IGF 2024 MAG working Group on Youth Engagement (WG-Youth) Virtual Meeting III

13 August 2024 | 13:00 UTC | Online

The meeting was chaired by MAG member Saba Tiku, along with co-facilitator, Jenna. The list of participants is available in the annex.

1. Welcome and Introduction

MAG member Saba Tiku started the meeting by welcoming everyone and outlined the agenda which included discussing the development of a mentorship program within the IGF. Saba emphasized the significance of the group's contributions to the proposal, set to be reviewed in the upcoming IGF MAG virtual meeting next week. Additionally, Saba mentioned that the organizing team had conducted meetings with the WG-Youth co-facilitators in recent weeks to refine the program's design. MAG Chair Carol Roach offered her welcoming remarks.

2. Updates from the IGF Secretariat

The IGF Secretariat provided updates on various topics including the IGF 2024 registration platform INDICO (<u>19th Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (15-19 December 2024)</u>: <u>Overview · Indico.UN</u>), call for travel support open until 10 September (<u>Supporting participation at IGF 2023 annual meeting</u> | <u>Internet Governance Forum (intgovforum.org</u>) and the next APrIGF youth workshop II to take place on 20 August at 01:30 AM UTC on AI and Education: ChatGPT use in schools and AI capacity development. More details and the Zoom link are available here: <u>IGF 2024</u> <u>Youth Track workshop II | Internet Governance Forum (intgovforum.org</u>)

A video message from the IGF MAG Chair on the celebration of International Youth Day can be found here: <u>https://social.desa.un.org/Issues/Youth/events/international-youth-day-2024</u>

3. Discussion on the draft proposal of the mentorship program

This agenda item was chaired by the working group co-facilitator, Jenna and the following were key discussion points regarding the draft proposal on the mentorship program:

- Participants discussed ways to improve the evaluation of their mentorship program. They agreed on the need to incorporate feedback from both mentors and mentees, and to tie the program's success more closely to its original purpose. Suggestions included measuring the program's impact on personal and professional growth, and incorporating a review process at six months to assess relationship maintenance and program completion. They also considered using communication channels to promote the program and gather detailed feedback. There was also a comment about having the need for clear success measurements and KPIs to determine if the program is meeting its objectives.
- The participants discussed the implementation of a mandatory commitment aspect in their mentorship program to eliminate casual applicants and ensure the program's objectives are met. They agreed on the need for a clear set of criteria for transparency and accountability.

They also recognized the importance of refining the program to better align with the identified purposes of personal skill development, increased engagement in the IGF ecosystem, and gaining knowledge on specific topics.

Next Steps

- The organizing team will meet this coming Friday, 16 August to further incorporate the inputs and suggestions on the program from today's call focusing on the evaluation and success metrics.
- The team will refine and finalize the proposal on Friday's call.
- The WG-Youth co-facilitators will submit the finalized proposal to the MAG on August 19 for review during the IGF MAG virtual meeting scheduled for August 20.

Annex I: Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the draft agenda (1 min)
- 2. Welcome and Introduction (5 min)
- 3. Updates from the IGF Secretariat (5 min)
- 4. Discussion on the draft proposal of the mentorship program (40 min)
- 5. Questions & Answers (5 min)
- 6. Any other Business (2 min)

Annex II: List of Participants

- 1. Saba Tiku (MAG Member, co-facilitator)
- 2. Bram Fudzulani (MAG Member, co-facilitator)
- 3. Jenna Manhau Fung (co-facilitator)
- 4. Carol Roach (MAG Chair)
- 5. Anja Gengo (IGF Secretariat)
- 6. Celine Bal (IGF Secretariat)
- 7. Amrita Choudhury (Previous MAG Member)
- 8. Afia Faith (Previous MAG Member)
- 9. Ashrafur Rahman Piaus
- 10. Marko Paloski
- 11. Levy Syanseke
- 12. Mutegeki Cliff
- 13. Lily Edinam Botsyoe
- 14. Nana Ama Y. Addo
- 15. Thoko Miya
- 16. Bibek Silwal
- 17. Pedro de Perdigão Lana
- 18. Nicolas Fiumarelli
- 19. Athanase Bahizire
- 20. Noha Ashraf Abdel Baky