



**IGF Leadership Panel  
Informal Meeting  
22 September 2022 | 11:00-12:30 UTC | Online**

The [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) Leadership Panel](#) held an informal meeting on 22 September via virtual conference. All panel members attended, apart from Mr. Hatem Dowidar, who sent his regrets. The meeting was an opportunity for the members to introduce themselves to one another, elect their chair and vice-chair, and have a short preliminary discussion regarding their work. Following introductions, the panel heard a [briefing from the Secretariat](#) on the structure and functioning of the IGF.

The next engagement of the panel will be a virtual meeting with UN Secretary-General António Guterres on a date to be confirmed in October. A further in-person meeting of the panel is foreseen at the annual IGF, during the week of 28 November-2 December 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Decisions, Action Items & Next Steps**

- The members, by consensus, elected Mr. Vinton Cerf and Ms. Maria Ressa, Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.
- Members of the panel are to review their [terms of reference](#) and to the extent possible, participate in IGF activities, such as [intersessional work](#), to reflect on how the aims of the panel can be best achieved. In particular, they should consider how the IGF's outcomes can be reinforced and to which political decision-making bodies they could or should be delivered.
- Panel members should review the [IGF annual meeting programme](#) and take note of which sessions might most interest them, coming back to the secretariat if there are follow-up questions. Of note, are the meeting's special high-level, parliamentary and youth tracks.
- Panel members should inform the secretariat as to whether or not they will attend the annual IGF in person. Global South members may be eligible for travel funding support.
- The Chair and the Vice-Chair agreed to meet to discuss the facilitation of the panel's work going forward.

## **Annex I – Draft Agenda**

1. Round of introductions
2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
3. Briefing by IGF Secretariat
4. Panel members discussion on proposals to fulfil "Key Functions" outlined in the [Terms of Reference](#):
  - a. Provides strategic inputs and advice on the IGF
  - b. Promotes the IGF and its outputs
  - c. Supports both high-level and at-large stakeholder engagement in the IGF and IGF fundraising efforts
  - d. Exchanges IGF outputs from the Forum with other stakeholders and relevant fora and facilitates the feeding of input of these decision-makers and fora to the IGF's agenda-setting process, leveraging relevant MAG expertise.