

IGF Joint Leadership Panel – Multistakeholder Advisory Group Meeting I
11 February 2025 | 16:00-18:00 UTC
Decisions, Action Items & Next Steps

The [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) Leadership Panel](#) and the [Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#) (MAG) met virtually on 14 February 2025. The purpose of the call was to discuss and align on preparations for the twenty-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) and related IGF mandate renewal considerations.

Leadership Panel (LP) and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) contribution to WSIS+20 and the future of the IGF

- The IGF Leadership Panel’s two main objectives are (1) to secure the IGF’s mandate renewal and (2) to stabilize the IGF as an institution:
 - The LP is drafting an LP outlook for the future of the IGF, as well as WSIS+20 priorities, taking into consideration the *IGF 2025 and beyond* vision document from the MAG.
 - In addition, the LP is working on a set of messages that will form a baseline for outreach and advocacy. The aim is to show concrete outcomes resulting from the IGF, especially to Member States with new administrations. It was encouraged to directly contact governments and introduce them to existing national and regional IGF initiatives (NRIs) and capacity building activities. The LP will consult the MAG on the content of the papers, which will be shared with the IGF community once finalized.
- Suggestions could be made to adapt the IGF’s structure and operations and position it to be more productive.
- It was suggested that NRIs could develop closer ties with the UN Resident Coordinators (UNRCs) in their respective countries and where applicable, contribute to the elaboration of national economic programmes that include digital priorities.
- The MAG proposed to support the LP’s efforts on advocacy messages by preparing a briefing document around IGF’s contribution to the WSIS+20 review process, based on their vision document.
- Regarding funding, the private sector needs to be made aware of the substantive contribution that the IGF, its NRIs and intersessional work bring to guarantee a stable environment of the Internet, from which they are benefitting.
- The outcome document of the AI governance track, resulting from the AI Action Summit at which over 90 countries participated, identifies the IGF as a key forum to pick up many AI-governance related issues. This outcome could help emphasize the need to fund the IGF adequately.
- The IGF Secretariat suggested preparing a 20-year review publication of the IGF, which can be distributed to Member States and other stakeholders electronically or in hard copy, for instance at the IGF booth during the WSIS Forum High-Level event.
- The IGF 2025 Host Country remains attentive to suggestions from the IGF community on how Norway can best contribute to the WSIS+20 review process.

- The co-facilitators of the WSIS+20 review process will be officially invited to participate in the IGF 2025.

WSIS+20 Review Process

- The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), as the Secretariat for WSIS+20, is currently supporting co-facilitators from Lithuania and Kenya to develop the modalities of the resolution by the end of March. The co-facilitators would have to be re-appointed by the President of the General Assembly to continue in their roles.
- The modalities will, amongst other, inform stakeholders about engagement opportunities in the process. Some criteria during the WSIS+10 review consultations included NGO accreditation by ECOSOC, or WSIS Forum participation.
- UNDESA aims at supporting the review process in full transparency and inclusivity.
- UNDESA is closely following the LP and MAG's suggested inputs and will bring them to the attention of the co-facilitators.
- It was suggested to bring the IGF, its intersessional work and NRIs to Member States' attention well before the start of the review process.

Any Other Business

- The Leadership Panel meets next on 11 March. The LP Chair suggested to arrange the next joint LP-MAG immediately following.

Annex 1: Meeting agenda

1. WSIS+20 Roadmap and Priorities
2. Outlook for the future of the IGF
3. Joint LP-MAG collaboration opportunities
4. Any Other Business

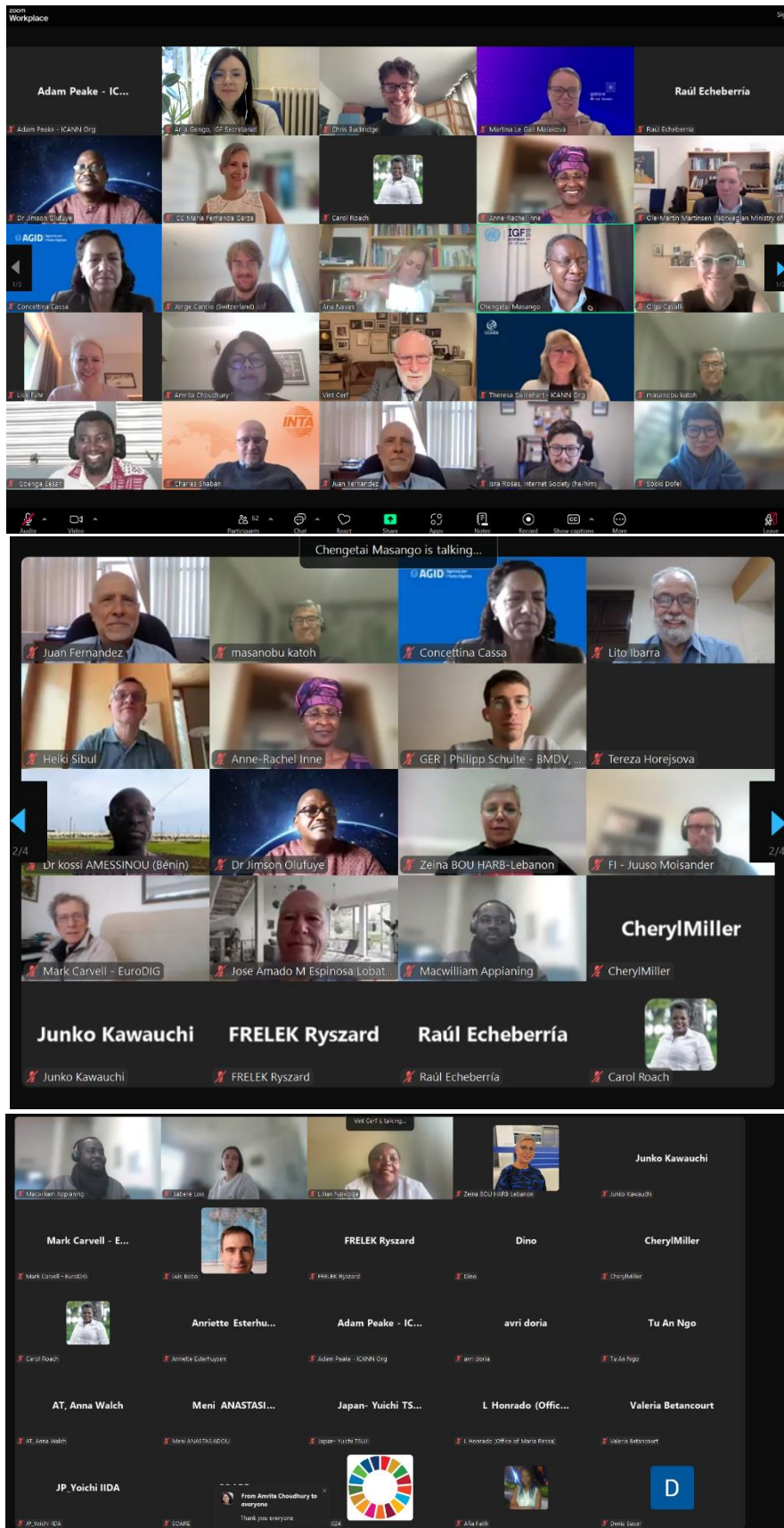
Annex 2: Participant List of LP and MAG Members, and Secretariat

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Annex 3: Pictures





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