LOOKING AHEAD

Building on the success and growth realized in 2011, 2012 will be a year in which we deepen and further leverage key Internet Society programmes, continuing to ensure the open global Internet provides a platform for economic development and social progress. During 2011, Internet Society-led efforts such as World IPv6 Day catalyzed efforts by diverse companies and organisations around the world to build a foundation for the Internet’s continued growth. By providing leadership and a framework for coordination, we and partner organisations influenced global policy makers in forums such as the OECD and the G8 summits. And, by organising events such the African Peering and Interconnection Forum (AfPIF), we have helped build the communities and expertise required for self-sustaining Internet development and growth in every part of the world.

In 2012, the Internet Society has organised its efforts around four strategic, cross-organisational objectives. They are:

Fostering an open, innovative, and trusted Internet worldwide by advancing the underlying open and interoperable architecture of the Internet, and its distributed and collaborative means of management and development, as these principles are essential for fostering a stable, open, and trusted Internet upon which innovation can flourish.

Advancing policies and strategies that strengthen the Internet’s growth and evolution by influencing policy makers, civil society, industry, and others to advance Internet policies and strategies that uphold the critical principles of openness, user-centricity, and stakeholder participation.

Enabling a vibrant organisation and vital global community to advance the Internet’s future by further engaging our members and the public towards positive action, as well as helping a new generation of Internet leaders, contributors, and innovators to emerge.

Empowering people to achieve human potential through unencumbered Internet use by advancing the access and use of the Internet on an open, nondiscriminatory basis, and empowering individuals and communities, including the vulnerable and underserved, to maximize the transformative opportunities the Internet enables.