

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

- Virtual Meeting I | 02 June 2023 at 10:30 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

Action items and next steps

- On new members to the MWG:
 - a) APC to provide PNMA co-chairs with a contact or connection to Irene Khan's office, to proceed with the invitation;
 - b) Giacomo Mazzone to reconnect with ITU for confirmation of participation;
- AUB to keep the community informed about the planning of an upcoming A.I. conference to be held in Africa, in which the topic of meaningful access will be discussed.
- The PNMA coordination to submit to PNMA members a survey about:
 - a) the 2023 Process and priorities;
 - b) their interest in contributing to the output report and/or other activities (e.g., PNMA representative at IGF sessions).
- Next meeting to be defined after survey is finished (by end June/early July)

1. The first 2023 meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) was hosted online on 02 June 2023 at 10:30 UTC. The meeting's purpose was to discuss priorities, objectives, and timeline for the current year's process.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF PNMA Consultant and co-chaired by the last year's PNMA co-chair, Giacomo Mazzone, and the new MAG member Neema Lugangira, substituting Sonia Jorge in the coordination activities. The final, adopted version of the Agenda is attached to this document as Annex A1.
3. The meeting was conducted by Giacomo Mazzone with the assistance of the PNMA Consultant as Neema Lugangira faced connectivity issues. There was a round of introductions so old and new members could get acquainted; a list of meeting participants is attached as Annex A2.

2022 Process

4. Giacomo Mazzone reminded the colleagues of the 2022 PNMA process and its results. Focused on the areas of connectivity, digital inclusion, and capacity development, the policy

network collated good practices and policy solutions as benchmarks for implementation and scaling, with contributions from Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia. Collaboration was established within and outside the IGF community with international organisations such as ITU, WAN, WIPO, and ICANN joining the call for good practices. At the end of the 2022 process, the PNMA came up with a list of recommendations and key issues around meaningful access that need to be addressed by different stakeholders. During the 2023 PNMA proposal, reflecting what was discussed at the 2022 IGF PNMA Session, these recommendations would guide the PNMA process in the following year.

5. Giacomo Mazzone asked the participants for suggestions on other people/organizations to invite as member of the MWG. Mike Jensen (APC) suggested to invite Ireen Khan, Rapporteur for Human Rights to the UN Secretary-General, because she has recently announced she will dedicate part of her next report to the right to meaningful access. Mazzone asked Jensen to provide a contact or connection to her office to proceed with the invitation.
6. Margaret Komol (AUB) informed participants that her institution is planning to organize in Africa, before IGF 2023, a conference about A.I. implications, where the issue of meaningful access will have to be discussed. She will keep the PNMA community, especially its African members, involved.
7. WIPO and WAN, despite their absence from today's meeting, have confirmed their will to be part of the policy network.
8. ITU has not yet replied to the network's contacts to confirm their will to join the MWG again this year; Giacomo Mazzone will relaunch them.

2023 Process, Priorities and Timeline

9. The IGF Consultant, Daphnee Iglesias, explained briefly what is expected from the 2023 Process. **As end goal, the policy network wants to open a multistakeholder public debate to influence policy change and the upcoming Global Digital Compact, in addition to the WSIS+20 and IGF+20 processes.** The focus areas for this year remain as 2022: Connectivity, Digital Inclusion, and Capacity Development; priority activities will be decided by the PNMA community, after discussion and voting.
10. The priority activities derive from the considerations and key issues raised by the 2022 report (Annex A3). The IGF Consultant will circulate a survey to collect the members' opinion on which actions to focus on. Carlos Afonso reminds the group that the Best Practices Foun on Local Contents was merged into the PNMA, yet he does not see the BPF focus being represented in the priorities. He recalls what was proposed in 2020: *"i) How to protect, preserve and remunerate creative work and collective wisdom in order to create a sustainable model for the production, distribution and local fruition of local content in the digital age; ii) This may involve intellectual ownership rights, communities' intellectual property rights,*

ownership of national or community identifiers of natural resources, protection of creative works and so on". The co-chairs and the IGF Consultant will shall revise the wording of the priorities list in order to give more evidence to contents and languages.

11. Outputs of this year's process go beyond the 2022 final report; it includes a revised list of recommendations around meaningful access, the publication and expansion of the repository for good practices sent to the PNMA during open calls, and the strengthening the policy network's connections with groups and organisations/institutions working around its mandate.
12. The timeline is very short considering the IGF Annual Meeting happens between 08-12 October. The PNMA final output report needs to be ready by 30 October. Additional important dates are included in Annex A4. Wai Min Kwok confirmed that the very tight schedule has been decided in order to provide PNMA inputs in time for the preparation for the Ministerial Conference, part of the Summit of the Future.
13. A draft report structure was presented to the group; it is anticipated that the 2022 methodology will be applied this year again (please check accompanying slides for reference).
14. Once priorities are streamlined, the PNMA coordination will make it public along with the finalised 2023 work plan.

