

Attn **Chengetai Masango**,
IGF Secretariat
17 October 2014

Dear Chengetai

Re: Proposed Civil Society Representatives IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) 2015

Further to our discussions, and after deliberations by the major civil society coalitions that form the Internet Governance Civil Society Co ordination Group (CSCG), I am pleased to be able to inform you of our decisions as regards civil society representation on MAG. Could you also please pass this on to those involved in making the final selections for 2015 MAG members?

It is important, not only for civil society but for the Internet Governance Forum as well, that the civil society representatives chosen for the MAG are credible, active, representative, and widely supported. This has not always been the case with civil society representation on the MAG; and one of the real lessons from NetMundial in 2014, which has ramifications for IGF in Brazil in 2015, is the importance of stakeholder involvement in establishment of representation.

As you know, CSCG is a “coalition of coalitions” of the major civil society groups involved in the internet governance arena and associated areas. Our members are

- Internet Governance Caucus, an organisation with over 200 organisational and individual members founded in 2004 to specifically address emerging internet governance issues.
- Association for Progressive Communications, an international membership-based network founded in 1990 who work together in using ICTs to empower and support others to build strategic communities and promote easy and affordable access to a free and open internet.
- Best Bits, a network of civil society organisations from across the world, who come together to share and collaborate on individual and joint initiatives in support of human rights and other broadly shared civil society interests in Internet governance.
- The Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group, (NCSG) an organization of more than 400 non-commercial organizations and individuals who develop Internet policy through participation in ICANN's policy development process. NCSG promotes noncommercial interests in the formulation of ICANN policy including human rights, academic, development, educational, and cultural interests.
- Diplo Foundation, which has a focus on assisting participants from small and developing states to build the capacity to engage effectively in Internet Governance and diplomacy. Since 2003, Diplo's Internet Governance Capacity Building Programme (IGCBP) has involved over 1500 professionals and activists from 163 states.
- Just Net Coalition, formed in 2014, a global coalition with specific interests in democracy, human rights and social justice.
- Civicus, a global civil society alliance with over 1000 members in 120 countries.

Our reach, therefore, is to some thousands of NGOs and individuals, both those associated directly with internet governance discussions, and beyond. Our role in working together is to ensure a co-ordinated civil society response and conduit when it comes to making civil society appointments to outside bodies; a role we have performed with Netmundial and 1Net and now look forward to playing with IGF.

Nominations for 2015 MAG civil society representatives

Civil Society Representatives being rotated out.

(as advised by IGF Secretariat)

Name	No of years served
1. Mr Aizu, Izumi	3
2. Ms Cretu, Veronica	3
3. Mr Drake, William	3
4. Ms Esterhuysen, Anriette	3
5. Mr Guo Liang	3
6. Ms Mangul, Anju	3
7. Ms Moronets, Yuliya	3
8. Ms Nalwoga, Lillian	3
9. Ms Okite, Judith	3
10. Mr Radunovic, Vladimir	3

We thank all of the above for their service for now completed 3 year terms. We also note this is an unusually high number of members being rotated out in one year, and propose that we address this in coming years.

Proposed renewed MAG members in 2015

1. Fatima Cambroner (Argentina)

We considered all the remaining representatives whose three year terms have not expired, and we conclude that the only civil society person whose term has not expired is Fatima Cambroner (Argentina), We consider Fatima to be an excellent representative, and have no hesitation in supporting the continuation of her term of engagement as the only remaining civil society representative carried forward to MAG 2015.

Fatima Cambroner is a Lawyer and Research Director of AGEIA DENSI Argentina who has been involved in Internet Governance activities since 2010. She was Fellow at the Third, Fourth and Fifth Regional Preparatory Meeting of Latin America and the Caribbean for the IGF in 2010, 2011 and 2012. She was also local host of the LACIGF 2013 held in Cordoba (Argentina).

