

59th NMRG Meeting

IETF 109, Online

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Goals of the IRTF

The IRTF conducts research; it is not a standards development organization

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While the IRTF can publish informational or experimental documents in the RFC series, its primary goal is to promote development of research collaboration and teamwork in exploring research issues related to Internet protocols, applications, architecture, and technology.

See “An IRTF Primer for IETF Participants” – [RFC 7418](#)

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- BCP 25 (Working Group processes)
- BCP 25 (Anti-Harassment Procedures)
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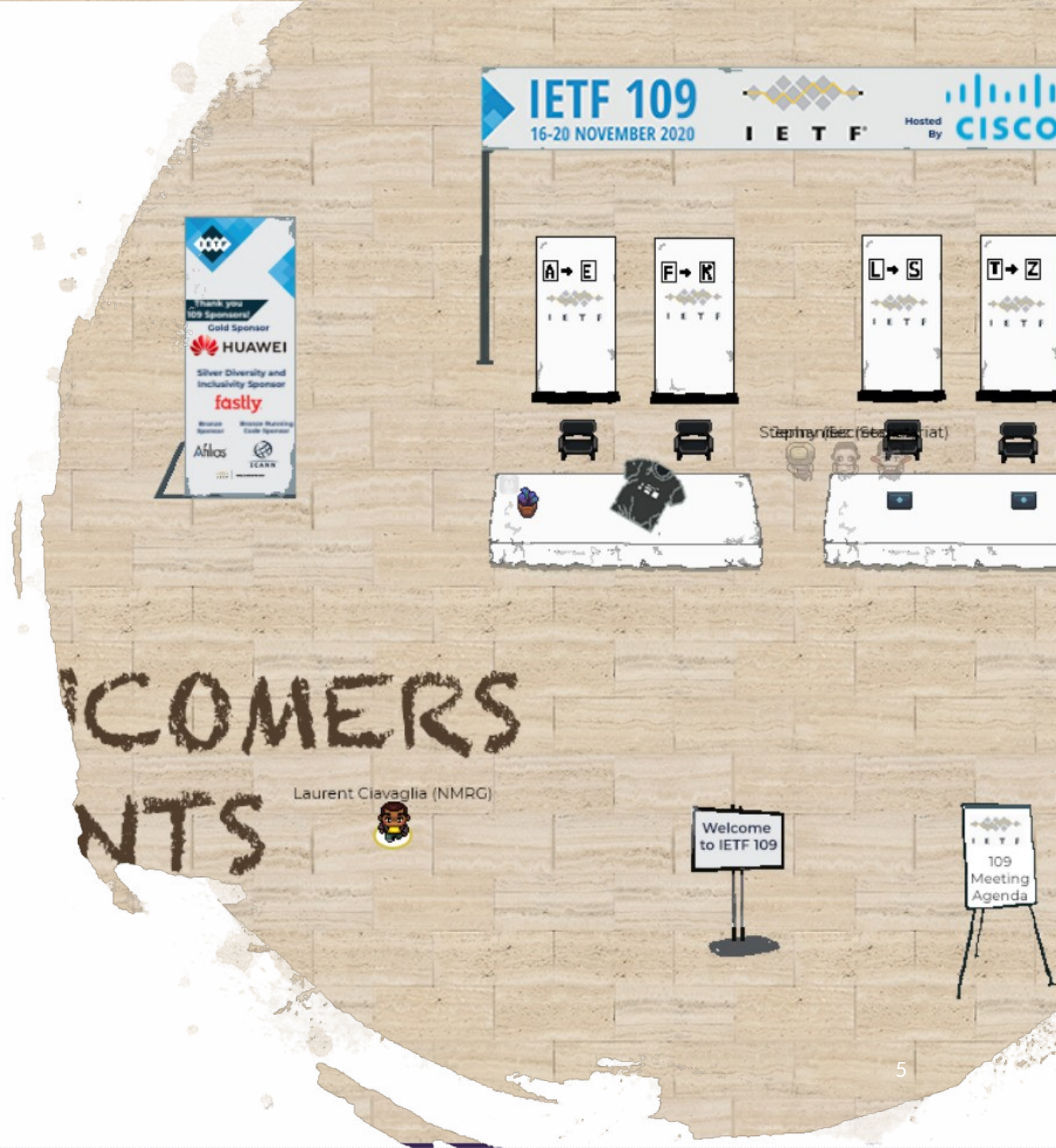
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Online meeting experience

