

UA Comms IGF Sub-Group Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and roll-call
2. IGF subgroup goals and strategy (continue)
3. IGF platform 2022 review
4. Preparation for IGF 2021

Meeting Notes

IGF Goals and Strategy [Document](#) has been shared. Maria expected that everyone from the group has read the document and has comments to share on it. Maria said that everyone needs to agree on goals so the work can continue. Maria shared all the goals one by one and asked everyone for their comments.

Sarmad mentioned that even though it's covered in organizing, it's important to determine the panel of speakers and reach out to relevant members of the Community. Sarmad shared that an Annual IGF reporting can help in engagement.

Poncelet is taking care of the google calendar document. He shared that there should be a tentative timeline internally as well for the event so that everyone is aware of its deadline and can be checked from time to time. Moreover, the speakers should be known and finalized in advance.

Maria shared there is a proposal already published for this. <https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-town-hall-31-universal-acceptance-for-wider-access-through-collaboration>

Hadia extended the first comment of Poncelet about the timeline that the internal timeline should be composed of deadlines for submission of ideas, development of ideas, and organizing the session.

Hadia asked if the current focus is only on Universal Acceptance or not. One suggestion was that in addition to UA, IDN needs to be in our scope. However, another thought was that IDN is already widely known by the participants compared to UA. Hence, the main focus should be UA.

Maria mentioned that in the focus of IGF, we should have a list of possible topics covering ideas of multilingualism and other aspects of wider prospects so that if such a proposal comes up in future, it should not take more time than expected.

Samuel suggested adding the Youth IGF as well in goals. However, it was commented that IGF already has a specific platform for “Youth IGF”. Lianna endorsed the youth outreach IGF program. Maria shared that for youth outreach the format of events can be special and quite different for better engagement.

Lianna shared that the discussion in IGF should also be IGF forum level specific. One main topic for the year can be selected and then segregated down depending on the level. It will help in traceability of discussion points and how to present them. She also shared that there should be a point of contact for the proposal submission before the deadline so that there is no confusion.

Maria mentioned that the document is shared with everyone and can be amended by anyone if someone feels like adding something new in goals. Maria shared the part of the document where each goal is written and then comments are added on how to work on each one. She started with the first goal of determining the IGFs to work on the UA session proposals and organizing in 2022.

Maria mentioned that she will add the link to a website which publishes the national and regional IGF topics. She asked what the approach should be to determine the list of IGF for current and future IGF topics. How can it be decided on the regional, national and global level? Hadia shared that it's easy to start from national and global level and then the regional one can be decided on the basis of previous two.

Sarmad shared his comments here that two factors can be taken into account for this. The first one is the geographical factor so that we can have a diversity in the outreach. It should cover Asia, Africa, South America, North America etc.

Second point he mentioned was already shared by Maria that creating awareness is a good thing but the main goal here is to make an impact by the outreach. Sarmad suggested an impact assessment at national and global level so it can be narrowed down to regional level. Hadia also endorsed the same point.

Discussion continued for summarizing the work progress on IGF for review and help for next year. Sarmad suggested adding a new Google sheet for listing the future IGFs. If any IGF is announced, it can be added by any Comms WG members to that document. We can have a link to that document from Comms WG wikipeage. Anyone can add ideas and update the status of different tasks done. It was decided that such a document will be created, and the next discussion will be on that as reference.

Maria shared an open question about who the focal point of contact will be to submit the proposals and for taking up the coordination task.

To promote UA in IGF platforms, Maria touched based on “Dynamic Coalition” and best practices. Dennis had previously mentioned that they are not active, but reviewing the their activities to see how it can work. As Maria followed up on this, now we have a dedicated UA session in Global IGF 2021. She asked Sarmad if DC is ok from ICANN’s perspective. Sarmad mentioned that he was unable to catch up the discussion but he will take the action item of consulting the different teams which coordinate the IGF within ICANN.

Maria noticed that the Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) quite correlates with UA. They have a wide language community where UA can think of being a part of this group in IGF. Comms WG members are invited to add a public comment on PNMA’s document by 17 November.

Sarmad also mentioned that he will work with Seda to call on a meeting of all panelists for the main IGF 2021. Maria endorsed this and commented that everyone should join the next meeting and comment on discussion. She also mentioned that everyone should go through the IGF2021 document and share views.

Next meeting date was not discussed. As the group will meet for IGF2021 in December, it is expected to continue from January monthly.

Action items

No.	Action Item	Owner
1	Go through the IGF Goals and Strategy Document and share comments	All
2	Call a meeting of all panelists of IGF2021	Seda/Sarmad
3	Add a link to a website which publishes a list of IGF topics at national and regional levels.	Maria
4	Prepare a separate Google Sheet to list the future IGFs (national and regional level) that are announced The link will be added to the Comms WG wikipage (Seda)	Poncelet
5	Follow up on Dynamic Coalition (DC) possibility in IGF within the relevant teams (GE) in ICANN	Sarmad
6	Share the link in the mailing list PNMA	Maria