# OMAC Roundtable #2

## Meeting Summary

13 July 2021



⇒ Save the date for OMAC Roundtable #3 on 7 September 2021!

⇒ Share this meeting summary with your colleagues!

## Topic of the OMAC Roundtable #2

Impacts of policy and new technologies on the Internet ecosystem: What role the Internet Society is playing in addressing these impacts?

- Overview of the Internet Society's Internet Growth and Internet Strong projects - what has been done so far in 2021
- Summary of the Internet Society's 2020 End of Year Report

## Key Takeaways

- What can members of OMAC do to help the Internet Society achieve its goals?
  - **Act as sounding board** on the Internet Society's work by actively being involved within the OMAC
  - Join the Global Encryption Coalition: https://www.globalencryption.org/

- o **Become part of Global Encryption Day!** 21 October 2021 - As part of the Internet Society's focus on encryption, we're working together with the Global Encryption Coalition (GEC) to plan one global day for everyone to celebrate all the benefits strong encryption brings to our lives. If you'd like to get involved, please contact: Lia Kiessling, our Senior Director, Community Mobilization at kiessling@isoc.org
- o **Share your insights and knowledge** with the Organization Members team to help the Internet Society influence policy makers
- o **Be great data partners** with the Measurement team, contact pulse@isoc.org to sign up!
- o **Promote** community networks, IXPs, and encourage fewer shutdowns
- o **Provide feedback on reports**, so that the Internet Society can keep improving its work.
  - ▪ Our latest reports:
    - ▪ Moving Toward an Interconnected Africa: The 80/20 Initiative - outlines the state of Internet interconnection in Africa and the critical role IXPs play in improving access and lowering costs
    - ▪ Effective IXP strategies for the Asia-Pacific - sets out to find successful strategies to building and growing IXPs in Asia-Pacific
  - ▪ Please contact: Jane Coffin (coffin@isoc.org), Michuki Mwangi (mwangi@isoc.org) or Naveed Haq (haq@isoc.org) to provide your thoughts!
- o **Opportunities to sponsor our activities and initiatives** - Check out the Member Corner for the 2021-2022 sponsorship menu, which allows you to easily identify opportunities and tailor your commitment to support initiatives that match your organizational priorities. Please reach out to orgmembership@isoc.org if you need any help in selecting which initiative suits you best.

## Discussion Points

- • **Potential threats to the Internet Ecosystem** - The pace of government regulations in the Internet contexts has quickened.
  - o **Discussion point:** *Over the next 18 months what do you see as the biggest one or two threats to an open, globally connected, secure and trustworthy Internet, from your organization's perspective?*
- • **Building an Internet policy network -** The OMAC, having diverse expertise, can work together with the Internet Society to create a network of Internet policy peers.
  - o **Discussion point**: *What is needed to create a network of Internet policy peers that can trust and learn from each other in order to advance their work?*
- • **Gaining ground in the Internet Governance space** - The technical community is losing ground in the Internet governance space - a task that needs to be addressed collectively.

- o **Discussion point**: *How can the OMAC help to further discuss with the Internet Society around a communication strategy in debunking the myth that standards bodies are controlled by certain companies?*
- **Regulatory/policy interventions** - Positive changes have been seen because of COVID-19.
    - o **Discussion point:** *What were some of these positive regulatory or policy interventions that you have seen? (Example: liberalization of 6GHz in some countries, freeing up more spectrum, a focus on building more infrastructure and shift of change on how people see community networks, etc.)*
- **Event satisfaction poll results:** 36% excellent, 36% very good and 26% good.
    - o **Discussion point:** *In your opinion, how can we improve the roundtables to make them 100% excellent?*

## Next Steps

- Let's keep the discussions rolling! Please use this OMAC mailing list ([org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org](mailto:org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org)) to share your thoughts and opinions!
    - o Question: shall we start using this mailing list to start topic driven series of conversations to discover synergies between your organizations and the Internet Society goals?
- The Internet Society will invite and involve more members in discussions around key Internet issues.
- Next OMAC roundtable #3 will take place on 7 September 2021.