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# Internet Society Ecosystem and Chapters

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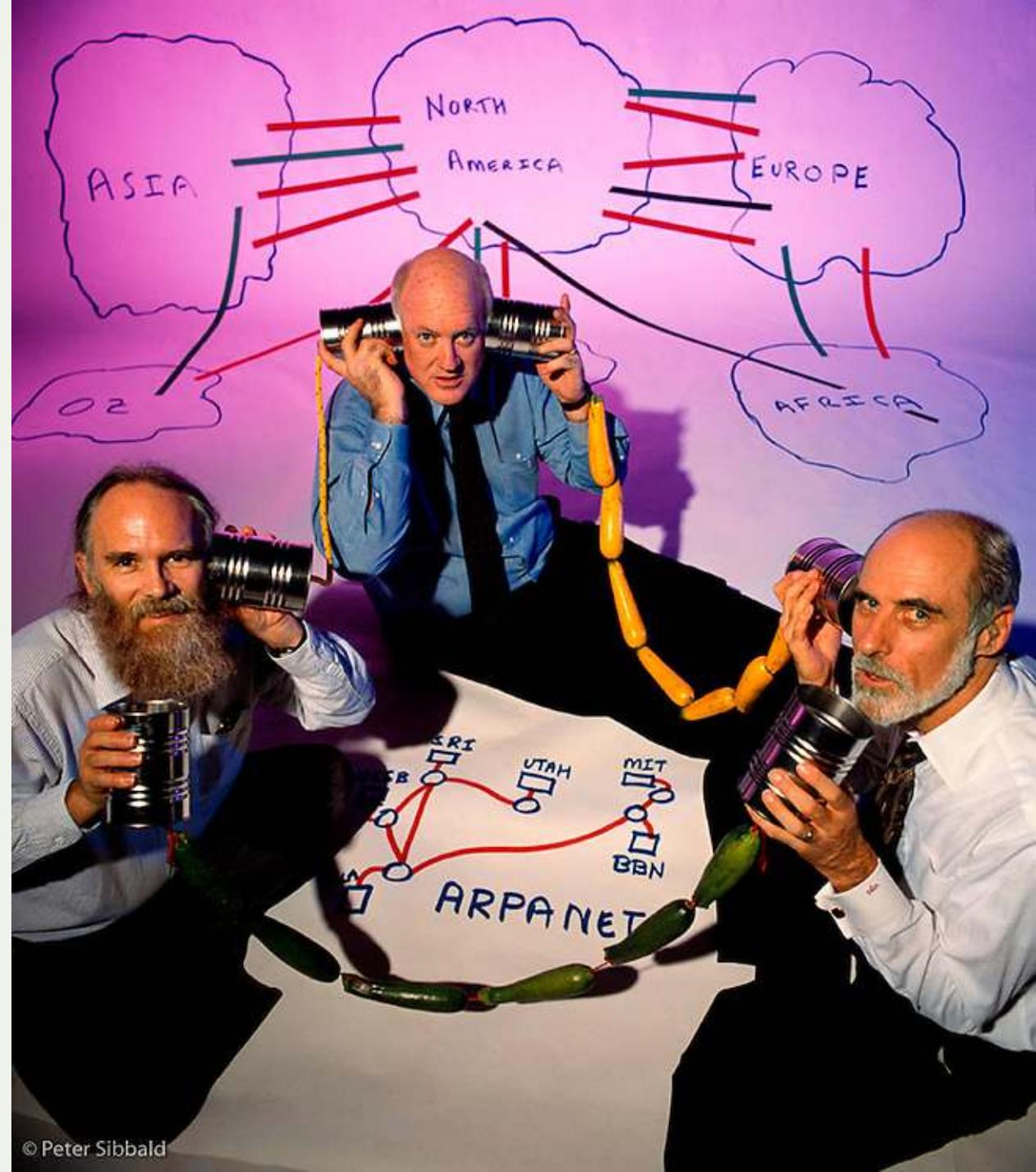
# About us



# Our History

**Founded in 1992 by early Internet pioneers**

**The Internet Society** was formed in 1992 by **Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn**, two of the “Fathers of the Internet”. ([Read the 1992 announcement.](#))



## Our Vision

**The Internet is for Everyone.**

**This vision drives everything we do**

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## Our Mission

The Internet Society supports and promotes the development of the Internet as a global technical infrastructure, a resource to **enrich people's life, and a force for good.**

People are at the heart of our mission.



## Who we are

The Internet Society is a global nonprofit organization empowering people to keep the Internet a force for good: open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy.

Our global community is made up of thousands of energetic, enthusiastic, and committed individuals, organizations, and volunteers.



# Internet Society Structure

These are the inspiring people who make up the Internet Society.

73,301

Members

Supporters who share our vision for an open and trusted Internet.



Staff

Advocates who apply their talent, knowledge, and experience for an Internet for everyone.

131

Chapters and SIGs

Connectors who bring members together to make change at the local level.



Board of Trustees

Champions who value our mission above all else, steering us in the right direction.

97

Organization Members

Doers who partner with us to achieve greater impact.



Followers

Influencers who spread awareness about the importance of what we do.