Proposed new Civil Society MAG members for 2015

(to replace 10 members rotated out)

1. **Sunil Abraham** (India) is Head of the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) in India and an active participant in a wide range of social issues and activities associated with internet governance.
2. **Renata Avila** (Guatemala) is a human rights lawyer, holds a Master of Law in Intellectual Property and currently advises the World Wide Web Foundation, directing the Web We Want Coalition. She is a Board Member of Creative Commons, a Steering Committee member of the Just Net Coalition and an active participant in internet governance, privacy, transparency and accountability, intellectual property, and human rights initiatives.
3. **Oh Byoungil** (South Korea) is a founding member of JinboNet in South Korea. He organised the first IGF-kr in 2014 with other stakeholders including the South Korean government, and is now engaged with setting up new multi-stakeholder governance body in Korea, the Korean Internet Governance Alliance (KIGA).
4. **John Dada** (Nigeria) As CEO of Fantsuam Foundation, John has a special passion for underserved and unserved communities of rural Nigeria and elsewhere. John is an active member of the Dynamic Coalition on Access and Disability.
5. **Avri Doria** (USA) has a long history of involvement in Internet governance issues on behalf of civil society, and has been active in ICANN, WGEC, WGIG, IGF, IETF, and many other bodies associated with internet governance.
6. **Stuart Hamilton** (United Kingdom) is the Deputy Secretary General, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and active in ensuring ways in which libraries can overcome barriers such as the digital divide to ensure that library users receive the best possible access to online information resources.
7. **Lea Kaspar** (Croatia) heads the work of Global Partners Digital (GPD) aiming to facilitate global South civil society engagement in international debates on Internet policy and governance. She provides research on a range of Internet policy issues, particularly on the evolution of the Internet governance ecosystem. She has been an active participant in the IGF, WGEC, the WSIS+10 Review process, and various ITU meetings including the WCIT, the WTPF, and the WSIS+10 MPP.
8. **Jak SM Kee** (Malaysia) has been an active participant in all IGFs since 2007, coordinating the IGF Gender Caucus as the Womens Rights Programme Manager for the Association for Progressive Communications (APC). Jac is a prominent analyst and advocate on internet and womens rights issues, including initiating the highly successful Take Back the Tech campaign.
9. **Ephraim Percy Kenyanito** (Kenya), is a Policy Fellow at Access (www.accessnow.org) where he focuses on the connection between internet policy and human rights and specifically works on Internet Governance Reform. Ephraim brings a youth from developing countries perspective as a member of the Steering Committee of the Youth Coalition on Internet Governance, and also as a prominent participant in both global and African regional IGF activities.
10. **Virginia Paque** (Venezuela) works with Diplo Foundation and first became involved with the WSIS process as the Venezuelan representative on the WFUNA Task Force on WSIS during the PrepComs. She has been involved with IGF since 2006, attending meetings both in person, and remotely. She is a strong advocate for remote participation and multilingual access to IG policy meetings, and is a past Co-coordinator of the Internet Governance Caucus.

In addition to the above names, the CSCG has considered a wide range of very talented civil society representatives which it was not able to include in its recommendations. Should IGF require names of suitable and accomplished additional representatives in providing overall regional balance, we would be very pleased to provide additional names in confidence of further civil society people who could make an outstanding contribution to the 2015 MAG.

Each of the above mentioned nominees will be submitting their own nomination details through your normal processes. We would be grateful if this letter could be circulated to those charged with determining the final membership of MAG for 2015 so that these well supported and representative nominations can be given full consideration in the knowledge that they are widely endorsed by their fellows within civil society.

Sincerely

2015 CSCG MAG Nominating Committee

Norbert Bollow, Just Net Coalition representative

Mawaki Chango, Internet Governance Caucus representative

Robin Gross, Non Commercial Stakeholders Group representative

Jeremy Malcolm, Best Bits Coalition representative

Chat Garcia Ramilo, Association for Progressive Communications representative

Ian Peter, Independent Chair

Addendum – Selection Process for Civil Society Nominations

Process -

A Nominating Committee was formed from representatives of the member coalitions. Virginia Paque (Diplo Foundation) withdrew from the committee before deliberations began as she announced an intention to be a candidate. Mandeep Tiwana (Civicus) also did not participate in the Nominating Committee.

Coalition members published a Call for Nominations within their coalition, with a closing date of September 30. After the closing date, each member shortlisted the names from their individual coalition which would be further considered for endorsement. The CSCG Nominating Committee considered 29 names short-listed for final discussion.

Each nomination was required to address the announced selection criteria, which were

1. Past record of active engagement as part of civil society groups working on internet governance issues, acting or speaking out assertively on behalf of public interest concerns.
- 2 Willingness and commitment to consult with and report back to CS networks (including beyond those focused on internet governance where appropriate) on MAG discussions.
3. Previous attendee at IGF at a global or regional level.
4. Willing, available and able to participate effectively and constructively in the MAG deliberations.

All 29 candidates were assessed according to these criteria, resulting in a further shortlist of the most qualified candidates. Gender and regional balance were then taken into account to finalise the 10 names listed above.

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