

Summary table excerpt from **MAG WG Strategy approaches** for implementing the “Multistakeholder High-Level Body” foreseen in 93(a) ¹of the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation

	Approach A	Approach B	Approach C
Purpose	<p>MHLB: build bridges at a high level between what is discussed and prepared by the IGF and the fora and institutions where decisions are taken by contributing to improved awareness among high-level decision-makers of the discussions and proposals emerging from the IGF. It would also be a place for the UNSG and/or the Tech Envoy to discuss at a high level pressing issues, which then may be dealt with in detail by the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), the Best Practice Forums (BPFs) etc.</p> <p>-It shall not act as gatekeeper or as top-down control mechanism of or within the IGF. - It would not take decisions on behalf of the IGF, but mainly act as a carrier that transports the insights and messages from the IGF so that they reach the eyes and ears of decision-makers at the highest levels (and vice versa). This would support the work of current and future IGF policy networks.</p>	<p>The functions of the High Level Body will be performed by “MAG+”. The MAG+ will include a “leadership team” (or “executive committee”) which would drive forward the implementation of IGF+ and the steps set out in Para 93 of the Roadmap. Its members will act as senior advocates for the IGF+ and for the discussions and proposals emerging from IGF+.</p> <p>A key role for the “leadership team” would be to help to ensure linkages between the discussions held at the IGF and existing decision-making bodies, by contributing to improved awareness among high-level decision-makers of the discussions and proposals emerging from the IGF.</p> <p>-It shall not act as gatekeeper or as top-down control mechanism of or within the IGF. -It would not take, develop or provide critical commentary on policy decisions on behalf of the IGF. The “leadership team” will act as a carrier that transports the insights and messages from the IGF so that they reach the eyes and ears of decision-makers at the highest levels. This would support the work of current and future IGF policy networks.</p>	<p>This approach draws on elements of options A and B to operationalising the MHLB. It involves establishing a single IGF multistakeholder leadership structure that consists of two tiers: the proposed MHLB and the current MAG. It could be referred to as the “IGF Leadership Group” or as the “IGF Multistakeholder Leadership Council” or simply the “IGF Council”</p> <p>This evolved IGF needs leadership and support at both strategic and programmatic levels and it needs enhanced capacity to interact effectively with policy-making institutions and processes. Currently the IGF MAG plays primarily – but not exclusively - a programme planning role to assist the Secretary-General in convening the annual IGF meeting by preparing the programme and schedule. The MAG’s current terms of reference does not explicitly include responsibility for the longer term strategic development of the IGF but the MAG has actively sought improvements strategic and operational. By complementing the MAG with the addition of the proposed MHLB, the resulting IGF Leadership Group will be able to supplement and extend these efforts</p>
Functions	<p>Per 93(a) of the Roadmap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address and raise awareness on urgent issues - Contribute to coordinating follow-up to IGF discussions - Relay proposed policy approaches and recommendations from the Forum (i.e.prepared by policy networks, such as BPFs) to appropriate normative and decision-making fora. <p>Specifically: -Advise UNSG and Tech Envoy on strategic issues, based on IGF discussions</p>	<p>Per 93(a) of the Roadmap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address and raise awareness on urgent issues - Contribute to coordinating follow-up to IGF discussions - Relay proposed policy approaches and recommendations from the Forum (i.e.prepared by policy networks, such as BPFs) to appropriate normative and decision-making fora. <p>Specifically, the MAG+ “<i>leadership team</i>” will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the work of the MAG+ to ensure that IGF+ is able to address issues effectively; Lead the work of the MAG+ to 	<p>Key functions/activities of the MHLB:</p> <p>NOTE: This text is very similar to that included in Option A and in the “options paper” but there are some differences. Points that have been added or adapted are indicated with **</p> <p>Per 93 (a) of the Roadmap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address and raise awareness on urgent issues – both directions ** • Contribute to coordinating follow-up to IGF discussions

