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CEO Report

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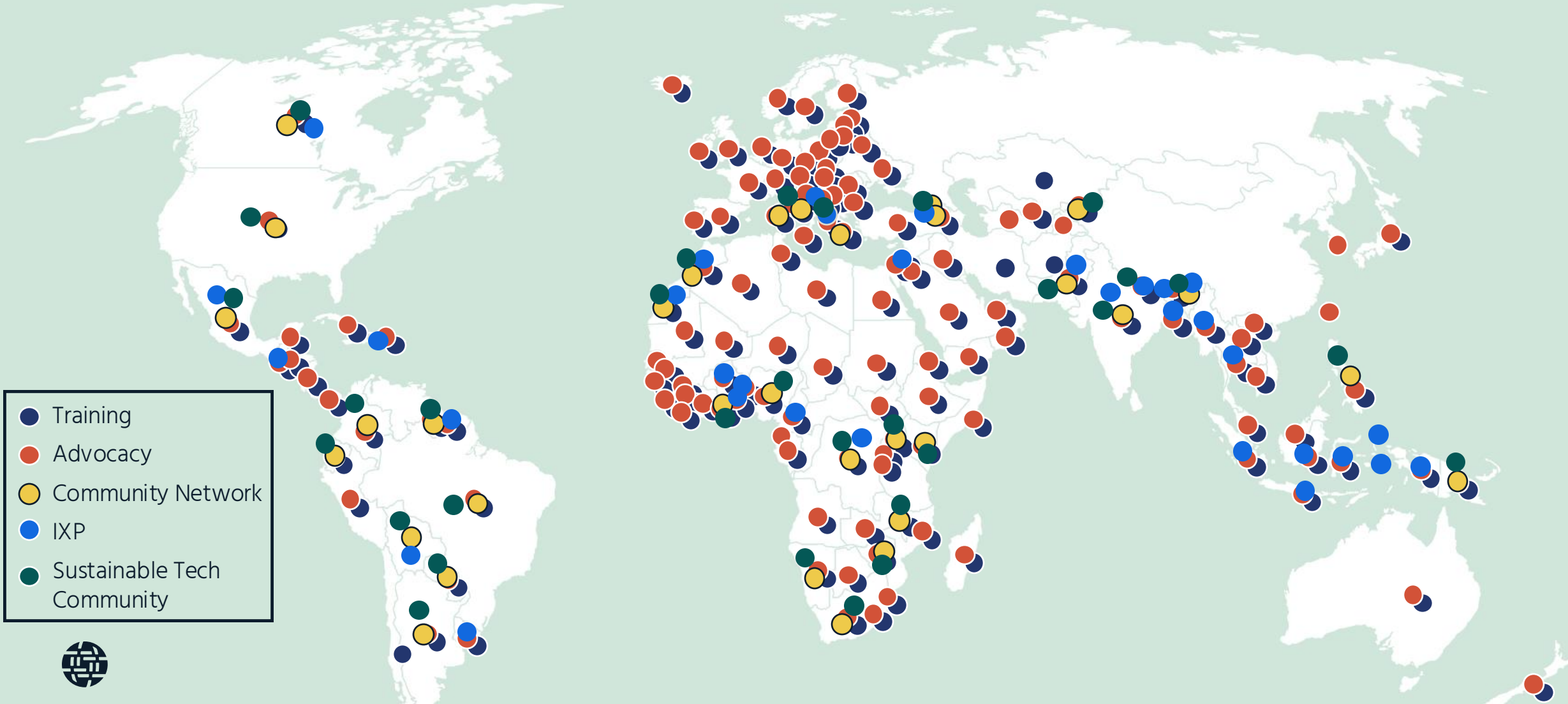
2020—2024 Strategy Impact Results

