

Internet Society's 2015 ION Conference Series Drives Regional Discussion of Emerging Technologies

*Leading Industry Events on IPv6 and Internet Security Reach
Sri Lanka, Trinidad; Series to Culminate in San Francisco Bay Area*

Washington, D.C. – February 2, 2015 – The [Internet Society Deploy360 Programme](#) today announced it will extend the discussion of emerging technology issues to more countries and promote technology dialogue at a local level through the addition of regions to its 2015 [ION Conference Series](#). The 2015 series, sponsored by [Afilias](#), is already underway and launched on January 18 in Kandy, Sri Lanka with [ION Sri Lanka](#), paving the way for the next ION event, [ION Trinidad and Tobago](#), which will take place in the Caribbean this week. The year's series will conclude this fall in San Francisco, the site of the first ION Conference in 2010.

The ION Conference Series has a proven track record in bringing network engineers and industry experts together to discuss emerging Internet technologies including IPv6, DNSSEC and secure routing protocols. During the past five years, the Internet Society Deploy360 Programme has selected ION Conference locations specifically to connect with and support those regional Internet communities most in need of knowledge sharing and/or most important to the Internet's growth. Since the first event in 2010, the Internet Society Deploy360 Programme has strategically located ION Conferences in [thirteen cities across five continents](#). A fourth region for 2015 is currently under consideration and will be announced later this year.

In support of the [Internet Society's](#) mission to promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world, the Deploy360 Programme provides real-world deployment information for key Internet technologies and bridges the gap between the [IETF](#) (Internet Engineering Task Force) standards process and final adoption of IETF standards by the global operations community. The Deploy360 Programme's ION Conference Series plays a critical role in connecting regional network operators, information technologists, program managers, regulators and policymakers, and keeping them and other stakeholders abreast of the emerging and deployed Internet technologies that best address local conditions and solve relevant problems. More than a lecture series, these events enable participants to interact with early adopters and gain valuable insight into deployments and standards development.

[Presentations at ION Sri Lanka](#), which was collocated with [SANOG 25](#), addressed IPv6 (adoption, success stories and next steps), DNSSEC (rationale and regional case study), transport security, operational best practices, and more. The ION Conference Series will next convene thought leaders and technologists in Port of Spain for [ION Trinidad and Tobago](#) on February 5, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad. ION Trinidad and Tobago will be collocated with the [Caribbean Telecommunications Union's \(CTU\) 25th Anniversary ICT Week](#). The ION Conference Series will culminate in the San Francisco Bay Area and will be collocated with INET San Francisco. [INET](#) Conferences, another Internet Society event series, bring local communities together to discuss policy, development, and other Internet issues of regional importance.

The ION Conference Series is made possible in part by the support of Internet infrastructure expert [Afilias](#), sponsor of the 2015 – 2017 series. "As the next generation Internet Protocol (IP) address standard, IPv6 is critical to the Internet's continued growth as a platform for innovation and economic development. At the same time, DNSSEC and secure routing are critical to the Internet's operations," said Afilias EVP and CTO, Ram Mohan. "As two of the leading proponents of DNSSEC and IPv6 adoption worldwide, Afilias and the Internet Society are committed to promoting these standards, which are key to the continued growth and evolution of the Internet."



“The Internet continues to drive nearly every sector of economic, political and social life,” said Chris Grundemann, Director of Deployment and Operationalization at the Internet Society. “Global adoption is no longer measured simply as an ever-growing percentage of the human population; the “Internet of Things” promises even greater reach. With billions of devices and individuals already connected to the Internet, the stakes have never been higher. Depletion of IPv4 addresses continues while security threats ramp up, with attacks now originating from more than 200 countries and breaches impacting individuals, businesses and governments alike. The ION Conference Series remains a leading venue for practitioners and experts to learn, network, and stay informed about Internet standards and technologies – such as IPv6, DNSSEC, secure BGP, anti-spoofing, TLS and more – that respond to and anticipate these trends and issues.”

To speak at an upcoming ION Conference and join a [notable roster of industry leaders](#) who have presented at past ION Conferences, please contact Anna Tate at Wireside Communications at atate@wireside.com. For more information on [sponsorship opportunities](#), please contact Megan Kruse, the Internet Society’s Technology Outreach Manager, at kruse@isoc.org. Additional Deploy360 resources, including the [Deploy360 Programme blog](#), and more information on [IPv6](#), [DNSSEC](#), [anti-spoofing](#), [secure BGP](#), [TLS](#), and [best current operational practices](#) are available on the Deploy360 website.

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society (<http://www.internetsociety.org>) is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership around the world. It is also the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). With its principled vision, substantial technological foundation and its global presence, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone.

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