¹ Paragraph 93 of The Roadmap for Digital Cooperation: “(a) *Creating a strategic and empowered multi-stakeholder high-level body, building on the experience of the existing multi-stakeholder advisory group, which would address urgent issues, coordinate follow-up action on Forum discussions and relay proposed policy approaches and recommendations from the Forum to the appropriate normative and decision- making forums;*”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deliver strategic inputs, including from other digital cooperation fora, to MAG on annual program and intersessional activities, contributing also to the pluriannual working plan of the IGF - Offer strategic input on intersessional work of IGF, e.g. by suggesting new policy networks to the IGF community -Offer strategic feedback on draft policy approaches and recommendations from the Forum (i.e. prepared by policy networks, such as BPFs, etc.) - Offer feedback and support with regard to the evolution of the IGF/IGF+ - Advocate for the IGF/IGF+ and bring the discussions and messages of the IGF/IGF+ to the attention of other relevant fora and decision-making bodies to help build stronger connections, encourage information sharing and the meaningful participation of these organizations in the IGF/IGF+ discussions. • Collect inputs on IGF outputs from other fora and channel them back through strategic inputs into the IGF ecosystem • Contribute with strategic inputs to fundraising efforts and corporate identity strategy of the IGF 	<p>ensure inclusive participation at the IGF+ and ensure that IGF+ is well-focused and easy for all stakeholders to navigate; Lead the “programme committee” functions of the MAG+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise UNSG and Tech Envoy on strategic issues, based on IGF discussions • Deliver strategic inputs on annual program and intersessional activities • Be accountable and responsive to the wider MAG+ and the wider IGF+ community • Help advocate for the role of the IGF+ and for the discussions and proposals emerging from it. • Help ensure linkages between the discussions held at the IGF+ and existing decision-making bodies, supporting the IGF community to build stronger links as appropriate. • Offer feedback and support with regard to the evolution of the IGF/IGF plus. • The Terms of Reference of the MAG should be amended and developed to reflect these roles and to ensure that the MAG+ is able to support an effective IGF+. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relay proposed policy approaches and recommendations from the Forum (i.e. prepared by policy networks, such as BPFs), to the appropriate normative and decision-making fora. • Identify existing programmes with relevance to IGF activities ** <p>Further activities in connection with the IGF ecosystem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise UNSG and Tech Envoy on strategic issues, based on IGF discussions • Deliver strategic inputs, including from other digital cooperation fora, to MAG on annual program and intersessional activities, contributing also to the pluriannual working plan of the IGF • Offer strategic feedback on approaches to developing draft policy and recommendations from the Forum (i.e. prepared by policy networks, such as BPFs, etc.) ** • Offer strategic input on intersessional work of IGF, e.g. by suggesting new policy networks to the IGF community • Offer feedback and support with regard to the evolution of the IGF/IGF+ • Advocate for the IGF/IGF+ and bring the discussions and messages of the IGF/IGF+ to the attention of other relevant fora and decision-making bodies to help build stronger connections, encourage information sharing and the meaningful participation of these organization in the IGF/IGF+ discussions. • Collect inputs on IGF outputs from other fora and channel them back through strategic inputs into the IGF ecosystem • Contribute with strategic inputs to fundraising efforts and corporate identity strategy of the IGF.
Composition and internal governance (chair...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition is informed by MAG practice and experience: about 25 people from all stakeholder groups; bottom-up nominations by stakeholder groups and UNSG designation; rotation by thirds; terms would be limited; • The formal/honorary chair of the MHLB could be the UNSG, with a rotational day-to-day co-chair drawn from any member of the MHLB. 	<p>The “leadership team” should have a very similar nomination and selection procedure like the one used for the MAG. It would comprise of 5 or 6 people.</p> <p>Composition of the rest of the MAG+ should continue to be based on MAG practice and experience: about 40-50 people from all stakeholder groups; bottom-up nominations</p>	<p>The IGF leadership group should consist of about 50 people (+-20 MHLB members and +- 30 MAG members) from all stakeholder groups constituted through a nomination process and appointed by the UNSG with rotation by thirds and with limited terms.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair of MAG should be an ex-officio member of the MHLB, and possibly a vice-chair of it; The chair of the MHLB would as well be a member of the MAG, possibly also as its vice-chair. Both Chairs would liaise with each other and ensure smooth cooperation. • The UN Tech Envoy should be a member or at least attend MHLB meetings as a liaison. A vice-chair role could also be possible for the Tech Envoy. 	by stakeholder groups and UNSG designation; rotation by thirds; terms would be limited.	<p>The MHLB and the MAG will each have its own chairperson. The MHLB chairing role could be played by the proposed Tech Envoy. The IGF Leadership Group as a whole can be chaired by the MHLB chair with the MAG chair acting as vice-chair. The chair of the IGF Leadership Group and the chair of the MAG would liaise with each other and ensure smooth cooperation.</p> <p>If needed, an IGF Leadership Group management committee could be formed, consisting of the chair and vice-chairs of both the MHLB and the MAG. This management committee can oversee strategic financial and administrative management of the IGF.</p>
Selection method	same or a very similar nomination and selection procedure like the one used for the MAG, following transparent and clear nomination and designation procedures and criteria (including on geographical, gender and stakeholder balance)	The “leadership team” should have a very similar nomination and selection procedure like the one used for the MAG.	Transparent and clear nomination and designation procedures and criteria (including on geographical, gender and stakeholder balance) should be used. The existing processes used for MAG appointments should be built upon as they respect stakeholder community processes. Nomination processes for the MHLB and the MAG may run concurrently or at different times although in the longer term a concurrent nomination process would be simpler
Profile of members	<p>high-level, namely at senior Minister level for Governments or head of organization level in civil society, private sector, academia and technical community organizations, and/or prominent individuals, senior officials or executives from the respective stakeholder groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All members should be committed to the WSIS outcomes and the IGF mandate -They should act individually as multipliers of the IGF in their respective organizations/communities, linking the IGF up with the decision-making fora and institutions 	<p>high-level, namely at senior official/ambassador level for Governments or head of organization level in civil society, private sector, academia and technical community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members should be committed to the WSIS outcomes and the IGF mandate • Their work to represent the IGF+ should be based on consensus and collective Responsibility 	<p>MHLB layer: high-level, namely at senior ministerial level for governments or head of organization level for civil society, private sector, academia and technical community organizations, and/or prominent individuals, senior officials or executives from the respective stakeholder groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members should be committed to the WSIS outcomes and the IGF mandate. • They should act individually as multipliers of the IGF in their respective organizations, linking the IGF up with the decision-making fora and institutions.
Relation with IGF	will be part of the IGF architecture; subject to IGF Mandate	will be part of the IGF architecture; subject to IGF Mandate	will be part of the IGF architecture; subject to IGF Mandate
Relation with MAG	The MAG, according to its ToR, would continue to be the program-developing committee of the IGF, i.e. on the annual program and on intersessional work. This function requires, as today, an “expert-level” profile. This would be maintained, with the advantage of the MHLB providing	The MAG+ will include a “leadership team” (or “executive committee”) which would drive forward the implementation of IGF+ and the steps set out in Para 93 of the Roadmap. It would be composed by senior-level persons nominated by IGF stakeholders following a process informed by the	A “IGF leadership group” would be created by adding the proposed MHLB and the current MAG into a single two tiered body. These two bodies will work together as a group, but each will also have distinct roles and responsibilities. The MHLB will be empowered to provide strategic

