

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM  
POLICY NETWORK ON MEANINGFUL ACCESS (PNMA)  
MULTISTAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP (MWG)**

**- Virtual Meeting II | 29 April 2025 12:00 UTC -**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action items and next steps**

- MWG expansion: members have shared new potential referrals to the PNMA by including GRULAC, African Union, ITU. The leadership and secretariat will explore said opportunities.
- IGF 2025 Main Sessions: the PNMA expresses willingness to join the preparations for the Main Session on Emerging technologies with focus on human rights and access and will follow up with the IGF Secretariat on the matter
- Strategy and work plan: the leadership presented the 2-fold PNMA approach to the 2025 process, in which meaningful access will be promoted as a benchmark for the implementation of the GDC, aligning the knowledge and practice accumulated since its inception. Remarks from the community: strengthen commentaries on multilingualism and universal access in the plan.
- Tasks from now until June: the community engages in preparing the consultation phase of the PNMA process, using the Plenary Session and the Main Session cited above as instances to highlight its incremental work and advocate the scaling of the proof of concepts.
- Tasks from July until December: deliberations will apply knowledge and proof of concepts to engagement with partners, selling the PNMA's UVP. The community will also prepare an output report that reflects the achievements and challenges of the 2025 process, selling the PNMA's proposition along with reasons why the policy network is a necessary piece of the internet governance ecosystem.
- Frequency of meetings: every 2 weeks until June; once a month between July and December.
- Next meeting: to be defined via doodle, in the week of 12 - 15 May.

1. The second meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) Multistakeholder Working Group (MWG) was hosted online on 29 April 2025 12:00 UTC. The meeting served as a follow-up to previous strategic planning and network development efforts, and focused on the PNMA strategy for 2025, strengthening partnerships, evaluating participation gaps, and aligning efforts with the upcoming IGF and WSIS+20 processes.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Consultant Daphnee Iglesias and facilitated by co-chairs Mr. Giacomo Mazzone and Hon. Alhagie Mbow. IGF Secretariat representatives Chengetai Masango, Anja Gengo and Celine Bal were present.
3. A complete agenda is found on Annex A1.

## Discussion Summary

### MWG Composition and Stakeholder Outreach

4. The group acknowledged the absence of key participants from organizations including WIPO and representatives from Norway and Germany. Efforts are ongoing to secure MWG nominations.
5. There were calls to involve additional regional actors such as the African Union and Latin American institutions, including on local/community levels. Carlos Afonso committed to reaching out to the Brazilian Coalition of Rights on the Internet.
6. UNESCO's Xianhong Hu confirmed the engagement of new leadership at UNESCO and the organization's continued support, highlighting potential partnerships through regional institutes.
7. Vint Cerf and others emphasized strengthening the link between IGF work and national governments, including using UNESCO ROAM-X indicators via NRIs. Vint Cerf informs that the Leadership Panel and the MAG are going to propose NRIs to undertake said measurements in regions and countries that they represent. Intentionally, this should become an important annual regular process, with output results and reports being provided every year. A LP/MAG letter is being prepared to be sent to Member State representatives informing them of this intent, coupled with knowledge support by providing them with documentation as well. Consequently, this is to establish a closer link between the IGF and the Member States, and invite them to participate in the annual and intersessional meetings. This action is an attempt by the Leadership Panel to make IGF more relevant/appealing to Member States and reinforce the idea that the IGF should continue to exist.
8. ITU was encouraged to bring its Digital Transformation group into the fold, and Martin Schaaper offered to identify relevant contacts.

### IGF 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Consultations and MAG Meeting Debrief

9. Celine Bal from the IGF Secretariat summarized outcomes of the April consultations and MAG meeting: include 41 workshops (plus a waiting list) were approved into the program. The meeting also discussed the three main sessions happening in Norway under the following topics:
  - a. Emerging technologies with focus on human rights and access
  - b. Artificial intelligence and its governance
  - c. The IGF's future role and the future of the Internet
10. PNMA was invited to contribute especially to the Day One Session on Universal Access and Digital Rights, as the MAG welcomes more interaction with the intersessional activities.

Giacomo Mazzone confirmed the network willingness. Anyone who would like to contribute to the development of this 1st main session is also invited to write to Celine for more information.

11. Celine Bal informs that the host country aims at holding the IGF week with some thematic days throughout the week (following the 4 chosen to this year's event), with Tuesday 24 June being the Universal Access and Digital Day – thus related sessions will take place on this date in the Plenary Hall and also in the Conference Hall.
12. In tune with the proposed, Giacomo Mazzone emphasized PNMA's intent to showcase practical cases at IGF Norway and build momentum for their policy adoption throughout the year.

## 2025 Strategy and Work Plan

8. The PNMA strategy for 2025 follows a two-phase approach.
  - a. Pre-IGF (until June): highlight tested 'proof-of-concept' cases in the IGF session and strengthen engagement with partners, selling the PNMA's UVP.
  - b. Post-IGF (June – December): translate cases and community input into a comprehensive year-end report for UN and global stakeholders, showcasing how the incremental knowledge between 2022 – 2025 provides evidence to the endorsed practices.
9. The 2025 output report aims to establish the PNMA as a benchmark for meaningful access and position the network as crucial part of the WSIS+20 and the Global Digital Compact implementation. It will reflect the achievements and challenges of the 2025 process, selling the PNMA's proposition along with reasons why the policy network is a necessary piece of the internet governance ecosystem.
10. The publication product after the annual event in Norway will be a strategic roadmap, drafted by mid-July and refined iteratively through early December. Work on the output report will observe the roadmap as starting point.
11. The community will meet every two weeks until IGF Norway; and once a month between July and December.

## Discussion and Suggestions

12. Universal Acceptance and multilingualism were discussed as crucial elements of meaningful access; a stronger emphasis of the work plan on these was asked for. UNESCO and ICANN will jointly hold a session in May on this topic.

13. Nicolas Fiumarelli proposed replicating Uruguay's Universal Acceptance audits in other countries.

### **Other important remarks**

14. The PNMA will continue the work to expand network membership, particularly from underrepresented regions and institutions – for that matter, it counts on the active support of all its members. Bilateral outreach with UNESCO, ITU, and regional organizations will continue and be strengthened.
  15. The PNMA leadership confirms active participation in the Main Session on Emerging technologies with focus on human rights and access and will follow up with the IGF Secretariat on the matter.
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### **ANNEX A1**

#### **Agenda**

1. Confirmation of serving capacity of MWG members for 2025
2. Debrief 2nd Open Consultation and MAG meeting
3. Presentation and discussion of PNMA strategy / work plan
4. Presentation work calendar
5. Initial brainstorm Plenary Session