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

- Virtual Meeting III | 13 May 2025 12:00 UTC -

SUMMARY REPORT

Action items and next steps
- Finalize list of session speakers by the end of May (next meeting) with the assistance of the collaborative document. Please contact the PNMA leadership if referrals need an official invitation.
- Register to IGF Norway if not yet done so – deadline: **1st June.**
- Fill in the IGF Attendance form - deadline: **23 June, Day Zero, 8:00 (Norway time – CEST)**
- Recommend PNMA-related literature via the Literature Endorsements form – deadline: **27 June, Day Four, 18:00 (Norway time – CEST).**
- The deadline for delivering the complete event (concept, flow, logistics, speakers) is **13 June**
- Ensure submission of new cases and update practices from previous years, if possible – open all year along
- Next meeting: to be defined via doodle, happening between 26-28 May.

1. The third meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA) Multistakeholder Working Group (MWG) was hosted online on 13 May 2025 12:00 UTC. The meeting served to advance the planning of the IGF 2025 PNMA Main Session and its final output. The call welcomed new participants and focused on outreach strategy, content development, and identification of promising case studies to be discussed at the Annual Meeting. A complete agenda is found on Annex A1.

2. The meeting was hosted by the IGF Consultant Daphnee Iglesias and facilitated by co-chair Mr. Giacomo Mazzone. Co-chair Hon. Alhagie Mbow is excused. A list of participants is available on Annex A2.

Discussion Summary

EuroDIG updates and Outreach

3. Giacomo Mazzone and Roberto Gaetano reported on relevant sessions at EuroDIG. Topics included community engagement and contributions to the Global Digital Compact. An example is available on Annex A3: the Special Tech Enjoy presented that the UN is developing an online tool (possibly with an interactive map) to document and shared concrete examples of GDC implementation. This fits perfectly with the kind of work developed by the PNMA.

4. Roberto Gaetano referenced speakers from Lithuania and Israel whose work aligns with PNMA priorities. Giacomo Mazzone has referred to speakers from Ukraine's Digital Ministry with reference to the country's rapid digital transformation under wartime conditions. Follow-up engagement will be pursued with regards to the latter's participation at the Main Session.

5. For the 2025 process, Judith Hellerstein proposed the inclusion of art-based storytelling from indigenous communities from Papua New Guinea as an example of good practice in the online preservation of cultural knowledge. She will refer a project represented by the cultural ambassador Shiva Burgos.

Introduction of New Participants

6. H. Schoettner from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (*Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie*) introduced himself and clarified that as a new minister was appointed only four days ago, it is still difficult to say what strategy the new government will pursue and whether there will be an active participation at IGF this year. Schoettner provided insights on Germany's past strategies as the Gigabit Strategy (to run until 2030 and includes 5G and FTTH), 5G rollout (including auctions in which operators are obliged to provide nationwide coverage), and rural broadband support (with funding for rural and grey areas). He complemented that the government relies on competition and entrepreneurship to achieve its goals: the state does not intervene directly but provides incentives for TLC operators. Germany also owns a good supply of copper networks (not fibre-based).

7. Lilian Chamorro from COLNODO and Coordinator of the LAC IGF Secretariat introduced herself and presented their work in partnership with APC, regarding community networks for/with Indigenous, farmer and Afro descendant communities in Colombia. Different technologies are used (emphasizing Wi-Fi, fibre, and IMT mobile infrastructure). She wants to use the PNMA space to discuss and share experiences from Latin America - besides APC, they work with other regional networks too.

Planning the 2025 Main Session

8. The session will be held in a hybrid format at IGF Norway in Lillestrøm, expected to be on Day 2 or Day 3 in the afternoon. A [collaborative planning document](#) was shared to coordinate speaker suggestions, session goals, and logistics.

9. Contributions are being sought from underserved regions, cultural representatives, digital government case studies (e.g., Ukraine), and institutions like ITU, UNESCO, and IFLA. Sami community involvement is being pursued via Norwegian government channels: Daphnee Iglesias is in contact with the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, which will host an Open Forum on indigenous languages and hence could be of assistance. Roberto Gaetano has sent an invitation to the Sami community in Sweden but no reply yet. UNESCO has nominated Guilherme Canela to discuss ROAM-X indicators, along with the Brazilian case studies involving them; Martin Schaaper (ITU) will be on standby to check if he will be on the panel – if affirmative, his contribution will be based according to the other cases we will have collected for the event. Judith Hellerstein mentions the ADB (Asian Development Bank) work with digital ID/digital government in the Pacific and will contact them for participation. Maria De Brasdefer (IFLA) will contribute with follow-ups from previous cases (showcased at IGF 2023) on media literacy and global library connectivity data. There is data on pilot surveys conducted in Zambia, Kenya, Cameroon, and Chile. Giacomo Mazzone highlighted that Vint Cerf had mentioned he would bring some contribution from his side – the co-chair will verify and decide on its terms at the end of month, following the line-up selected for the Plenary.

