the UN associated with the IGF.
- [Greece has asked for annual budget to be discussed at MAG meeting: Broad agreement to discuss the annual budget of the IGF at a MAG meeting.]
- Broad agreement that in order to broaden and increase awareness/ transparency of the Trust Fund itself, the following changes are recommended:
  - An official announcement, via the Web site and other suitable mechanisms, should be made by the IGF Secretariat to initiate the fund raising process, with a description of the IGF and its activities that will be supported by contributions. The announcement should include the description of the donor's fund process (how to contribute, who else contributes, etc.).
  - Hold an open meeting with remote participation, where any interested party can attend, hear briefing/presentation, and make pledges to contribute to the donor's fund, and publish the meeting report from the public, open meeting regarding outreach on the donor's fund.
    - [Hold an annual status update at the time of the MAG and of IGF consultations that would be open to observers to describe donor's fund, purpose, what funds are used for and receive comments.]
    - In addition, publish a meeting report of any formal donors' meetings on the IGF website (include attendees, topics discussed)
- Broad agreement to enhance the resource mobilization activities, timely reporting and information sharing on the implementation of the project document and on the use of funds to donors annually and at the end of every project cycle.
- Broad agreement that:
  1. Information on the budget and expenses will be made available to the IGF open consultations annually.
  2. As consistent with open consultation, views and comments may be provided.
  3. The MAG may incorporate these discussions in its work and summary report.

### **4. Acknowledge the host country's support and in kind support from other countries, organisations and the UN.**

- Broad agreement that resources supporting the IGF to date includes substantial contributions from host countries for the organization and hosting of the global IGF including significant in kind voluntary efforts contributing to the planning and organizing process, including hosting remote hubs and remote participation services, audio visual and ICT requirements as per the host country agreements together with substantial support from voluntary contributions should be recognized and encouraged for future IGFs.

## **Points of discussion**

- Consider addressing two separate issues: 1) the trust fund and its management; and 2) other donations. Concerning the trust fund and its management, transparency of meetings should be improved with recordings, transcripts, minutes of the donors' meetings, which should be made available.
- Consider dividing recommendations concerning long-term and short-term perspectives.
- The administration of funding should be envisaged during the implementation stage.
  
- Improve the marketing and outreach efforts of the IGF in order to attract new donors.
- Consider having a multiyear donors' program to reach out to donors and get information from them. For this purpose more staff is needed
  
- Further improve the transparency of the funding of the IGF (for example, publish minutes of the donor meetings, estimate a dollar cost of in-kind donations, publish an annual report that includes high-level financial data of the IGF)
- An annual accountability and transparency concerning the allocation of donations should be established.
- Consider establishing a simplified operational plan to ensure clarity regarding donation allocations.
- Consider having clear rules concerning funding (who should be funded, such as LDCs, etc.)
- Consider improving the IGF's accounting by including all expenses and contributions.
- Consider having a body to control the budget, either in the MAG or the IGF secretariat.
- The budget should be discussed, even in the MAG.
- Donors should have a chance to discuss the work program.
  
- Consider the possibility and feasibility of obtaining UN funding as two separate issues.
- Explore UN general funding for the core structure and functions of the IGF, including improving participation and outreach, in addition to welcoming voluntary private funds.
- Consider exploring voluntary options.
- Consider a mixed model of funding.
- Consider a model whereby the SG's office provides (1) in-kind support (2) that this in-kind support is stated clearly (e.g. communications, office space, etc.) and given an estimated dollar value in IGF budgets (3) that some core operational expenditure, e.g. the salary of the Executive Coordinator be funded through the UN.
  
- Consider enhancing financial support to host countries.
  
- [A further possible creative mechanism could be for the IGF to introduce a voluntary registration fee for participants in the annual event. Income from such a registration fee could, for example, be used to build a fund that can support participation from speakers and moderators from developing countries.]