# Internet Society Members (Individual Members)

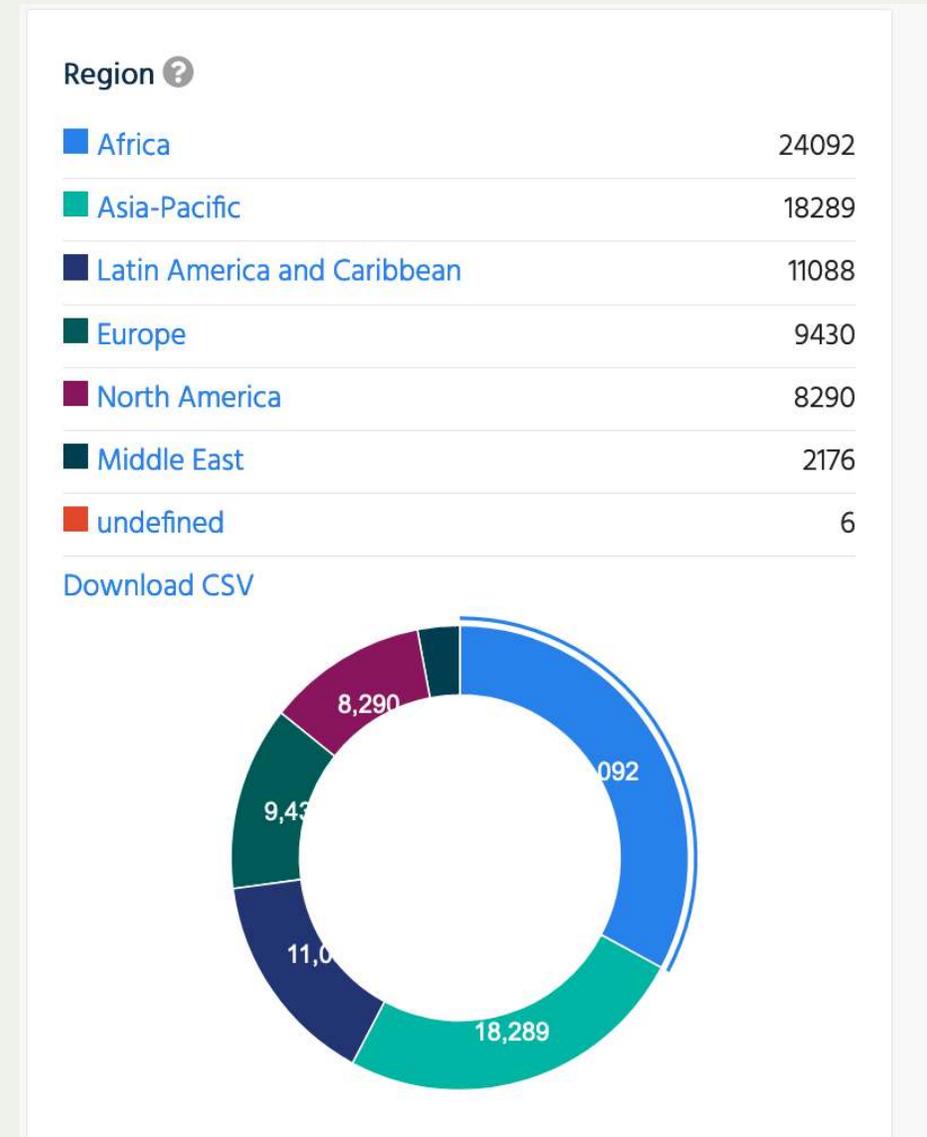
The Internet Society currently has 73'301 individual members.

Individual members are people from around the world who share our vision for an open and trusted Internet.

About 49% of individual members have also joined a Chapter.

Chapters play a very important role in engaging and mobilizing our individual members through the work they do locally.

More: <https://www.internetsociety.org/become-a-member/>



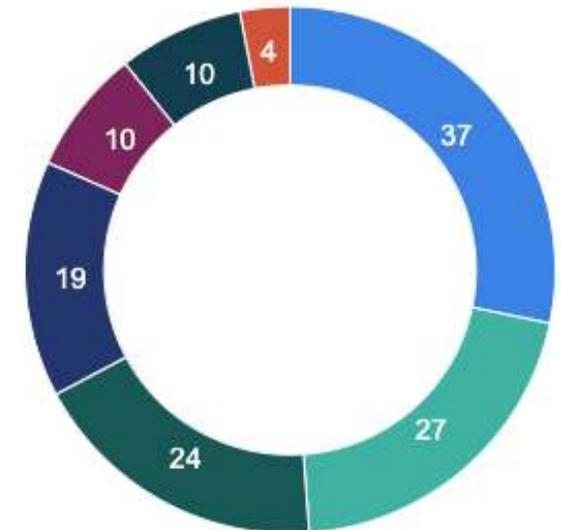
# Internet Society Chapters

- Internet Society Chapters are groups of Internet Society individual members from a given geographical context.
- Chapters are typically made up of passionate volunteers who believe in our mission.
- They are committed to furthering our goals and objectives in their own geographical area.
- Chapters are independent organizations (in most cases non-profit organizations) that are chartered by the Internet Society via the Chapter Charter Letter.