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	<p>strategic advice on the program, on intersessional work, and with the MHLB performing, as said above, a liaison role with other organizations etc. at a high level.</p> <p>The chair of MAG should be an ex-officio member of the MHLB, and possibly a vice-chair of it; The chair of the MHLB would as well be a member of the MAG, possibly also as its vice-chair. Both Chairs would liaise with each other and ensure smooth cooperation.</p>	<p>MAG's experience and practice (see below). The "leadership team" will be led by the chair of the MAG+. It will act on behalf of the MAG+ as a whole and it will be accountable to the IGF+ community as a whole.</p>	<p>leadership and more senior representation for the IGF+ while the MAG will continue to focus on the annual IGF process and intersessional activities.</p> <p>The IGF Leadership Group/Council will provide strategic leadership as the IGF+ evolves, and be bound by the mandate of the IGF as laid down in paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society. The IGF leadership group would not take decisions on behalf of the IGF. It will be responsible for interacting with the broader IGF community and ensuring that the IGF retains its 'bottom-up' character.</p> <p>Members of the Leadership Group will work collaboratively, but its two tiers or "subgroups" will have different areas of focus: the MAG will lead the work of organizing the IGF's annual work programme and the global forum and the MHLB will act as a carrier that transports the insights and messages from the IGF so that they reach the eyes and ears of decision-makers at the highest levels and facilitate the input of these decision-makers into the IGF's agenda-setting process. The MHLB would extend outreach efforts and help leverage the work of current and future IGF policy networks.</p> <p>MAG members will be members of the IGF Leadership Group/Council. The MAG would continue to be the programme-developing committee of the IGF, i.e. of the annual forum programme and intersessional work. This function requires, as today, an "expert-level" profile. This would be maintained, with the advantage of the MHLB providing strategic advice on the program, on intersessional work, and with the MHLB performing, as said above, a liaison role with other organizations etc. at a high level.</p> <p>The MAG ToR should be updated to reflect this approach and revised as needed from time to time.</p>
Working modalities	<p>Minimum one f2f meeting at the annual IGF, where personal participation of MHLB members would be expected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally 3 more meetings virtually per year 	<p>Minimum one meeting of the "leadership team" alongside meetings of the MAG+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May meet at the request of UNSG/MAG+ Chair to address emergencies 	<p>The full IGF Leadership Group will meet face to face three times a year, ideally face to face at the IGF. The MHLB and the MAG will meet separately more frequently (see</p>

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Funding (<i>implicit in all approaches</i>)	IGF Trust Fund	IGF Trust Fund	IGF Trust Fund
Supported by	IGF Secretariat, which needs to be strengthened	IGF Secretariat, which needs to be strengthened	IGF Secretariat, which needs to be strengthened