## **D. Broadening participation**

Recognising the importance of broadening participation to improve IGF's open and inclusive process and ensure effective multi-stakeholder policy dialogue and capacity-building;

Participation's broadening further fosters the legitimacy of the IGF;

Taking into account the evolving process and self-improving nature of the IGF through broader and diversified participation both across the different regions as well as across the various stakeholder groups;



Underlining that incentives and enabling measures should be enhanced and stand as part of IGF's defined outreach and communication strategy, to ensure that all relevant stakeholders can equally and actively participate in the IGF;

Stressing the interrelation between recommended improvements in other areas and their subsequent impact broadening participation;

On this basis the Working Group recommends to:

## **1. Improve the on-line visibility and accessibility of the IGF**

### **Main points of agreement**

- Encourage the establishment of an IG observatory.
- Enhance Web site.
- Encourage stakeholder initiatives to document IGF and link to them on the IGF Web site.
- Provide space on the IGF Web site to document best practices.
- Set up voluntary on-demand system for dissemination of documents.
- Special corner on the Web site just for parliamentarians
- Make host country Web site visible and accessible to all groups.
- Improve accessibility of outputs (for example, include Web 2.0 functionality on Web site).
- Reference to people with disabilities including age-related disabilities who constitute ~ 1/7 world population according to WHO survey.
- Improve accessibility of outcome documents with additional translations (language)
- Breakout groups should also be linguistically accommodating.
- Facility must be adjusted/accessible, workshops for government representatives
- Broad agreement that the preparatory process needs to be made more visible and for more stakeholders to participate in it
- Broad agreement on need to reach out to new stakeholders
- Visibility and the IGF relationship with the media.
- Higher visibility to the reports of national and regional IGFs.
- Improve accessibility of outcome documents with additional translations (language).
- Improve accessibility of outputs (for example, include Web 2.0 functionality on Web site).
- Web site and communication tools used by the IGF must be improved.
- Attractiveness of the Web site.

## **2. Support and improve physical participation**

- Broad agreement to increase and support participation from all stakeholder groups from developing countries in IGF and its preparatory process, increase Internet governance for development (IG4D) topics in IGF, continue to rotate location of IGF annually to enable different regions to have easy access to IGF

### **Main points of agreement**

- Transparent mechanism for financial support of people from all stakeholder groups who are currently not able to participate with their own resources.
- Better transparency on funding process, where money originates from, like if Canada funds participation through ITU: Procedure. Space in trust fund for IGF for funding participation, make it more impersonal. Rules of procedure.
- Encourage fellowship programs supported by participating organisations and a central independent corpus administered at central level to support participation
- Funding newcomers as opposed to repeat participants
- Funding of IGF participation fund
- Secretariat should be empowered to solicit funding from all UN member States without

regards to whether for civil society or business

- Enabling conditions: proactive outreach, approaching different organisations and groups, proactive support to people who can't otherwise attend IGF meetings--given at each level, selecting plenary speakers, workshop selections, funding participants.
- Formal financial mechanism for funding speakers and moderators, as well as people who cannot come to the IGF on their own resources. Available to all stakeholder groups who request support. Perhaps MAG subcommittee for oversight.
- Promote the secretariat's experience in broadening participation within its report.
- IGF related events in Geneva. Swiss Foreign Office and Swiss embassies attend to visa requests on UN and IGF events without need to seek appointment dates to participate in these meetings. Need more details in terms of dates for next meetings
- Host governments need to be attentive to those with insufficient funding like making low-cost accommodations available and posting on Web site.
- Emphasis on all stakeholders reaching out to new participants and potential new participants. Outreach is the responsibility of the IGF as well as IGF community and all stakeholders
- Broaden interaction between government and other stakeholders

### **3. Improve capacity-building**

#### **Main points of agreement**

- Provide space on the IGF Web site to document best practices.
- Outcomes have to be geared at capacity-building.
- Organise a special session during the IGF for parliamentarians and have a broad strategy to encourage attendance of parliamentarians, including possibly having a special corner
- Making use of linked events or pre-events that address specific constituencies.
- Recommendation on use of capacity-building activities or processes linked to the IGF in order to broaden participation.
- Encourage intra-national IGFs, in developing countries in particular

### **4. Improve remote participation**

- Broad agreement on need to enhance remote participation

#### **Main points of agreement**

- Remote participation at the IGF has evolved satisfactorily and needs to be seen as an integral part of the IGF process. It is necessary to strengthen remote participation mechanisms due to its potential contribution for increased inclusiveness
- Captioning of events including workshops to assist remote participants and people with language barriers, investigate the possibility of machine translation such as via Google Translate.
- Both captioning and providing real-time text are important.

