ISOC Workshop at WSIS 2003

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WHAT: The Internet: How it works, Why it works, Who makes it work
WHEN: Tuesday, December 9th at 9:30 to 12:30
WHERE: Saleve room, Geneva Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland

The Internet is now over 30 years old. The multiple facets of the Internet have evolved through the participation of all stakeholders - the technical community, business community, civil society, governments, academia, to mention just a few. This workshop explains how the Internet functions, and how it has evolved successfully with the participation of all stakeholders. The Internet's success is due to the unique nature in which it develops - through international, transparent, inclusive processes, with no restriction on the ability to participate. With no barriers to participation, there is also full accountability to the community. It is important in discussing Internet Governance to have a full understanding of how many things can fall under the term, such as fraud, trademark and copyright violations, spam, digital signatures, content control, as well as technical infrastructure matters such as standards and unique identifiers like IP addresses and domain names.

No facet of the Internet can work in isolation, technology impacts policy, and policy can impact technology. It is also important to understand that there are many entities involved in any aspect of the Internet, and the workshop shows the roles played by such organizations as ICANN and the role of ccTLDs, gTLDs, RIRs in relation to the domain name system, the work of the technical community such as the IETF, and the important work of organizations such as ISOC.

The workshop also explains how all interested parties, including governments, can and do participate in some of these organizations, and how decisions are reached.
Agenda:

09:30 - 09:40  Introduction.
Speaker: Mr. Tarek Kamel, Senior Advisor for the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt.

09:40 - 10:10  Internet standards - IETF and ISOC.
Speaker: Ms. Lynn St.Amour, President and CEO, Internet Society.

10:00 - 10:20  The Root Server System
Speaker: Mr. Joao Damas, ISC.

10:20 - 10:40  The Regional Internet Registry System.
Speaker: Mr. Raul Echeberria, Executive Director and CEO, LACNIC.

10:40 - 11:00  ICANN.
Speaker: Theresa Swinehart - Counsel for International Legal Affairs, ICANN

11:00 - 12:30  Panel Discussion