

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

- Virtual Meeting I | 04 April 2025 13:00 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

1. The first meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) Multistakeholder Working Group (MWG) was hosted online on 04 April 2025 13:00 UTC. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the objectives of PNMA in 2025.
2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Secretariat with Anja Gengo and facilitated by co-chair Mr. Giacomo Mazzone. Co-chair Hon. Alhagie Mbow was excused. Key contributors during the meeting included: Nicolas Fiumarelli, Carlos Vera, Poncelet Ileleji, Sonia Jorge, Judith Hellerstein, Kara Whitman, Roberto Gaetano, Samuel José, and Waqas Hassan. A list of meeting participants is annexed below.

Agenda and Discussion Summary

IGF Secretariat Update

3. IGF 2025 will take place earlier than usual, in June, in Norway. Hence, the PNMA is kindly invited to reshape its working plan accordingly. The IGF PNMA plenary session is confirmed but will last 75 minutes instead of 90.
4. All intersessional activities will continue after IGF 2025 Annual Meeting. Contracted staff will have their contracts extended to year-end; the process of hiring the PNMA consultant is already in final stage.
5. The final PNMA 2025 output report should align with the WSIS+20 timeline and be finalized prior to the General Assembly high-Level WSIS+20 event on 16-17 December 2025¹.
6. PNMA co-chairs will present the policy network's updated workplan and timeline at the IGF Second Open Consultations and MAG Meeting in Geneva (14-16 April, 2025).

Defining the work plan: PNMA Draft Strategy agreed by the community

¹ <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/ltd/n25/066/55/pdf/n2506655.pdf>

7. Based on the IGF Secretariat input, the PNMA members agree to:
 - a. use the session in Norway based on the goals identified in the 2025 PNMA report, inviting witness of cases that could become “proof of concepts” for Meaningful Access policies to join the event and the PNMA process. The term “proof of concepts” was coined by Poncelet O. Ileleji;
 - b. develop the 2025 output report as a showcase of examples of how IGF can contribute to WSIS+20 process after the UN renewal and to the GDC implementation. The IGF global event shall be used to prepare a mapping/roadmap clarifying how the policy network goals and incremental work is central to the WSIS Agenda and its future. Here, the links to GDC, G20, ITU UMC and other projects must be very clear;
 - c. select a few countries that are already working on national level meaningful access policy and plans and document their experience, process and programs;
 - d. focus on some of the identified projects and policies and use the months after the IGF to push towards their fulfilment or adoption by regional bodies, governments or international agencies;
 - e. become more involved and work closely the NRIs and the DCs community to reach the goals and keep these efforts even after the IGF event.

Action Points

8. The following action points were raised during the meeting for immediate execution:
 - a. Membership review - confirm 2025 involvement based on the updated 2024 list². Current members are invited to suggest additional organisations for participation. Suggestions emerged during the discussion were ITU (Broadband Commission as well as Digital transformation Group), OAS, European Union, African Union, G20. Giacomo Mazzone especially invite members to suggest names of organisations/persons that could adopt the experiences identified by the PNMA into policies or to expand existing policy models into regional strategic plans. An example is the EU programme recently renewed in 2024 to increase the coverage of connectivity in rural, remote and scarcely populated areas. Some suggestions already emerged during the discussion: to involve more ITU (Broadband Commission as well as Digital transformation group), OAS, European Union, African Union, and G20.
 - b. Next meeting scheduling - a Doodle poll will be sent to schedule the next meeting between 24-30 April 2025. In this occasion it is expected to present a timeline of all meetings until Norway, and possibly for the rest of the year.

² <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/pnma-multistakeholder-working-group-0>

- c. Research contributions – members are invited to share recent studies on Meaningful Access, which will be added to the list of endorsed literature on the topic. Sonia Jorge³ and Carlos Vera⁴ already provided links to key reports.
- d. Session planning for IGF Norway - identify potential contributors to the plenary. Members have raised the following possibilities:
 - i. Brazil, Mozambique, India and Pakistan have already developed specific policies for meaningful access and can share their experience;
 - ii. Include the Sami community and align any existing policies or best practices of the host country in the region;
 - iii. Ask the EU to come present the recently launched programme to connect the unconnected within the Union;
 - iv. Scan references through ITU WTDC organizers or CEPT;
 - v. Present the recently updated UNESCO ROAM indicators;
 - vi. Identify other good experiences at the regional level, similar to the 2024 case of CITEL;
 - vii. Identify governments that have developed specific policies on digital accessibility, such as Bosnia-Herzegovina did recently;
- e. Leadership renewal - begin preparing for leadership transition to ensure sustainability and broader engagement in the PNMA, favouring the access of new forces to the network.

Other important remarks

9. Monitor ITU WTDC proposals for relevance, there could be examples of interest for the PNMA repository.
10. Submit the results of the PNMA work to the T20 South Africa and/or to the World Summit on Social Development that will take place in Qatar (December 2025). This could be a very efficient way to let the environment outside of IGF get acquainted with what the PNMA does.
11. Maintain inclusion as a core principle in PNMA activities.

ANNEX A1 Agenda

³ <https://globaldigitalinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/GDIP-Connected-Resilience-Online.pdf>
<https://globaldigitalinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CoE-Report.pdf>
<https://globaldigitalinclusion.org/2024/03/14/connected-resilience-gendered-experiences-of-meaningful-connectivity-through-a-global-pandemic/>

⁴ <https://pulse.internetsociety.org/es/reports/>

1. Introduction/Welcome message PNMA Co-Chairs
2. IGF Secretariat message
3. Draft Strategy discussion
4. Planning the session in Norway
5. Next steps and AoB

ANNEX A2

Attendance List

1. Aldo Velázquez
2. Amado Espinosa
3. Anja Gengo
4. Anna De Luca
5. Carlos Vera
6. Chris Odu
7. Dorijn Boogaard
8. El Nexelle McIntyre
9. Giacomo Mazzone
10. Josefina (last name not shared)
11. Judith Hellerstein
12. Julian Casasbuenas G.
13. Kara Whitman
14. lilichara (last name not shared)
15. Marco Romero
16. Nabuzale Doreen Nandatu
17. Nicolas Fiumarelli
18. Pablo A Ruidiaz M.
19. Poncelet Ileleji
20. Prashansa Rachel
21. Gaby Vázquez Hermoso
22. Razan Zakaria
23. Roberto Gaetano
24. Roberto Zambrana
25. Samuel Jose
26. Sonia Jorge
27. Waqas Hassan
28. Wonder Kwaku Susuassey
29. Yaa Kumi Asare-Bediako