



## Structure and working method of CSTD WG on Improvements to IGF

### 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting from 31 October to 2 November 2011

**The objective** of the CSTD Working Group is to give recommendations for the improvements of the IGF based on the recommendations/concrete suggestions received as responses to the questionnaire.

**The work** of the WG is based on the “Chairman’s draft document”.

**The document** is the list of recommendation/concrete suggestions for improvements derived from the summary of the recommendation prepared by Nermine el Saadany (Egypt) and Marília Maciel (Brazil). The recommendations are grouped into tables corresponding to the questions in the questionnaire.

In the tables:

**Column 1** indicates the question number followed by the serial number of the recommendation. E.g. 4.1 identifies the first recommendation to question 4 “Shaping the outcome of IGF meetings”

**Column 2** contains the recommendations

**Column 3** refers to the status of the recommendation whether it is already implemented, partially implemented or not yet implemented. The status is to be evaluated by the members of the WG.

**Column 4** is for comments to be given by the members of the WG.

### Working method

**Option 1:** The document is discussed in Plenary with the participation of all members of the Working Group. List of recommendations is compiled based on consensus. In case of no consensus recommendation is either included in the list with the statement of divergent views or it is not included at all.

**Option 2:** In the first Plenary the WG proceeds to an overall preliminary review of the list with the objective to eliminate repetitions and those recommendations that have been already implemented. After finalizing the list the WG will be split into 3 sub-groups - Working Parties (WP). Each WP will work on responses to a group of questions and will report back to Plenary. WPs and Plenary will be held alternately. List of recommendations is compiled based on consensus. In case of no consensus recommendation is either included in the list with the statement of divergent views or it is not included at all.

- **Group 1**

Q2: Improving the IGF with a view to linking it to the broader dialogue on global Internet governance as directed by the UN General Assembly Resolution on “Information and communications technologies for development”

Q3: How to enhance the contribution of IGF to socio-economic development and towards Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs) including enhancing participation of developing countries

Q4: Shaping the outcome of IGF meetings

Q5: Outreach to and cooperation with other organizations and forums dealing with IG issues

Q6: Inclusiveness of the IGF process and of participation at the IGF meetings (in particular with regard to stakeholders from developing countries)



- **Group 2**

- Q7: Working methods of the IGF, in particular improving the preparation process modalities;  
Current modalities: open consultation and MAG  
Rotation and renewal of mandate  
Nomination of MAG chair

IGF Secretariat: Secretariat Location

- Secretariat Independence
- Secretariat responsiveness
- Secretariat Fund
- Secretariat Size

- **Group 3**

- Q9: Financing the Forum  
Review of the current situation  
Exploring further options for financing the forum  
Options for ensuring predictability, transparency and accountability in financing IGF

**Result of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting** of the CSTD WG: a list with a reduced number of recommendations.

**Result of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting** of the CSTD WG: arrive at a coherent proposal with a list of recommendations and identify ways to implement them.

**Tentative schedule and venue** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting from 11 January to 13 January 2012, Geneva

**Result of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting** of the CSTD WG: Finalize draft document as attachment to draft resolution on WSIS follow-up of CSTD in its 15<sup>th</sup> Session in May 2012 in Geneva.

**Tentative schedule and venue** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting from 22 February to 24 February 2012, Geneva

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