

IGF 2023
MAG Working Group on Workshops Process (WG-WSP) Meeting V
28 March 2023 | 13:00 UTC | Online

Action items & next steps

The meeting was co-chaired by MAG Members Peace Oliver Amuge and Lito Ibarra, with support from the Secretariat. The following participated: MAG Members Chris Buckridge, Amrita Choudhury, Maria del Carmen Denis Polanco, Josephine Miliza, Alan Ramírez García, Carol Roach; and former MAG Member June Parris.

1. Final IGF 2023 Workshop Form

- The IGF 2023 workshop form prepared by the Group had been approved the prior week, although a couple of comments concerning what was felt to be the under-emphasis on gender diversity emerged.

Actions

- ➔ It was agreed that the introductory text at the top of the form would have one final revision by the Secretariat and the co-chairs of the WG, stressing the importance the MAG places on achieving gender balance among workshop speakers. This would be underlined in addition to the existing language on the minimum requirement for a proposal's consideration, that it must have at least one person of a different gender on the speaking panel (to avoid so-called "manels"). Following this update, the form would be closed and published in time for the Call for Proposals the first week of April.

2. IGF 2023 Workshop Evaluation Criteria

- Group members reviewed the evaluation criteria scheme proposed for this year, namely, what the criteria are and their different weights. The scheme under consideration largely follows 2022 with little modification.

Actions

- ➔ It was decided the five basic criteria – Proposed Topic; Workshop Content; Policy Questions; Engagement & Hybrid Strategy; and Diversity – would remain virtually the same, as would their weights.
- ➔ It was decided the 2022 "Hybrid Organisation Strategy" criterion should better reflect a proposal's overall engagement plan, taking into account hybrid organisation as one component of this. As such, it would be renamed "Engagement & Hybrid Strategy".