

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM  
POLICY NETWORK ON MEANINGFUL ACCESS (PNMA)**

**- Virtual Meeting I | 26 April 2022 at 14:00 UTC -**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Action items and next steps**

- The Secretariat and last year's co-chairs to prepare an outline of responsibilities of PNMA co-chairs.
- The Secretariat to invite all members of PNMA multistakeholder working group (MWG) to express interest in co-chairing the PNMA. The PNMA MWG to endorse two co-chairs at the next call.
- Contributions received for last year's PNMA work to be published on the IGF website.
- Ideas for PNMA 2022 work plan to be shared over the mailing list until the next meeting. Possible suggestions received relate to: (i) contributing to the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation implementation and possibly focusing on Internet shutdowns; (ii) continuing to tackle the last year's focus areas (connectivity, digital Inclusion and capacity development); (iii) focus on policy associated with connectivity solutions (e.g. undersea cables).
- Doodle poll to be sent by the Secretariat to help schedule the next meeting in four weeks' time.

1. The first meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) was hosted online on 26 April 2022 at 14:00 UTC. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the objectives of PNMA in 2022.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat and co-chaired by the last year's PNMA co-chairs, Ms. Sylvia Cadena and Ms. Sonia Jorge. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1 and a list of meeting participants as Annex A2. The list of input documents is annexed as A3.
3. The meeting was opened by the Secretariat's reminder that the PNMA is approved by the MAG as one of the modalities of the IGF 2022 intersessional work, underlying that the topic of access is deeply anchored in the thematic framework of the IGF 2022<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2022-themes>

## Structure and leadership

4. Participants discussed the structure and leadership of the group. The Secretariat confirmed that it was informed by one member of the last year's PNMA multistakeholder working group of not being able to continue participating. While all the meetings of PNMA MWG are open to everyone, there was a suggestion for the Secretariat to review the composition of the group and assess the activity of all members on the basis of what it could consider engaging other members, especially given the high interest from the community to participate and contribute.
5. The need to continue with having two co-chairs was recognised. It was agreed that the members of the PNMA multistakeholder group will be asked to express interest in this position and to later endorse the two co-chairs. Ms. Sonia Jorge as the last year's PNMA co-chair expressed interest to continue co-chairing this year, as well. Building on the terms of reference for the multistakeholder working group members, as well as the lessons learnt by the two co-chairs last year, an outline of responsibilities for the co-chairs, will be prepared by the Secretariat.
6. Further, the Secretariat will invite members of the PNMA MWG to communicate their expressions of interest to co-chair the group. Received expressions of interest will be reviewed on the next call and the co-chairs endorsed.
7. From the IGF Secretariat, it was confirmed that a consultant will be contracted to support the work of the group. It is expected that a consultant will commence the work by the end of May 2022.

## Thematic focus

8. Participants also discussed the work plan for PNMA 2022. Some suggested that the PNMA could contribute to the implementation of the Roadmap for Digital Cooperation. Some mentioned contributing to the consultation stream related to Internet shutdowns. In order not to overlap or duplicate the existing work, but to complement it, it was suggested to exchange views with the Office of the Tech Envoy on the existing gaps where the PNMA's contribution could be of use. Others suggested that the PNMA should continue building on the last year's policy streams: (i) connectivity; (ii) digital Inclusion; and (iii) capacity development. There was also a suggestion for the PNMA to focus on policy associated with connectivity solutions (e.g. undersea cables). It was agreed that ideas on thematic focus for PNMA 2022 can be shared via PNMA mailing list until the next meeting.
9. There was a suggestion for the PNMA to serve as an advisory group to support countries/communities to measure the progress achieved on the existing international processes of relevance and recognize gaps to further focus on. For the start, the PNMA could define the measurements.

10. The Secretariat was asked by the last year's co-chairs to display all received case studies and other relevant inputs on the IGF website, for the sake of informing this year's work.

#### Other

11. Participants were invited to join the session "Meaningful access to advance digital societies" hosted at UNCTAD's e-Commerce Week on 29 April at 09:00 AM EST, organized by the Alliance for Affordable Internet and several members of the PNMA MWG<sup>2</sup>.

#### Next meeting

12. The next PNMA meeting will be in four weeks' time. A doodle poll to select the best time will be sent in a few days. The agenda of the next call should focus on:
    - Endorsing co-chairs
    - Defining policy focus and work plan
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#### ANNEX A1

##### Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Endorsing PNMA leadership team and confirming particular roles (20 min)
3. Membership of multistakeholder working group (MWG)
  - a. Co-chairs
  - b. MAG liaisons
  - c. IGF Secretariat's support
2. PNMA objectives in 2022 (20 min)
  - d. What to achieve and how? Input on methodological framework and format from IGF Secretariat followed by discussion
3. AoB

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<sup>2</sup> Registration for the event can be done at <https://unctadeweek2022.pathable.co/>

**ANNEX A2****List of participants**

1. Alexandre Costa Barbosa, CGI.br/NIC.br
2. Allan Magezi, ICANN73 Fellow
3. Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat
4. Anriette Esterhuysen, former MAG Chair
5. Arinola Akinyemi, Nigeria
6. Babu Ram Aryal, Nepal IGF
7. Carlos Alberto Afonso, NUPEF Institute
8. Carlos Rey-Moreno, APC
9. Fred Clark, Guatemala IGF
10. Frédéric Cohen, Ghana IGF
11. Juliano Cappi, NIC.br
12. June Parris, Barbados IGF
13. Juwang Zhu, UN DESA
14. Karim ATTOUMANI MOHAMED, MAG member
15. Kossi AMESSINO, Benin IGF
16. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u, PRIDA Project, African Union
17. Mahendranath Busgopaul, Mauritius IGF
18. Maria Kolesnikova, Coordination Center for TLD.ru
19. Michel TCHONANG LINZE, Central African IGF
20. Nathalia Foditsch, Alliance for Affordable Internet
21. Nicolas Fiumarelli, Youth Uruguay IGF
22. Nigel Hickson, UK Government
23. Obed Sindy, Hairi IGF
24. Peterking Quaye, Liberia IGF
25. Raquel Gatto, former PNMA consultant, NIC.br
26. Roberto Zambrana, MAG member, Bolivia IGF
27. Sivasubramanian M.
28. Sonia Jorge, Alliance for Affordable Internet
29. Stefan Berres, Chile IGF
30. Sylvia Cadena, APNIC Foundation
31. Teddy Woodhouse, Alliance for Affordable Internet
32. Wai Min Kwok, UN DESA
33. Wisdom Donkor, Ghana IGF
34. Ying Chu Chen, APrIGF

**ANNEX A3****Input documents**

- PNMA members of multistakeholder working group  
<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/pnma-multistakeholder-working-group-0>