OMAC REPORT

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OMAC Activities

Two OMAC Roundtables Delivered

Roundtable # 13 – "WSIS Forum 2023 and the future of WSIS"

Continuing with its goal to network, learn, and distill advice for the Internet Society senior management and board, the OMAC roundtable #13 was held on 2 May 2023. Attended by 20 participants, the session gave an opportunity for organization members to understand the WSIS and WSIS Forum and discuss the main issues that were addressed during WSIS 2023. The roundtable also provided an overview of Internet Society's participation at this year's Forum and looked at some of the major policy discussions that took place at the Forum (WSIS+20, GDC etc.).

Roundtable # 14 – "Overview of the Internet Society 2022 Impact Report"

Upon the request from organization members, the OMAC held its 14th roundtable on 25 May 2023, with special focus to the 2022 Impact report. The session was an exclusive opportunity for members to learn more about the impact of Internet Society's work and what we have all achieved together, as a community, in 2022. With the input from senior experts, the roundtable explored ways that the Internet Society and the organization members can engage and further collaborate to continue working together on building and defending the Internet. Attended by 17 participants, the roundtable received a 100 % very good to excellent satisfaction score from the attendees.

Key Learnings

- Organization members continue to see the Internet Society as an important provider of key insights on Internet policy and regulation issues.
- Organization members comment that the Internet Society is best placed to lead the technical community in the multistakeholder model and contribute to key policy issues related to WSIS.

- Organization members acknowledge that the issue of Internet Fragmentation is important and are interested in knowing more on what the Internet Society is doing around Fragmentation both from the policy and technical angles.

Advice to the Internet Society Board and Leadership

The OMAC believes that the Internet Society remains to play a key role in building and defending the Internet. Therefore, the OMAC stands ready to engage and further deepen its collaboration with the Internet society to continue working and advocating for the importance of an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet.

Organization members are continuously interested in receiving insights on Internet policy and regulations that will enable them in making informed decisions for their organizations. The OMAC would advise the Internet Society to lead the technical community in the multistakeholder governance model and strengthen its advocacy and support at major policy Forums.

Lastly, the OMAC applauds the Internet Society on the impact of its collaborative work with members, and suggests that it continues to enhance and strengthen the effort to address important issues related to safety and security, fragmentation, and connecting underserved populations.