Internet governance:
Overview of Upcoming Events

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Internet Society
2003 – today: A much longer narrative...

2003 & 2005 (WSIS)
- Internet governance makes an appearance

2005 – 2012:
- Formation of IGF
- Various UN meetings to follow up WSIS
- ITU meetings – incremental movement into Internet issues
- Agreement to hold WCIT
2012-2015: New International Consensus

• 2012 – WCIT

• 2013 – ITU, UNESCO, UNGA, IGF
  • Absorbing what happened in 2012, preparing for 2015

• 2014
  • ITU World Telecom Development Conference (April)
  • UN World Summit on the Information Society Review (April)
  • Brazil Meeting (May?)
  • ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Oct-Nov)
  • Internet Governance Forum (Oct-Nov)

• 2015
  • OECD Ministerial?
  • WSIS+10 Summit?
2014 – 2015: what are the issues

• Role of government in the Internet
  – Overarching theme running thru range of policy issues
  – Capacity building – giving gov’t the tools to participate (who/how?)
  – Emerging leaders – BRIC countries

• Surveillance
  – National reactions will impact negotiations, technology deployments, commercial agreements, regional / sub-regional Internet politics
  – Localization rules
  – General Internet governance question – role of USG and legitimacy of that role

• Development questions – cost, availability of access, local content, security, spam
In Focus: WTDC 2014
## ITU Structure

### ITU Plenipotentiary Conference: Constitution and Convention

- ITU Council

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**World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT)**

- International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
WTDC: Opportunities?

• Regional connectivity - Nepal, Paraguay, Argentina, Djibouti

• Multistakeholder approaches to cybersecurity – T&T

• Local content – Rwanda, Iran

• IXPs and Policy – Argentina, Cote d’Ivoire

• Developing country challenges to deploy IPv6

• Human Capacity Building – Guatemala

• Capacity Building for Internet governance - Brazil
Challenges

• Definition of ICT – scope of ITU role / mission

• Post-WCIT considerations:
  • Internet governance
  • Economics
  • Content
  • Security

• Plenipotentiary Preview
  • Elections
  • Definitions / terminology
  • Scope of activity
  • Internet governance