Next meeting

15. The next PNMA meeting will be at the end of June or early July, pending a sufficient number of replies to the priorities survey. The agenda of the next call should focus on:
 - Presenting and endorsing new MWG members (if any)
 - Defining policy focus and work plan
 - 2ND MAG meeting and Open Consultation

ANNEX A1

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Achievements from last year

3. 2023: work plan and timeline
4. Q&A / Discussion 2023 process
5. AOB

ANNEX A2

List of Participants

NAME	AFFILIATION	PNMA-MWG MEMBER?
Anja Gengo	UN IGF Secretariat	-
Arinola Akinyemi	CEO DigiSphere Limited	-
Asma Awad	Network Operation Engineer, National Information Center Sudan	-
Bertrand Moullier	Senior Advisor International Affairs, FIAPF	YES
Carlos Alberto Afonso	Executive Director, Nupef Institute	YES
Catherine Nyaki Adeya	Senior Digital Transformation & Governance Specialist	YES
Daphnee Iglesias	Consultant - UN IGF Secretariat	-
Fatoumatta Jawara	Vice President, Gambia Agritech	-
Giacomo Mazzone	Co-Chair PNMA, Independent Expert	YES
Jane Coffin		YES
Joseph Mutsa		-
Lucien Castex	Public Policy, AFNIC	-
Margaret KOMOL	CEO Assistant, AUB	Representative G. Ndjaka (MWG member)
Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u	Independent Expert	YES
Marina Kopidaki	Greek Safer Internet Youth Panel	-
Mike Jensen	Community Networks Coordinator, APC	Representative Carlos Moreno (MWG member)
Mutegeki Cliff	ISOC Uganda	
Neema Lugangira	MAG Member / Co-Chair PNMA, MP Tanzania / Chair, African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance	YES
Nia Nanan	Senior Research Analyst, CTU	-
Nicolas Fiumarelli	GRULAC Head at Youth Coalition on Internet Governance	-
Nigel Hickson	Senior Adviser on Data Protection, UK DCMS	-

Peterking Quaye	NRI Liberia / Founder & Executive Director of West ICT Action Network	NRI Focal Point to MWG
Raquel Gatto	Vice-President ISOC Brazil / Head of Legal, NIC.br	-
Roberto Zambrana	President ISOC Bolivia / Coordinator IGF Bolivia	YES
Rosalind KennyBirch	International Policy Advisor, UK DCMS	-
Saba Tiku	Digital Transformation Advocate	-
Sonia Jorge	Founder and Executive Director, GDIP	YES
Stephen Wyber	IFLA	-
Wai Min Kwok	UN DESA	-
Yacine Khelladi	Senior International Consultant, Digital Policies and ICT4D	-
Yao Sossou	DC Data Driven Health Technologies	-
EXCUSED		
Paolo Lanteri	WIPO	YES
Elena Perotti	WAN-IFRA	YES

ANNEX A3

Considerations and key issues around meaningful access raised by the 2022 PNMA output report

1. Focus the PNMA work on project implementation lessons and policy/regulatory conditions that supported the achievements previously collated, on a multisectoral approach and under the lens of intersectionality, scalability, and localisation.
2. Actively promote the good practices that have been identified by the Policy Network in the 3 focus areas across all the stakeholder groups and through the Digital Cooperation initiative. The network of the Leadership Panel could be tested at this occasion; the assistance of the IGF Secretariat in order to establish a direct line of communication with the LP is absolutely indispensable.
3. Under the guidance and assistance of the IGF Secretariat, open a permanent dialogue between the PNMA community and institutional partners (such as the EU, the AU, and the OAS), in order to involve them directly in the PNMA activities and to encourage projects' replication and adaptation in other countries or regions, with active participation of local actors.
4. Promote examples of said regional initiatives (e.g, starting in Africa) to improve awareness about meaningful access and the policies that could support such practice (as indicated in the PNMA 2022 final output and main session reports from Addis Ababa).
5. Bring all the achievements and solutions identified through the PNMA activities into the future Digital Compact Initiative, and effectively contribute to the roadmap leading to the Summit of the Future 2024 and the WSIS+20 and IGF+20 processes.

6. Keep the repository of the identified successful practices functional over time, to create a reference point for all activities in the field of meaningful access.
7. Amplify the voices of least advantaged groups in the public debate on meaningful access (Youth, NRIs, Women, LGBTQIA+, Indigenous, People with Disabilities).
8. Monitor implementation of the processes previously identified as benchmarks and good practices in their region of origin and, eventually, in other regions inspired by the same process.

ANNEX A4

2023 PNMA Timeline

- **10 – 12 July:** 2nd Open Consultations and MAG meeting
- **10 September:** submission 2023 output report (DRAFT)
- **20 September:** deadline for public feedback on draft
- **4 October:** submission 2023 output report (ADJUSTED)
PNMA session in Kyoto defined
- **8 – 12 October:** IGF 2023 Kyoto (day session tbd)
- **19 October:** submission PNMA session report
- **30 October:** submission 2023 output report (FINAL)