### **E. Linking IGF to other related processes/mechanisms/bodies**

Recognising the need to encourage the IGF to participate in further interaction and communication to enrich the international dialogue and maintain an adequate level of sharing experiences in ways that help in setting the stage for further policy dialogue and policy coherence on global Internet governance with the following:

- Regional and national [entities] (particularly in developing countries) [in charge of] Internet governance issues.
- National, regional, and global IGFs
- The various Internet related organizations, technical and political intellectuals, think tanks and experts

The Working Group recognises that public outreach by the wider community is the key to encourage other organizations to participate in the two-way communication street that is the IGF and make the IGF known to the outside world;

Underlining the importance of developing a defined outreach and communication strategy [towards specific groups] to enhance linkages between the IGF and other related processes, mechanisms and bodies.

And on this basis, the Working Group recommends to:

### **1. Ensure the relevance and inclusiveness of annual IGFs**

- Broad agreement that while the agendas provided for IGF events have always covered the broad issues to be addressed, more comprehensive agendas should be distributed well in advance to boost participation and involvement. Such agendas should include the following:
  - The overall theme of the event
  - Newly proposed themes
  - A breakdown of the topics that will be discussed under each theme
  - Emerging issues
  - Details of exhibitors
  - Details of how to submit proposals for workshops

#### Points of discussion

- From an early stage, prepare a set of policy questions around which the IGF should organize itself.
- [The drafting process and the nature of the agenda should be improved to encourage diverse participation. The agenda framing should include relevant and additional concerns of other specific stakeholders to attract them].
- Links should be more substantial and should not be restricted to giving and seeking information. For this purpose, outcome documents are crucial.

#### Text for the Linking Issue by Egypt (relevant extracts)

- Packaging information including outcome documents such as the Chariman report, workshop and main session reports in addition to other suggested outcomes recommended in item A 'Shaping the outcomes of the IGF';

### **2. Develop a defined outreach and communication strategy**

- Broad agreement on the importance of linking the IGF with other bodies dealing with Internet governance issues, including with awareness-raising measures on the IGF.

#### Points of discussion

- Need to make IGF known to the outside world, marketing, outreach.
- IGF's role to encourage all stakeholders to come to the IGF and participate in the discussions, organization with widest variety of stakeholders involved in these discussions.
- Communication materials and activities need to be thoughtful and sustainable.
- Important to have formal and informal linkages.
- Multiple forms of communication rather than just formal communication
- Transmitting outcome documents to relevant stakeholders

- How to encourage greater involvement and participation within the IGF, not the opposite.

Text for the Linking Issue by Egypt (relevant extracts)

- official invitation issued by the UN Secretary-General on paper and circulated among the diplomatic missions in New York and Geneva is essential if we are serious about including substantial numbers of participants from developing countries.
- invitations should be issued by host countries, not only to governments but to prominent figures from the private sector, civil society, the technological community and other stakeholders, ensuring that they are provided a clear agenda and an opportunity to participate and express their views.

**3. Ensure two-way communication**

- Broad agreement that the two-way communication should be improved by ensuring that the IGF is represented in other organizations and that other relevant organizations provide input into the IGF.
- Broad agreement on the importance improving linkages between the IGF and the CSTD, by ensuring that space is given in CSTD meetings to present previous IGFs, including with information reports and main items of discussion.

Points of discussion

Input from the IGF in the review of other organizations (ITU and UNESCO)

Organizations should appoint rapporteurs or others

**3. Empower the MAG and Secretariat to do consistent outreach**

- Broad agreement on the need to encourage better communication and interaction between national, regional, and global IGFs, and to promote and enhance linkages to the national and regional IGF processes by consistent outreach from the secretariat to these processes and the MAG should ensure that the national and regional IGF initiatives have adequate opportunities to feed into the global IGF.

Points of discussion

- Empower Secretariat and the MAG to do outreach to invite organizations, to improve the systems the IGF has (Web site, messaging)
- The IGF Secretariat should actively reach out to and inform other relevant bodies of the IGF and the MAG should actively reach out to their respective stakeholder groups to encourage broader participation in the IGF.
- IGF Secretariat should process reports of other institutions and organizations in a database that can be used to create a two-way information flow with stakeholders
- Explore all possible ways to obtain data on Internet governance issues.
- IGF Secretariat should collect all relevant information through informal and formal collaboration and cooperation to maintain the database/ IGF Secretariat should maintain the database
- IGF Secretariat should be present in other bodies' meetings.
- The MAG could invite intergovernmental organizations to submit proposals for IGF workshops.
- The MAG and the Secretariat should reach out to countries, particularly developing countries.
- The MAG and Secretariat should do outreach with organizations based in Geneva;

Text for the Linking Issue by Egypt (relevant extracts)

- encouraging the secretariat and MAG to continue to report on IGF activities at other meetings and foras.