



## Internet Society Partners with National Institute for Strategic Studies of Kyrgyzstan to Encourage Internet Growth in Kyrgyz Republic

First Internet Society event in the Central Asian region will be held 10 December in Bishkek

[Washington, D.C., and Geneva, Switzerland – 7 December 2014] – The Internet Society (ISOC) announced today that it is working with the National Institute for Strategic Studies of Kyrgyzstan (NISS), as well as the Central Asian Research and Education Network CAREN and the National Information Technology Center of Kyrgyz Republic, to encourage Internet development in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Central Asia region serves as a strategic link between Asia and Europe for terrestrial Internet connectivity. Many international and regional organizations are recognizing the economic and social impact of an improved regional connectivity infrastructure. ISOC has engaged with several high-level stakeholders in the Kyrgyz Republic, including NISS, to collaborate on developing the Internet infrastructure in the region.

“The Kyrgyz Republic has all of the prerequisites for the development of a knowledge economy: an educated population, a free political regime and a favorable economic climate,” noted Talant Sultanov, Director of the NISS. “Our goal is to become a high-tech hub for online communication and the virtual movement of services. We are pleased to be partnering with the Internet Society on projects that will support this goal and greatly benefit the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic.”

Frédéric Donck, ISOC’s Regional Bureau Director for Europe, added, “The Internet Society looks forward to working together with the NISS and other partners on Internet infrastructure development and deployment in the Kyrgyz Republic. Through knowledge sharing in the technological, capacity building, and policy areas, we hope to contribute not only to Internet development in the Kyrgyz Republic, but also to share these experiences to encourage Internet expansion across the region.”

As an initial step in sharing ideas with partners in the region, ISOC will host its first Central Asian Symposium, 10 December in Bishkek. The program will address topics on the Internet as a platform for economic growth, creating an enabling environment for local Internet development, and building sustainable Internet infrastructure. More details are available here:

<http://www.internetsociety.org/events/central-asian-internet-symposium-bishkek-2014>

### **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.

**About the National Institute for Strategic Studies of KR**

The National Institute for Strategic Studies is a public institution of the Kyrgyz Republic established to provide the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic with perspectives and analytics of situations in the country and the position of Kyrgyzstan in the world. The Institute, due to broad involvement and specialization of analysts and experts, focuses on the main areas of work related to solving of problems faced by the state.

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