

(a) Has the work of the MAG been consistent with the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda and subsequent decisions?

The MAG has played a key role in organizing the five IGFs which have been held to date, particularly in terms of the meeting formats and content. It has successfully aggregated a diverse range of inputs, to produce robust programs and comprehensive agendas for those meetings, bringing up for debate the most important and pressing issues of the time relating to Internet governance at the global level.

During these five years, the MAG's composition has been diverse and evolving, and generally very well reflective of the multistakeholder composition of the Internet governance space.

Based on the above, we strongly believe that the MAG has contributed significantly to the fulfillment of the mandate set out in the Tunis Agenda, and that the conduct and composition of the MAG itself has also been highly consistent with that mandate.

(b) How best to nominate non governmental members for the MAG?

We believe that over 5 years, the process by which the MAG has been established has produced fair representation, diversity and balance, from different points of view such as gender, geography and sector. However there is room for improvement in terms of transparency, and the demonstrated inclusion of all stakeholder sectors, in the process.

One improvement that could be introduced would be for organizations representing each non governmental sector to make public nominations for consideration by the UN Secretary General. The Secretary General may augment that list in order to ensure balance, but we feel that the large majority of nominations, and the large majority of members selected, should be provided by the multistakeholder community.

(c) How best to nominate the MAG Chair?

We accept that the MAG Chair is likely to continue to be appointed by the UN Secretary General, as a person capable of conducting their work in a neutral and independent manner and widely recognized and accepted by a diverse community.

We believe it would be beneficial for the MAG itself to select two Vice Chairs, persons having similar characteristics to those required of the Chair, by a suitable consensus process.

(d) How best to organize open consultations?

Open consultations have been organized efficiently and effectively, particularly during recent IGF cycles. The introduction of remote participation tools has been a significant development worthy of mention, which should be further developed in future.

In recent years, a growing number of Internet Governance meetings and events have been organized around the world. We believe that these meetings provide an excellent opportunity to conduct IGF consultations, and thus to reach a larger community than that which has participated in the Geneva meetings so far. We would also like to see the IGF secretariat could organize consultations during, or back to back with, the meetings of other relevant organizations. The NRO for instance would be very willing to facilitate such consultations during the regular meetings of each of the RIRs, which are held in a total of 10 separate locations each year.

(e) How best to link with regional meetings?

Regional meetings are usually aligned with the global IGF agenda and add the flavor of the corresponding local or regional communities. It would be very useful and productive if, in addition to the presentations by regional meeting organizers at the IGF itself, the IGF secretariat could compile the reports of all regional meetings, identifying commonalities and preparing a more orderly contribution for the entire IGF community.

We believe this would be an important step for increasing the relevance of regional meetings, and for increasing the accessibility of the IGF process to a wider global community.

(f) How best to link with international processes and institutions?

International processes and institutions that are active in the Internet governance space are part of an interlinked ecosystem of stakeholders with different interests. If the MAG is integrated in a balanced but diverse way, and is representative of these interests, then no formal mechanism of integration of these organizations will be required.