Strategic Documents and Deadlines

10. Forms were circulated previously via email and during the meeting on IGF 2025 attendance format, literature endorsements, and practice updates.
    a. [IGF Attendance](#): the community member informs if they will be joining IGF remotely or in-person, and also recommends PNMA-related sessions. **Deadline: 23 June, Day Zero, 8:00 (Norway time – CEST)**
    b. [Literature endorsements](#): the community member recommends a study, brief, report, paper etc related to the PNMA focus areas; publications in other languages are accepted. **Deadline: the end of IGF 2025 Annual Meeting (27 June, Day Four 18:00 Norway time – CEST).**
    c. Submission of new practices / updates of previously reported ones: members were reminded to update previously submitted examples and contribute to the repository with new meaningful access cases. The new practices template was circulated via email; when providing updates, please ask Daphnee Iglesias to share the corresponding form. The renewal of the Repository will be open all-year long, with **2025 deadline estimated to end November**.

11. Attendees are reminded that **IGF registration is open until 1st June only** (for any mode of participation). It is unclear if there will be an extension.

12. Daphnee Iglesias highlighted the next PNMA meeting will happen in two weeks, between 26-28 May. By then, it is important to have a definition of the plenary speakers, so we can start to sew everything together. This will be showcase momentum to convince the audience that the PNMA is a crucial piece of the Internet governance ecosystem. The connections between the practices and knowledge that we have accumulated should be very evident.

13. The deadline for delivering the complete event (concept, flow, logistics, speakers) is **13 June.**

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14. Omor Faruque gives notice of the Open Source Week happening at the UN Headquarters between 16-20 June. He suggests to the PNMA to organize a virtual side event, to network and showcase the PNMA activities. Giacomo Mazzone agrees it is a good idea and asks Omor Faruque to follow-up with the Week organisers on said possibilities and requirements. Faruque will keep the co-chairs and the IGF Consultant informed.

ANNEX A1
Agenda

1. 2025 process: work plan and important documents
2. PNMA Plenary Session: logistics, identification of the speakers and cases/studies etc
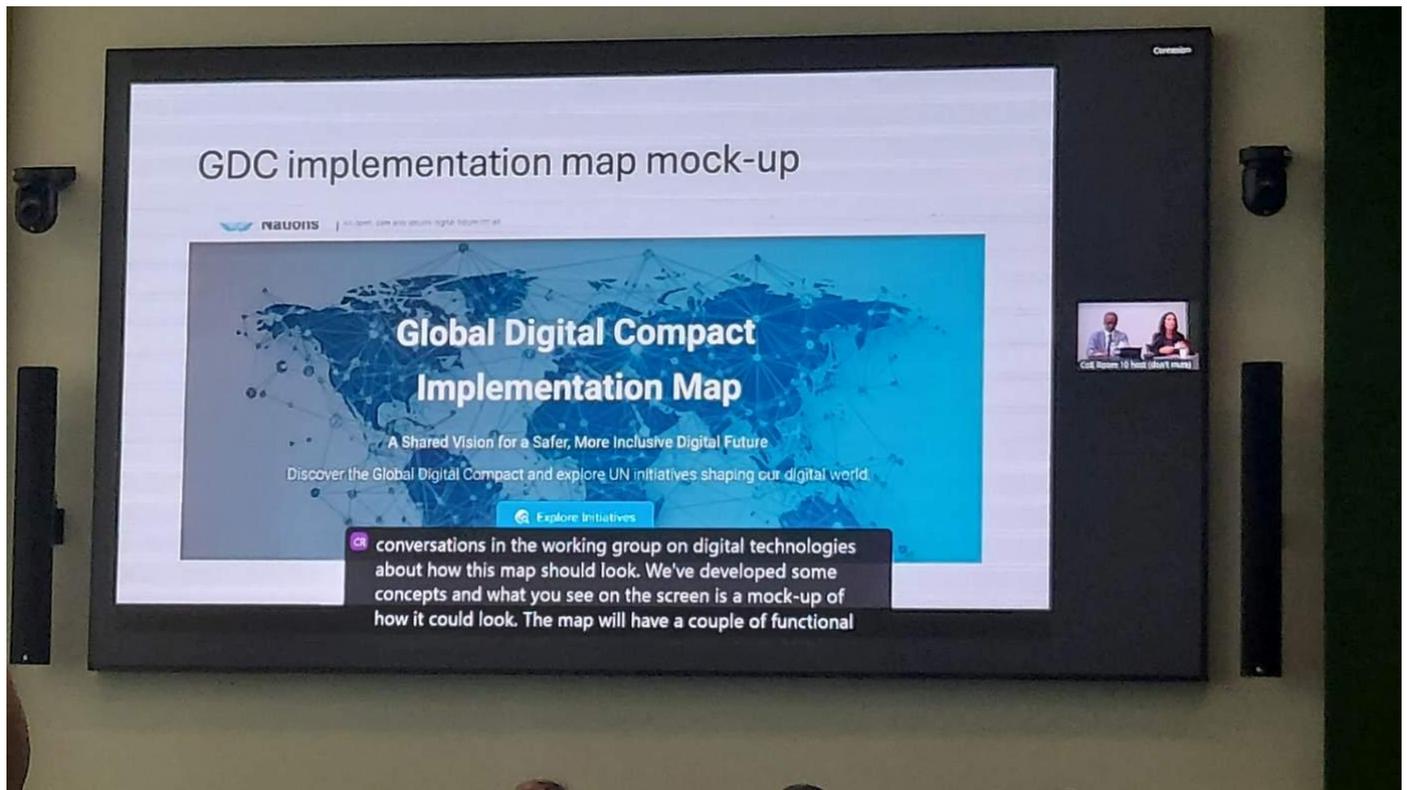3. AOB

