

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM  
POLICY NETWORK ON MEANINGFUL ACCESS (PNMA)  
MULTISTAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP (MWG)  
- Virtual Meeting VIII | 26 September 2025 12:00 UTC -  
SUMMARY REPORT**

### **Action items and next steps**

- The Consultant will integrate the proposed edits into the final text for the Zero Draft contribution and submit it to the appropriate WSIS+20 channels by 3 October.
  - A revised 2<sup>nd</sup> output report draft will be circulated ahead of the next meeting for final appreciation and comments.
  - Deadline for the final output report submission is confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
  - Submissions to the Repository and the Literature List are still ongoing.
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- The eighth meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) Multistakeholder Working Group (MWG) was hosted online on 26 September 2025 12:00 UTC with the main goal of reviewing the PN's contribution to the WSIS+20 Zero Draft. A detailed review of the written input was conducted, including updates on IDN/UA, vulnerable groups, multistakeholder cooperation, and policy implementation challenges. Participants debated phrasing, structural edits, and integration of new bullet points reflecting real-world access obstacles and technology deployment issues. Additional insights were provided on conferences attended, including UNESCO events on delay-tolerant networking and meaningful access technologies. The group discussed aligning wording and improving clarity.
  - The meeting was hosted by the IGF Consultant Daphnee Iglesias and facilitated by co-chairs Hon Alhagie Mbow and Mr. Giacomo Mazzone. A complete agenda is found on Annex A1 and the list of participants is available on Annex A2.

## **Discussion Summary**

### **Opening Remarks and Follow-Ups**

- The meeting opened with informal exchanges among participants, including updates on recent conferences attended by Roberto Gaetano and Maarten Botterman. They noted that several discussions held at these events may provide relevant input for PNMA's ongoing work, such as emerging policy issues in global digital governance; technical sessions on access measurement, infrastructure, and resilience; and case studies of community-led

initiatives. These insights can inform PNMA's workstreams on policy challenges and meaningful access indicators.

### **Assessing the PNMA Written Input to the WSIS+20 Zero Draft**

- Meeting participants conducted a detailed review of the PNMA contribution. There were proposed refinements around Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA); the inclusion of vulnerable populations and accessibility frameworks in the text; strengthening language on multistakeholder cooperation; and more explicit references to open data practices and evidence-based digital policy.
- Participants expanded on several thematic areas that should be prominently reflected in the input:
  - Meaningful Access Barriers: including cost, reliability, device constraints, and linguistic exclusion.
  - Metrics and Measurement: referencing tools such as M-Lab, ROAM-X, and locally developed measurement frameworks.
  - Technology and Inclusion: references to UNESCO discussions on delay-tolerant networking and new approaches to connectivity in high-latency regions.
  - Policy Implementation Challenges: including regulatory fragmentation and sustainability of community initiatives.
- On structural and editorial adjustments, PNMA members debated the phrasing of several sections and recommended structural updates as follows:
  - Reordering paragraphs to ensure logical flow.
  - Adding new subsection headers for clarity.
  - Ensuring consistency of terminology across all sections.
  - Integrating bullet points containing specific, practitioner-level insights.

### **Assessing the PNMA Output Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Draft**

- The Consultant presented the draft as is after comments from its first phase. Participants agreed that the proposed refinements of the Zero Draft Contribution should be reflected in the PNMA Output Report. Eventually, the thematic areas will be expanded with the incoming inputs from members until the next review cut-off date in October.
- Submissions to the Repository and the Literature List are still ongoing.

### **Planning and Next Steps**

- The Consultant will integrate the proposed edits into the final text for the Zero Draft contribution. Roberto Gaetano and Maarten Botterman were asked to provide written summaries of the relevant inputs mentioned in the call to facilitate the review and ensure the information's accuracy.
  - The Consultant will send the contribution to the appropriate WSIS+20 channels and circulate the final text to the PNMA community (by October 3<sup>rd</sup>).
  - A revised 2<sup>nd</sup> output report draft will be circulated ahead of the next meeting for final appreciation and comments.
  - Deadline for the final output report submission is confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> November.
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## **ANNEX A1**

### **Agenda**

1. Review and approval of the PNMA contribution to the WSIS+20 Zero Draft
2. Presentation and review of the 2025 PNMA Output Report - 2nd Draft
3. AOB

## **ANNEX A2**

### **Attendance List**

1. Anja Gengo
2. Daphnee Iglesias
3. Giacomo Mazzone
4. Herman Johansen
5. Hon Alhagie Mbow
6. Judith Hellerstein
7. Maarten Botterman
8. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u
9. Omor Faruque
10. Roberto Gaetano
11. Roberto Zambrana
12. Vinton Cerf