

Summary of the discussion

1. The IGF Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation (PNIF) was set up to address the question of Internet Fragmentation, to raise awareness of actions and measures that risk fragmenting the Internet, and to facilitate discussion on what could be done to avoid fragmentation. To support a holistic dialogue on fragmentation, the PNIF developed its [PNIF Framework for discussing fragmentation](#) that differentiates between fragmentation of the Internet *User experience*, fragmentation of Internet *Governance and coordination*, fragmentation of the Internet's *Technical Layer*, and technical, political and commercial developments that may have an impact on fragmentation.
2. The call served as the kick-off for the PNIF work during the 2025 cycle, marking the fourth iteration of the PNIF. The call was also used to prepare the PNIF Main Session at the IGF annual meeting in Lillestrøm, Norway, which this year takes place unusually early. Normally, the IGF meeting marks the end of the policy network's cycle.
3. The [PNIF Framework for discussing fragmentation](#) was briefly presented, as the PNIF intends to continue to use and promote the framework as a tool to facilitate discussions on Internet fragmentation.
4. Participants received an overview of PNIF's work in 2024 and the [2024 PNIF output report](#). The 2024 cycle kicked-off with a discussion on whether Internet fragmentation was still a matter of concern. Later on, after the UN Summit of the Future and publication of the Global Digital Compact (GDC), the PNIF's focus had shifted to the commitment UN Member states made in the GDC, Article 29 (c) to 'promote international cooperation among all stakeholders, to prevent, identify and address risks of fragmentation of the Internet in a timely manner'. From that point on and leading to the IGF annual meeting in Riyadh, the PNIF work was dedicated to unpacking the "GDC commitment", fostering an inclusive and holistic dialogue on Internet fragmentation, and exploring how the multistakeholder community and different stakeholder groups could contribute to operationalising the commitment made in Article 29 (c).

The 2024 output report identified opportunities for the multistakeholder community to support the operationalisation of the GDC commitment:

- Continuing the Inclusive Dialogue: Ensuring that discussions remain open and inclusive, with active involvement from governments.
- Reporting on Follow-Up and Progress ‘one year on’: Proactively tracking and reporting on the GDC commitment one year after the GDC to assess progress and identify challenges.
- Establishing a Multistakeholder Mechanism to Monitor and Evaluate Progress: Creating a mechanism to monitor and evaluate progress in light of the GDC’s 2027 High-Level Review and beyond.

The IGF and NRIs were suggested as key venues to take on these opportunities.

5. A brief update was provided on a call the IGF MAG Working Group Strategy had on the implementation of the Summit of the Future and the GDC and in which representatives from the new UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) and other UN agencies participated.
6. The outline for the PNIF Main Session at the IGF in Lillestrøm, on Friday 27 June, from 9:00 until 10:15 CEST, was presented. The session will center around a multistakeholder panel discussion relating to the ‘status’ of the GDC commitment and what has been done since the GDC was adopted, how the multistakeholder dialogue on fragmentation evolves and how the IGF & PNIF could contribute. It is expected that the main session will, to a great extent, define the work plan for the PNIF after the IGF meeting. The PNIF report covering the activities in this cycle will be published in November.

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