ANNEX A2
Attendance List

1. Daphnee Iglesias
2. Giacomo Mazzone
3. Arinola Akinyemi
4. H. Schoettner
5. Martin Schaaper
6. Judith Hellerstein
7. Lilian Chamorro
8. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u
9. Maria De Brasdefer
10. Matthew Downer
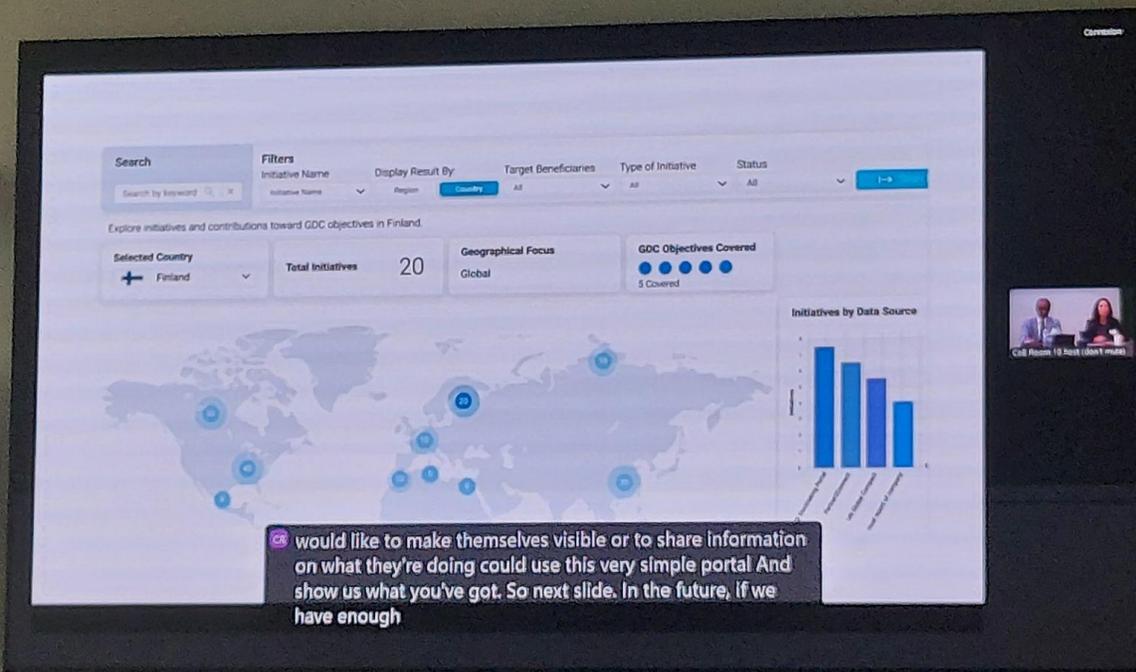11. Omor Faruque
12. Paul (last name not shared)

13. Peterking Quaye
14. Roberto Gaetano
15. Waqas Hassan

ANNEX A3

GDC Implementation – Interactive Platform

Presented at EuroDIG 2025