- **Gather**

- Platform for social interactions of an IETF meeting that are hard to do online
- <https://ietf.gather.town/app/L4fNNdm1NJa1sE2v/ietf>
- Guidelines at:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/172eqRpW8dodHpts1kGleel8JrGF4vCzcahTTpn3c0s/edit#>
- MeetEcho integration:
 - Meetecho should ask if you want to join the Gather space when you exit the meeting.
 - You can also join the MeetEcho session directly from the appropriate room in the Gather space.

So please continue discussions and interactions on Gather after our session !



Agenda

16:00 Meeting logistics, agenda and RG news 10 min

Part 1: Intent-based Networking (40 min.)

- 16:10 Concepts and Definitions (in RG last call), Laurent Ciavaglia, 5 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-irtf-nmrg-ibn-concepts-definitions/>
- 16:20 Intent Classification, Olga Havel 5 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-irtf-nmrg-ibn-intent-classification/>
- 16:30 Transport Slice Intent, Luis Contreras, 5 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-contreras-nmrg-transport-slice-intent/>
- 16:40 Network Measurement Intent, Danyang Chen 5 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-yang-nmrg-network-measurement-intent/>
- (canceled) Use cases discussion

Part 2: AI for Network Management (40 min.)

- 16:50 AI for Network and Service Automation: Standardization Enablers and Research Directions, Laurent Ciavaglia, 15 min. + 10 min. Q&A
- 17:15 Status of the document on Research Challenges in Artificial Intelligence for Network Management, Jérôme François, 10 min. + 10 min. Q&A
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dQOzZustl2mkYr_omtiqu3FqUvoqLgaCp7nbRj4ZJyw/edit?usp=sharing

Part 3: Scouting/other topics (25 min.)

- 17:35 Multilevel configuration, Luis Contreras 10 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-bogdanovic-multilevel-configuration/>
- 17:50 Update on Concepts of Digital Twin Network, Cheng Zhou, 5 min. + 5 min. Q&A
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-zhou-nmrg-digitaltwin-network-concepts/>

Future meetings

- January 2021, Interim, *online*
- March 2021, IETF 110, *online*
- (tentative) May 2021, Interim, co-located with IEEE IM conference, *hybrid (tbc)*

Until further notice, the default mode of operation will increasingly rely on:

- (bi-)monthly Online meetings
- Mailing list
- Collaborative platforms (e.g. Github, Google Docs, etc.)

Do not hesitate to share your questions, ideas or needs with the groups or chairs !

IBN use cases

- <https://github.com/jcnobre/draft-nobre-nmrg-ibn-use-cases>
- Tentative/proposed use cases
 - Interconnection Intents: draft-contreras-nmrg-interconnection-intents-00
 - Network Slice Intent: draft-contreras-nmrg-transport-slice-intent-04
 - Network measurement intent: draft-yang-nmrg-network-measurement-intent-00
 - Network Slicing Lifecycle Automation
 - Intent-Based 5G IoT Network Slice
- Outcome of uses cases ? E.g. what value information, learnings, know-how we would like to develop and document in/with the use cases, commonalities/patterns/...
- One single document vs. separate documents
- Template for document use case with a common level of description
- Discussion to be continued on mailing list and in a next interim meeting

Overview on NMRG items progress

- IBN

- Two RG drafts: concepts and definition (Last call in October) + classification
- Use cases under discussion: several propositions, need for synchronization → expect to help in defining functional components/architecture
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- AI

- Research challenges in AI for network management document
 - A first set of inputs (challenge description)
 - Dedicated meetings to progress on scope and objectives of the doc
 - 10+ contributors
- Can help to define targets for technical presentations

- Scouting/other topics

- Various topics
- Presentation in (virtual) meeting to have feedback from the groups