

Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality (DCNN)

2025 Annual Report

1. Background Information

The Dynamic Coalition on Network Neutrality (DCNN) operates within the framework of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), a multistakeholder platform convened by the United Nations. The Coalition brings together stakeholders from governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, and academia to advance dialogue and cooperation on issues related to Internet openness.

Since its establishment, the DCNN has promoted the principle of Network Neutrality as a key enabler of an open, secure, and accessible Internet. The Coalition underscores the importance of Network Neutrality in safeguarding the end-to-end architecture of the Internet, fostering competition and innovation, and supporting the realization of human rights online. Its work contributes to ensuring that the benefits of the Internet remain broadly accessible and equitably distributed.

2. Activities Conducted in the Past Year

a. Activities within the IGF

In 2025, the DCNN contributed to IGF discussions addressing the intersection of Internet governance and artificial intelligence (AI). The Coalition co-organized the workshop entitled “*Bridging Internet & AI Governance: From Theory to Practice*”, in collaboration with the Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values. <https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2025-ws-187-bridging-internet-ai-governance-from-theory-to-practice>

The session facilitated multistakeholder exchange on approaches to aligning Internet governance frameworks with emerging AI governance processes, with particular attention to implementation challenges and policy coherence.

b. Outputs Produced and Research Conducted

During the reporting period, the DCNN contributed to a study led by ARCEP examining the implications of generative artificial intelligence for the open Internet.

<https://www.arcep.fr/newsletters/le-post-new/n-82-novembre-2025.html>

This contribution informed ongoing analysis of the potential impact of AI systems on core Internet principles, including openness, neutrality, and non-discriminatory access.

c. Activities Outside the IGF

The DCNN also engaged in collaborative activities with ARCEP to advance dialogue on Internet openness and AI-related regulatory considerations. This cooperation contributed to the publication of an interview by ARCEP, outlining key perspectives on the evolving relationship between telecommunications regulation and AI governance.

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These efforts supported broader knowledge-sharing and reinforced engagement with regulatory stakeholders.

3. Updates on Internal Processes

No updates to internal processes were reported during the current reporting period.

4. Priorities and Objectives for the Following Year (2026)

In 2026, the DCNN intends to further examine the implications of generative AI for Internet openness. In particular, the Coalition will focus on:

- Assessing how the increasing deployment of generative AI platforms may affect the principle of Network Neutrality;
- Analyzing the extent to which such platforms may contribute to or exacerbate discriminatory practices, including zero-rating;
- Evaluating the broader impact of AI-driven ecosystems on the open and decentralized architecture of the Internet;
- Incorporating perspectives from stakeholders in the Global South to ensure inclusive and contextually relevant policy discussions.

Through this work, the DCNN aims to contribute to informed multistakeholder dialogue on emerging challenges and to support the continued development of policies that uphold a free, open, and inclusive Internet.