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Country/region Israel / Palestine

Gender

How would you define the stakeholder community or communities to which you belong? Civil society

Questions

1. What are your priorities for issues that should be addressed through the Internet Universality framework in each of these five categories?

Rights	Freedom of Expression
Openness	(1)Deliberate blocking of social media pages / accounts & webpages (in contravention of freedom of expression). (2) Transparenc
Accessibility	(1) Electricity-shortage in Gaza → no internet (2) Prevention of availability of 4G wireless network to Palestinians by Israeli
Multistakeholder participation	Government deciding on laws without participation process
Cross-cutting indicators	Discriminatory policies based mainly on ethnicity (Israel: ‘demographic threat’ of Palestinians) & political ideology (Palestini

2. Are there are any existing indicators with which you are familiar that you think it would be useful to include in the ROAM indicators framework?

Rights	(1) Number of arrests based on social media posts / ‘incitement’ (2) Different standards towards ‘incitement’ based on ethnicity
Openness	Number of blocked pages / accounts (statistics missing)
Accessibility	Number of hours of electricity available
Multistakeholder participation	
Cross-cutting indicators	

3. What do you think are the most important gaps in data/evidence required for monitoring Internet Universality and the ROAM principles? What approaches do you think could help to address these in your country, region or area of work?

Rights	(1) Statistics on numbers of Palestinians arrested by Palestinian Authority (PA) / Israeli forces respectively (2) Official guid
Openness	(1) Official standards / guidelines for blocking / allowing (in contrast to just someone’s political affiliation etc.) (2) Impun
Accessibility	Missing accountability of responsible actors (Israel, Palestine, Egypt)
Multistakeholder participation	Cybercrime law (infringing on human rights such as freedom of expression) passed without civil society involvement → missing acc
Cross-cutting indicators	Missing accountability linked with impunity of responsible actors, under guise of supposed “security” (Israel)

4. What experience or views do you have of indicators relating to the Internet which are concerned with gender and with children and young people?

In 7amleh’s view, there’s two issues facing mainly young children in this regard: first, cyber bullying, shaming, and the use of bad words. Secondly, extortion or leaking private photos, private information or conversations, either through hackers, or mainly young girls which would share information with their boyfriends who would then share them without consent.
7amleh does not have experience with indicators relating to those issues.

5. How do you think you might use the indicator framework for Internet Universality once it has been developed?

A universal framework for internet universality can be used not only to compare the state of internet universality across different countries, but also regarding different political actors. In the context of Palestine, this framework would allow to track the infringements on internet universality by the Israeli as well as the Palestinian government, and to compare and delimitate them against each other.

Most importantly, a universal framework can be directly translated into advocacy-work to advocate for the implementation and adherence to the universality of the internet. Research and advocacy-work based on a universal framework developed by an international organisation such as UNESCO will have an immediate effect on the credibility and reliability, thus resulting in a wider outreach.

6. How do you think that other stakeholders might use the framework?

The general idea of such a universal framework should be utilized to advocate for an adherence to and the implementation of the guidelines outlined in the framework of not online one's own community – but universaly. Cooperations between and partnerships of organisations working on similar issues will be furthermore simplified given a universally accepted framework.

7. Please add any other comments that you think will be helpful to UNESCO in developing the indicators framework.

8. Please upload any documents that you think will be helpful here.