

Proposal for an IGF 2024 Policy Network on AI

1. Title: Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (PNAI)

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3. Short Description

The Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (PNAI) aims to continue its work from 2023, building upon the discussions and commitments made by its members during an initial consultation in October of that year.

Three key areas were identified for PNAI 2024 policy brief:

- **AI governance, interoperability and good practices**

The PNAI will build upon its 2023 Report, continuing thematic investigations into AI policy and data governance. It will explore interoperability of AI governance and community good practices at the global level, by analyzing how the different AI regulatory, guidance and policy initiatives across the world could work together to foster a harmonious coexistence among AI systems while prioritizing sustainability and responsible deployments.

- **Environmental sustainability within the AI value chain**

PNAI's focus extends to environmental considerations throughout the AI value chain. This involves the development of metrics and indicators and access to high value data sets that is crucial for assessing and mitigating the environmental footprint of AI technologies across their entire lifecycle, from development to disposal, including focusing on ensuring the environmental sustainability aspect of AI, especially considering the intense consumption of natural resources along their life cycle. By adopting a comprehensive approach, PNAI aims to promote sustainable practices and minimize ecological harm.

- **Labour issues throughout AI's life cycle**

PNAI will scrutinise the socioeconomic impacts of AI adoption on the workforce. This includes addressing concerns such as job displacement, skills gaps, job conditions for AI training and ethical considerations in AI-driven workplaces. PNAI's objective is to foster equitable deployment of AI technologies, ensuring that societal benefits are realized while safeguarding the rights and well-being of workers.

- **Liability as a mechanism for ensuring AI accountability**

PNAI will explore mechanisms for governance frameworks to incorporate accountability principles that include financial liability for AI systems across the lifecycle. Clarifying financial liability will incentivize AI developers to adequately safeguard against harms caused by bad or careless actors damaging to individuals, communities and societies.

4. Contribution to the IGF and other IG processes

Acknowledging the Secretary-General's call for multistakeholder input on addressing the impacts of advanced technologies, including AI, the PNAI is positioned to gather and share global input to inform this process. It also seeks to contribute to the work of the Multistakeholder High-Level Advisory Body on AI and the implementation of Our Common Agenda. It encourages the dissemination and interactions of PNAI's work through its members in/with other AI governance processes.

5. Work plan, outreach plan and multistakeholder engagement:

The work plan of the PNAI can be viewed using [this link](#). Though actual work of the PNAI will start from 1 April, the PNAI has already initiated work in drafting a response to the AI HLAB.

(i) Planned deliverables: A policy brief with a focus on the topics, as stated above. A series of webinars on the PNAI's working topics as a way to foster discussion and encourage input from the community. It will also promote a multiplatform approach including via social media, mailing list etc to maintain continuous engagement and discussions amongst its members.

(ii) Engagement and outreach plan

The PNAI aims to continue its inclusive, multistakeholder and multidisciplinary approach to contribute to the AI policy debate, with a focus on representing historically marginalized groups and the Global South, by e.g. encouraging widespread participation from all stakeholder groups through targeted invitations and open calls and engaging and utilising existing networks, such as National and regional IGFs. A comprehensive array of measures for robust engagement and outreach can be found in

[PNAI Work Plan 2024](#)