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In 2011, the Internet Society significantly increased its impact at national, regional, and global levels. Driving this success was strengthened support for the work of Chapters and expanded activities related to Internet standards, policy, and deployment. Meanwhile, Internet Society-led initiatives such as World IPv6 Day catalysed efforts by diverse companies and organisations around the world to lay the groundwork for the Internet’s continued evolution and growth.

By providing leadership and a framework for coordination, and working with our partner organisations, we continued to influence global policy makers in forums such as the OECD and the G8 summits. We also continued to help build the communities and expertise required for self-sustaining Internet development and growth in every part of the world by organising events such as the second African Peering and Interconnection Forum (AfPIF).

The Internet Society organisation gained considerable internal capabilities in 2011. New executives and senior leadership helped improve the effectiveness of programmes and ensured we achieved organisational objectives, including the activities of a revitalised and increasingly active Internet Society community around the world. We see a bright future for the Internet and its more than 2 billion—and growing—users. The Internet Society continues to work to realize it.