

OMAC Report

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OMAC Activities

Support provided to Internet Society 2022 Board of Trustees elections

Following the request received from the board, the OMAC co-chairs supported the call to organization members to confirm and submit their voting delegates eligible to vote in the 2022 Board of Trustees Elections. This process has helped ensure the accuracy of voter information and the importance of organization members votes to the election.

Three OMAC Roundtables delivered

The OMAC roundtables continue to be a useful platform for networking, learning, discussing pertinent issues in the Internet ecosystem and distilling advice for the Internet Society senior management and board.

Three roundtables have been held on 30 November 2021, 3 February 2022 and 15 March 2022.

Roundtables #5, #6 and #7 included participation from board members and Internet Society senior staff and received a 100 % good - excellent satisfaction score by organization members.

Roundtable #5- Building Human Capital Around Internet Policy Issues - Introduction to Learning @ ISOC

This meeting was an eye opener for participants as it showed the learning opportunities for the teams in their organizations.

Key learning needs identified by the participants were related to policy development around cybersecurity and Internet governance.



Roundtable #6- Internet Society's 2022 Action Plan introduction and collaboration

The 6th roundtable provided an overview of the Internet Society's 2022 Action Plan, while giving an opportunity for organization members to learn and discuss key actions for the year ahead.

In this session organization members and the Internet Society identified opportunities for collaboration based on the 2022 Action Plan.

Participants expressed that building strong communities is the way to grow and defend the Internet.

Measuring the Internet on Pulse is important. However, the current data available on Pulse was mostly related to Africa. Expanding the geographical reach could be beneficial for organization members in the future as many works internationally.

Further discussions between organization members on the future of the Internet would be held in future roundtables.

Roundtable #7- Digital sovereignty and the Internet - Organization member views

This roundtable sought organization members' views on digital sovereignty to inform how the Internet Society might approach this issue.

The session specifically focused on how digital sovereignty has or might affect organization members, to help ensure that the output of this Digital sovereignty project will be relevant to their work.

The roundtable was followed up by a timely meeting with organization members on Internet threats, and the project team will hold follow up meetings with organization members that were interested in getting more involved.

Key Learnings

- Organization members see the Internet Society as the key provider of crucial insights on Internet policy issues.
- The Internet Society's position papers and impact briefs are important for organization members to support them in formulating their position and action related to Internet issues.



- Digital Sovereignty is important to organization members as it can impact their businesses. They would like to provide input into the Internet Society's position paper, but also would like hear what they can do with it going forward.

Advice to the Internet Society Board and Leadership

- The Internet Society's Action Plan 2022 projects could further seek organization members views and input from the start of the projects.
- This approach could help the Internet Society and organization members develop new ways for organization members to become more active in supporting the deliverables of these projects.
- The Internet Society's timely reactions to Internet policy proposals that could impact the ecosystem are well received by organization members and it would be an opportunity for continuing engagement with organization members.

