



IGF Policy Network on Internet Fragmentation

"Avoiding Internet Fragmentation.

Understanding and Contributing to Operationalising
the GDC Commitment"

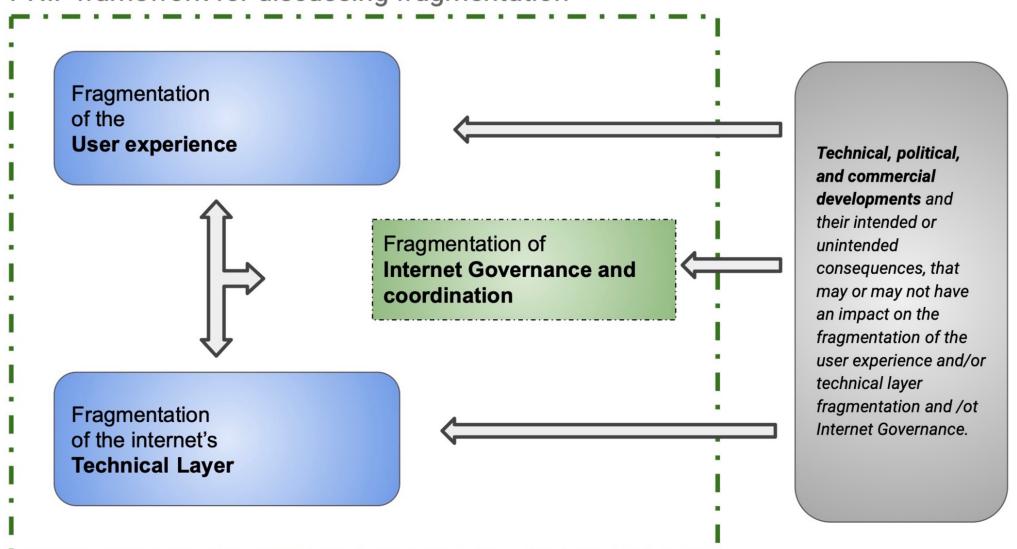
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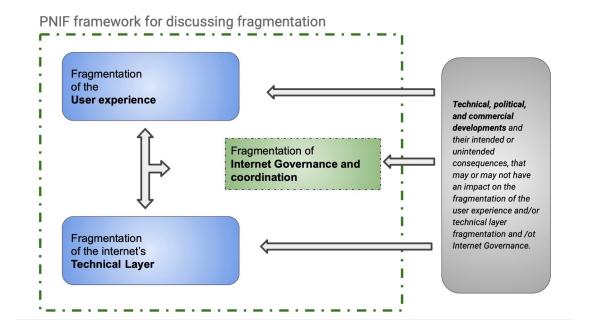
IGF Policy Network Internet Fragmentation (PNIF)

- -> IGF intersessional activity
- -> aims to raise awareness of actions and measures that risk fragmenting the Internet
- -> wants to serve as a platform for fostering holistic and inclusive discussions on how to avoid fragmentation
- -> the PNIF developed the Framework for discussing fragmentation

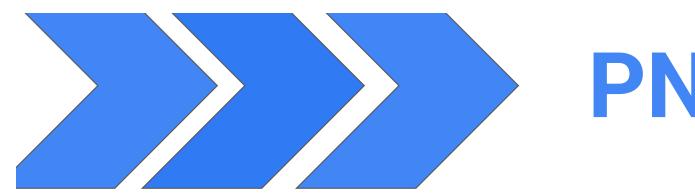
PNIF framework for discussing fragmentation



The overall goal of the framework is to serve as a general guiding and orienting tool for continuing the dialogue about fragmentation and bringing in more people and stakeholders, allow a more holistic and inclusive debate, and at the same time create a space for focused discussion and work towards concrete solutions, policy approaches and guidelines.



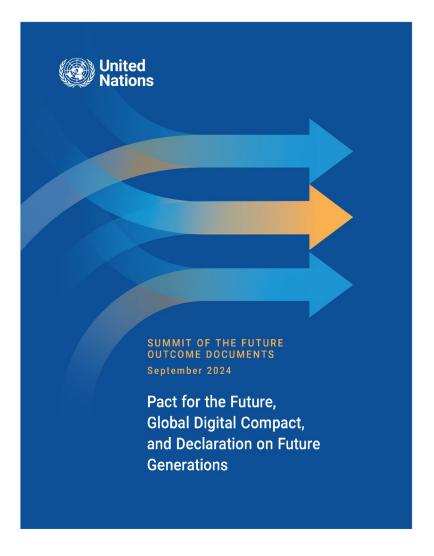
More details on the Framework in the PNIF reports 2022 and 2023 at https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/policy-network-on-internet-fragmentation



PNIF 2024

Is avoiding Internet fragmentation still a matter of concern in 2024, and how can the PNIF contribute furthering an inclusive and holistic dialogue on fragmentation? *PNIF's kick-off webinar in June*

How to understand the GDC commitment and contribute to its operationalisation? *PNIF webinars in October, November and PNIF main session at IGF2024*



Global Digital Compact

Objective 3. Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promotes human rights

Subsection Internet governance

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- (a) Promote an open, global, interoperable and reliable Internet and take concrete steps to maintain a safe, secure and enabling online environment for all (SDG 9);
- (b) Support the Internet Governance Forum, including through continued efforts to increase diverse participation from Governments and other stakeholders from developing countries and the provision of voluntary funding also to this end (SDGs 9 and 10);

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- (c) Promote international cooperation among all stakeholders to prevent, identify and address risks of fragmentation of the Internet in a timely manner (SDG 16);
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²¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1577, No. 27531.



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Discussion Round 1

Understanding the commitment in GDC Article 29(c)

Discussion Round 2

How can the MS community contribute to operationalising the GDC commitment and to future discussions (including WSIS +20 Review)

Discussants

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