INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Why the Multistakeholder Approach Works
Internet policy goals must...

- maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet,
- support global interoperability and an open and collaborative architecture,
- sustain permission-less innovation and widening access, and
- allow the Internet to flourish as a dynamic yet reliable platform for limitless opportunity and innovation around the world.
The multistakeholder approach is useful...

- when decisions impact a wide and distributed range of people and interests,
- where there are overlapping rights and responsibilities across sectors and borders,
- if different forms of expertise are needed, such as technical expertise, and/or
- where legitimacy and acceptance of decisions directly impacts the implementation.
The Internet’s Governance Landscape

INTERNET ECOSYSTEM

- Naming and Addressing
  - Local, National, Regional, and Global Policy Development

- Open Standards Development
  - Internet Society Affiliated Organizations
    - IETF
    - IAB
    - IRTF

- Shared Global Services and Operations
  - ICANN
  - RIRs
  - IANA
  - gTLDs
  - ccTLDs

- Users
  - Governments
  - Internet Society
    - Chapters
    - Individual Members
    - Organization Members
  - Other Policy Discussion Forums

- Education and Capacity Building
  - Governments
  - Internet Society
    - Chapters
    - Individual Members
    - Organization Members
  - Multilateral Institutions Development Agencies
  - Internet Community Organizations and Businesses
  - Universities and Academic Institutions

- Root Servers
- Network Operators
- Service Creators/Vendors
- Internet Exchange Points
- gTLDs
- ccTLDs

- Individuals
- Businesses
- Organizations
- Machines/Devices
- Service Creators and Equipment Builders

- Governments
  - Multilateral Institutions
  - Governmental Regional Organizations
  - Governmental
  - Regional Organizations
  - Multilateral
  - Institutions
  - Development Agencies
  - Internet Community Organizations and Businesses
  - Universities and Academic Institutions

- Other Standards Bodies
  - W3C
  - ITU-T
  - Specialized Bodies

- Internet Society
  - Chapters
  - Individual Members
  - Organization Members
  - Other Policy Discussion Forums

- Affiliated Organizations
  - IETF
  - IAB
  - IRTF
We get better answers to global questions when a range of experts and interests can meaningfully take part in the discussion.

The Internet Society has identified four attributes of successful multistakeholder decision-making:

1. Inclusiveness and transparency
2. Collective responsibility
3. Effective decision-making and implementation
4. Collaboration through distributed and interoperable governance
Questions?

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