Impact Snapshot

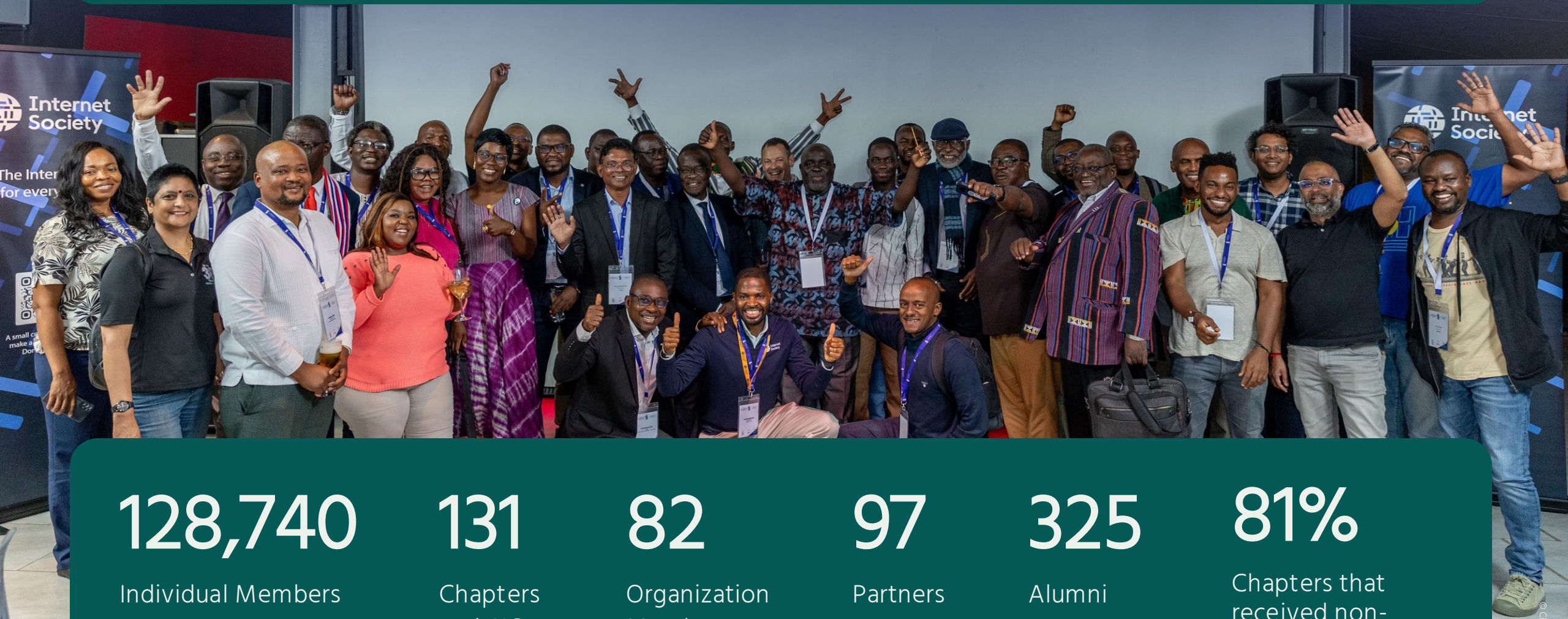
Locations where the Internet Society built, promoted, and defended the Internet from 2020 to 2024.