## Full Chapters

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Chapter                     | 121 |
| Special Interest Group      | 10  |
| Africa                      | 37  |
| Europe                      | 27  |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 24  |
| Asia-Pacific                | 19  |
| North America               | 10  |
| Special Interest Group      | 10  |
| Middle East                 | 4   |



# Internet Society Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offer an additional mechanism for Internet Society members to get engaged in discussions on topics of their interest.
- SIGs have a global scope and are formed by Individual Members of the Internet Society to pursue significant long-term activities that support the Internet Society's mission.
- Collaboration between geographical Chapters and SIGs is highly recommended.
- Over the last few months, a working group of current SIG leaders has worked on analyzing the current SIG structure, the challenges it is facing (esp. linked to the global scope, timeliness of topics, level of community support, funding, legal registration, level of activity, etc.).
- A recommendation to restructure the Internet Society's current SIG strategy was made by the group and will be shared more publicly over the next few months.



# Internet Society Organization Members

- The Internet Society currently has 97 Organization Members. 4 Organization members in Africa
- Internet Society organization members represent over 100 companies from around the world, across various industries.
- These include Fortune 500, Global 2000, SMEs, start-ups, academia, and non-profits that are dedicated to fulfil the Internet's potential as a resource for all.
- Organization Member help protect the open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet, so everyone from individuals to organizations can benefit from the opportunities the Internet has to offer.
- More information, including member benefits can be found here:
- <https://www.internetsociety.org/about-internet-society/organization-members/>



# Internet Society Board of Trustees

The Internet Society Board is composed of 12 elected members, plus the Internet Society's President & CEO in an Ex Officio position.

Board of Trustee members are elected by:

- 4 members by the Chapters
- 4 members by Organization Members
- 4 members by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

Once elected, the Trustees serve in the interest of the Internet Society as a whole.

The next round of Board of Trustee Elections will take place in March/April 2021, with nominations starting later this year.

All Chapters in good standing are eligible to vote.

<https://www.internetsociety.org/board-of-trustees/>



# Opportunity for Chapters

For the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees nominations & elections cycle, the Board requested that the Internet Society Chapters Advisory Council Steering Committee (ChAC-SC) recommend 2 volunteers to serve on:

- the Board of Trustees' Nominations Committee (NomCom)
- The Board's Elections Committee

for the 2020-2021 nominations and elections cycle

If you are interested in a volunteer position on either the Board's Nominations or Elections Committee, **please submit your name before 29 September 23:59 UTC.**

**You can find the volunteer requirements, time commitments, more details about what each committee's remit is and the link to the application**

**form here: <https://isoc.box.com/s/25ko40izr1k22wx55b54lnyi7rau2ocv>**



# Chapter Advisory Council

The primary purpose of the Chapters Advisory Council (ChAC) shall be to:

- channel and facilitate advice and recommendations to and from the President and Board of Trustees of the Internet Society
- in a bottom up manner
- on any matters of concern or interest to the ChAC and Internet Society Chapters

Each Chapter is invited to identify a representative for the ChAC. The current list of ChAC representatives can be found here:

<https://www.internetsociety.org/chapters/chapters-advisory-council/list-of-representatives/>

Please make sure your Chapter has a representative listed. Participation in this council is very important to make sure the recommendations of the council are representative of the global Chapter community!



# Chapter Advisory Council Steering Committee 2020

**Satish Babu**  
**(India Trivandrum Chapter)**

Region: Asia Pacific  
Position: Steering Committee Secretary

**Nabil Bukhalid**  
**(Lebanon Chapter)**  
Region: Middle East

**Olivier Crépin-Leblond**  
**(UK England Chapter)**  
Region: Europe  
Position: Steering Committee Vice Chair

**Pierre-Jean Darres**  
**(Canada Québec Chapter)**

Region: North America

**Eduardo Diaz**  
**(Puerto Rico Chapter)**  
Region: Latin America and the Caribbean  
Position: Steering Committee Chair

**Wadzanai Ndlovu**  
**(Zimbabwe Chapter)**  
Region: Africa

## Non-geographical members

**Anabel Cisneros**  
**(Argentina Chapter)**

**Elaine Ford**  
**(Peru Chapter)**

**German M. Fajardo Muriel**  
**(Colombia Chapter)**



# Opportunity for interested Chapter Leaders

Nominations for the 2021 Chapter Advisory Council (ChAC) Steering Committee will soon launch.

ChAC representatives will be asked to nominate their colleagues, or self-nominate, to be candidates for the 9-member Steering Committee.

Please have a look at the list of current ChAC representatives:

<https://www.internetsociety.org/chapters/chapters-advisory-council/list-of-representatives/>

And let your own ChAC representatives know if you have any suggestions with regards to the nominations.



# Followers

Those of you who are active on Social Media, be it via your Chapter or in an individual capacity, we encourage you to follow our community channel at:

**@ISOC\_Community**

A list of the various other Internet Society channels can be found here:

<https://www.internetsociety.org/follow-us/>



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