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# Summary

## Open consultation and MAG meeting

- **Date: Monday 15 to Friday 19 remotely**
- **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fifteenth meeting of the IGF will be held online.**
- **The IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) together with the IGF Secretariat and UN DESA have begun preparations and consultations**
- **Need to strengthen the Internet Governance Forum**
- **Longstanding drive in support of NRIs**
- **Increased involvement of the UNSG**



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# Summary: next steps



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- **2021: the Government of Poland will now host the IGF 2021 Annual Meeting in Katowice in the 4th quarter of 2021**
  - 2022: the Government of Ethiopia will be hosting IGF annual meeting 2022
  - 2023 the government and Japan will be hosting the IGF annual meeting in 2023 pending organizational arrangement.
  - **A number of National and Regional IGF are postponed or held online**
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→ The Online IGF 2020 will include 7 main sessions:

- on thematic tracks i.e.
    - Data
    - Environment
    - Inclusion
    - Trust → a number of tracks on digital regulation and technical issues
  - 1 on UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation
  - 1 DCs session on impact of COVID-19 pandemic on work of DCs
  - 1 NRIs session on the role of the Internet in emergency situations
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- MAG provisionally recommended **86 workshops** for its further consideration
  - **Day 0 events, open forums, DCs sessions, NRIs sessions and IGF Village** will be revisited by the MAG and the IGF secretariat
  - IGF secretariat will communicate to the session organizers next steps on possible hosting of these in a fully virtual environment
  - The United Nations as host for IGF 2020 will be in charge of organizing **high-level track, opening and closing sessions**
  - The MAG will organize **introductory and concluding sessions** as in 2019
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# Organization



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- **Specifics are still to be confirmed: overall duration of the IGF, accommodating time zones**
- **During the Open Consultation, Stakeholders suggested that IGF 2020 cooperates with the NRIs as facilitators of remote hubs set up in schools, community centers etc.**

During a live address, the **Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, informed that the IGF has made progress in several areas, including growing network and linkages with the NRIs, adding UN DESA's commitment to continue supporting capacity development efforts through the NRIs:



# Key takeaways



- IGF 2020 (online), 2021 (EU), 2022 (AFRICA) and 2023 (ASIA) are set
- **IGF 2020 Meeting time framework under development.** All session proposers will be asked to update proposal with plans to consider online participation
- Growing network including the NRIs in a context of **strengthening IGF activities and model**
- Launch of the UN Secretary-General's **Roadmap for Digital Cooperation** : <https://www.un.org/en/content/digital-cooperation-roadmap/> → ideas on how to make the IGF more responsive and relevant to current and emerging digital issues

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