

IGF Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence input to the 20-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20)

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We embrace the WSIS+20 Zero Draft commitment to strengthening capacity building and research efforts on artificial intelligence (AI) and appreciate the emphasis on leveraging existing resources and capacities within the United Nations system.

The Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (PNAI)¹ is an active multistakeholder mechanism on AI governance under the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) facilitated by the United Nations IGF Secretariat, and members of the UN Secretary-General's appointed IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG). PNAI is keen to collaborate with other mechanisms to realize the research and capacity building activities envisioned in the WSIS+20 Zero draft.

The Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence is well placed and ready to serve as a hub in capacity building and research efforts on AI.

As a community-centred, multistakeholder IGF intersessional work initiative, the PNAI has access to the strong global network of IGF National, Regional and Sub-regional Initiatives (NRIs) present in all world regions. Connections to local actors and diverse contexts are an advantage for research and mapping activities, as well as in ensuring inclusive capacity building. It also fosters collaboration and cooperation with members of parliaments from all parts of the world, engages an expanding network of judicial actors, and draws on the IGF's rich and vibrant youth network. In addition, PNAI is well-positioned to sustain connections across the UN system, with existing channels for cooperation and exchange with ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, regional UN commissions and other UN organizations.

Most importantly, PNAI is an already existing, well established multistakeholder mechanism on AI and has an active global community. Since 2023, PNAI's regular and accessible online meetings gather stakeholders from government, technical community, private sector, civil society and intergovernmental organizations, to share evidence, compare approaches, and co-create recommendations on AI policy and governance. The Policy Network has conducted research and published multistakeholder recommendations² on various AI topics including, for example,

¹ IGF, [Policy Network on AI](#), 2025

² PNAI, [The AI Governance We Want, Call to action: Liability, Interoperability, Sustainability & Labour](#), 2024; PNAI, [Strengthening multistakeholder approach to global AI governance, protecting the environment and human rights in the era of generative AI](#), 2023

interoperability of AI governance frameworks, liability challenges, environment and labour issues, with particular focus on the Global South and multistakeholder engagement.

PNAI is committed to advancing an agile, multidisciplinary and adaptable multistakeholder approach to international governance of AI, as emphasized in the Global Digital Compact. PNAI and its activities in research and capacity building have the full support of the Internet Governance Forum robust ecosystem.

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