



CSTD Working Group
on improvements to the IGF
4th meeting
Preliminary remarks

11 January to 13 January, 2012 Geneva
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Outline

- Mandate of the WGIGF
- 3rd Meeting 31 October to 2 November 2011
 - Agreed main topics
 - Discussions
 - Progress
 - Follow-up
- Organization of the 4th Meeting: topics, expectations and schedule, documents
- Drafting of recommendations
- Conclusion

Mandate of the WGIGF

Invites the chair of the CSTD to establish, in an open and inclusive manner, a working group, to seek, compile and review inputs from all UN member States and all other stakeholders on improvements to the IGF in line with its mandate as set out in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, and report to its next substantive session in 2011 with recommendations as appropriate.
[to give recommendations for the improvement to the IGF without changing its basic features: multi-stakeholder character, not a decision taking forum]

WGIGF 3rd meeting: agreed main topics

- A. Shaping the outcomes of IGF meetings;
- B. Working modalities including open consultations, MAG and Secretariat;
- C. Funding of the IGF;
- D. Broadening participation;
- E. Linking the IGF to other related processes/mechanisms/bodies.

WGIGF 3rd meeting: discussions

- Points of broad agreement for each item
- Guidelines for drafting recommendations
- No debate on details
- Items A, B and D discussed
- Item C – letter to UN DESA about participation of UN funding

WGIGF 3rd meeting: progress

- Item A , B & D
 - points of broad agreement
 - summary of discussions by Portugal
- Item C
 - points of broad agreement
 - consensus on exploring funding by UN
- Item E
 - to be discussed during the 4th meeting

WGIGF 3rd meeting: follow-up

- Chairman's summary of the meeting
http://www.unctad.org/sections/un_cstd/docs/UN_WGIGF2011d14_summary_en.pdf
- Letter to UN DESA – UN financing possibilities
 - quick acknowledgement from UN DESA
 - letter distributed to members for information
 - concerns expressed by UN DESA - misunderstanding
- Information requested from IGF Secretariat
- CSTD inter-sessional meeting, Manila, December 2011 – chair's presentation

WGIGF 3rd meeting: follow-up (cont'd)

- Document to help drafting of recommendations compiled by Prof. Kumar, vice-chair of WGIGF
- Draft by Marília Maciel to categorize proposals

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Renewal of mandate of and request for candidates to MAG - by Mr. Sha Zukang ,USG and Head of UN DESA

(available on the IGF website

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/component/content/article/926-mag-renewal->)

WGIGF 3rd meeting: assessment

- The WGIGF worked in a constructive manner with increased mutual trust
- Made measurable progress
- Tasks for 4th Meeting
 - General debate on Item C to be completed
 - Discussion on Item E during 4th meeting in January 2012
 - Drafting of recommendations

WGIGF 4th meeting: topics to be discussed

- C. Funding of the IGF
- E. Linking the IGF to other related processes/mechanisms/bodies
- AOB related to our previous discussions

WGIGF 4th meeting: expectations, schedule, documents

- Broad agreement on topics C and E
- To finalize detailed discussions
- Start drafting recommendations
- Schedule : day 1-2 detailed discussion
 day 3 recommendations
- Documents: Summary of the 3rd Meeting
 Provisional agenda of
 the 4th Meeting

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Meeting.asp?intltemID=2068&lang=1&m=22974&year=2012&month=1>

WGIGF 4th meeting: drafting of recommendations

- Based on the topics (A to E) and on broad agreements
- Coherent texts with no ambiguity
- In case of dissent – alternative recommendations in addition to recommendations by majority
- Interpretation should be straightforward (tasks, implementation, responsible body)
- Provisions for monitoring and evaluation

Conclusion

- Finalize text on 5th meeting – 20-22 February 2012
- Recommendations as part or attachment to Chair's report to the 15th Session of CSTD May, 2012
- Draft resolution on WSIS follow-up to be approved by ECOSOC
- Resolution of ECOSOC to be endorsed by GA of UN at the end of 2012
- Monitoring of implementation
- Report on implementation of recommendations to 16th Session of CSTD May, 2013

Thank you for your attention

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