201
Countries



The Internet Society Community

By the Numbers



128,740
Individual Members

131
Chapters and SIGs

82
Organization Members

97
Partners

325
Alumni

81%
Chapters that received non-admin grant funding

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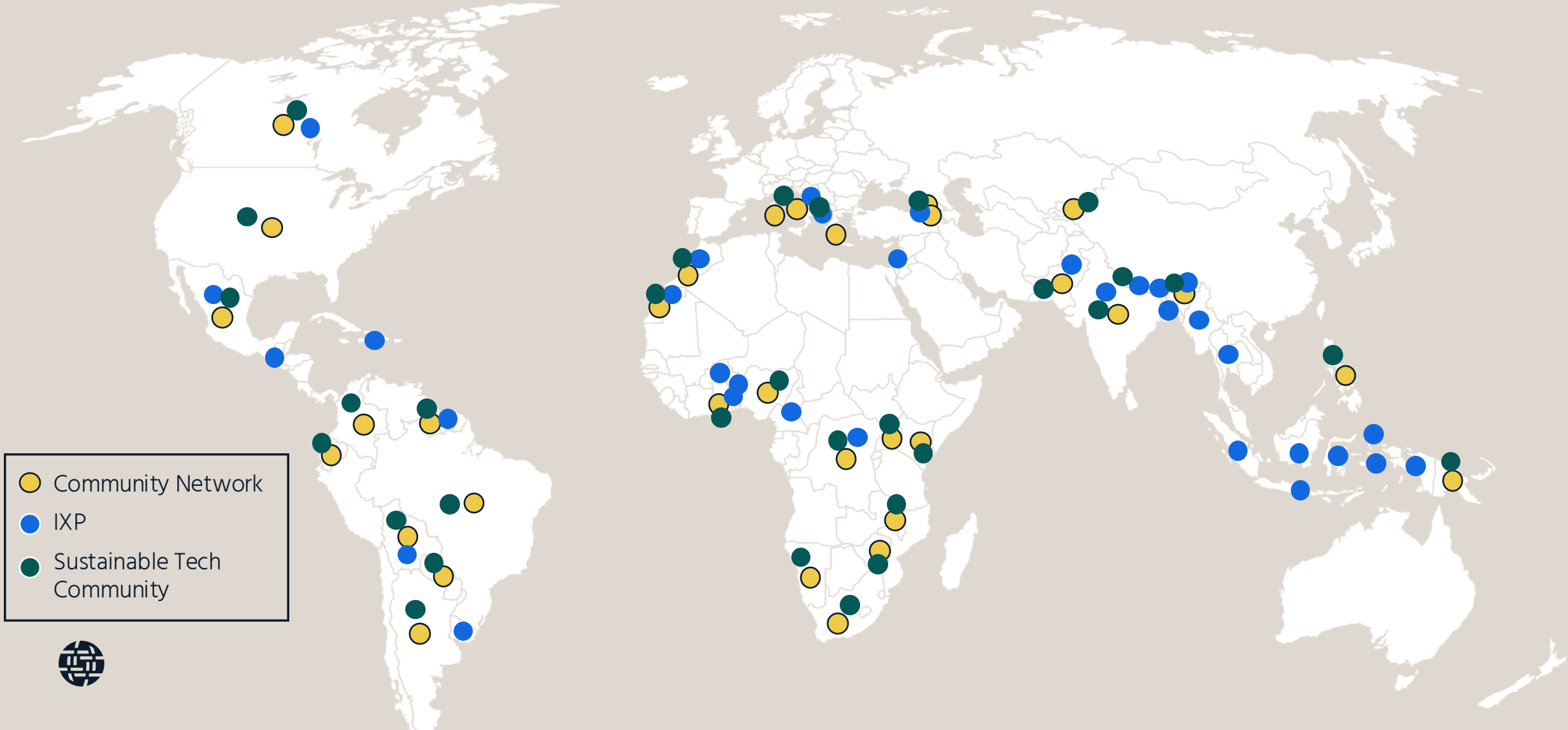
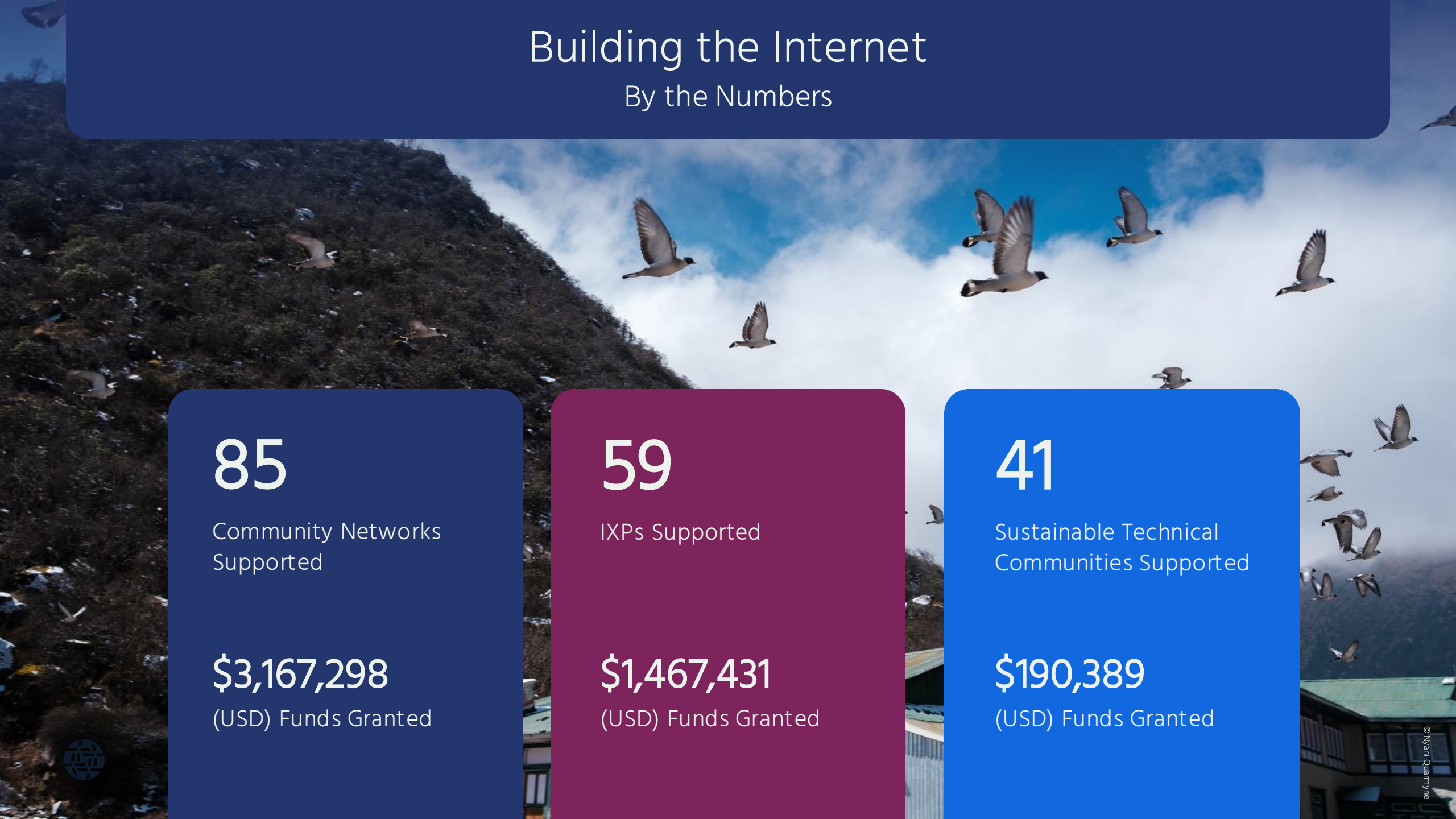
Build the Internet

