



## **UK-IGF Committee**

### **2018 Planning Conference Call – February 2018**

Time: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 10:00 - 11:00

#### **Participants**

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#### **Review of UK-IGF 2017**

The committee discussed UK-IGF 2017 with a view to identifying successes and areas for improvement. Views expressed in emails circulated to the committee prior to the call were factored into the discussions.

In general, the committee agreed:

- It was a good event with a good range of topics discussed with good quality contributors.
- The open meeting calling for discussion topics was a success, helping to create a good agenda.
- The explainer formatted sessions were a good innovation.

Possible areas of improvement identified were:

- A lack of diversity in contributors in the first panel was noted, although it was added that later sessions were more diverse in terms of participants including one all female panel.
- Attendance can always be improved and a desire to extend the reach of the event to a wider set of interest groups was expressed.
- The committee felt that there is a danger of a degree of 'group-think' developing with a static demographic of participants.

#### **Planning for UK-IGF 2018**

The committee agreed the following principles should guide the planning for UK-IGF 2018

Open call for discussion topics:

- There should be an open call for discussion topics/themes as soon as possible.
- Website information should provide some guidance for those making suggestions.

- The committee should triage suggested topics and collect them into broad themes.
- These themes can then form the starting point for an open meeting designed to seek broad stakeholder input.
- EuroDIG and others have established procedures that may be useful for this process.

#### Event structure:

- The best event structure is likely to fall out of the developing list of discussion topics.
- To gain a degree of traction for participants, a centrepiece event or activity will be useful. This could be:
  - A ministerial address or announcement.
  - A keynote from an acknowledged industry big-hitter.
- It will be useful to avoid any repeat of topics discussed at UK-IGF 2017.
- An event title or strapline other than UK-IGF should be considered.

#### Outreach:

- The date for UK-IGF 2018 has been set as 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This clarity will help with outreach.
- Committee members should push out all event communications, including the open call for topics, via their own networks
- Sectors to target include: academia; the start-up community; Local Govt.
- There should be an effort to reach interested parties beyond London and the South-East.

#### **Proposed timeline:**

Mid-Feb:	Open call for discussion topics.
End of Mar:	Close open call for discussion topics.
Apr – Jun:	Committee to compile proposed topics into broad session themes. Open meeting to seek stakeholder views on discussion topics and session themes.
Jun-July:	Agenda development. Stakeholder outreach efforts to begin.
Sept:	Agenda to be finalised. Stakeholder outreach efforts to accelerate.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov:	UK-IGF 2018

#### **AOB**

#### The committee agreed:

- It will be useful to schedule regular conference calls, 1 per month.
- Event sponsorship should be discussed in the next call.