74
Countries



Building the Internet

By the Numbers



85

Community Networks Supported

$3,167,298

(USD) Funds Granted

59

IXPs Supported

$1,467,431

(USD) Funds Granted

41

Sustainable Technical Communities Supported

$190,389

(USD) Funds Granted

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Truist Grants Connecting People Across the U.S.

Defend the Internet

181
Countries

Defending the Internet

By the Numbers

100+

Statements, Open Letters, and Submissions

50+

Policies and Legislation Opposed

20+

Internet Impact Assessments Completed

6

Amicus Briefs Filed

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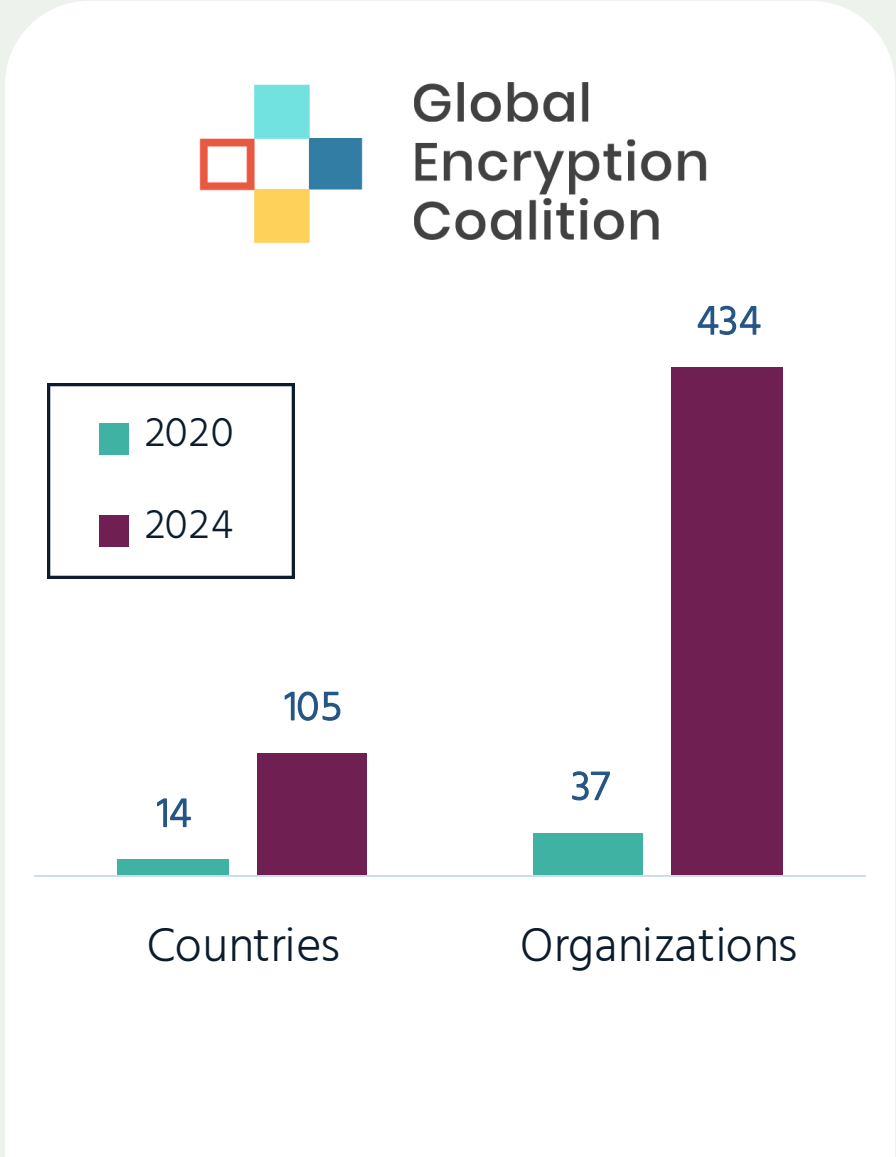
Global Encryption Coalition

The Global Encryption Coalition (GEC) was formed in 2020 with one purpose: to build a global advocacy coalition that addresses threats to encryption. Since then, coalition membership has grown by more than 10 times and consists of diverse members located in 105 countries.

2024 Global Encryption Day Highlights

- Theme - Encrypt Today to Safeguard Tomorrow
- Encryption Summit - 264 attendees (80% turnout) from 58 countries
- Events - 60 events in 43 countries (we issued 50 mini-grants)
- Policymaker statements - e.g. CISA, NTIA, UN OHCHR, Senator Wyden, several EU MEPs
- Social reach - 144M impressions in first week



Internet Society
Netherlands Chapter
Ruben Brave

Empowered Over 12,000 Champions

175
Countries with
Internet Society Learners

Date range: 2021 to 2024

Training Courses

1,053
Training Sessions

17
Training Courses

145
Tutors Trained

119
Partners Who Supported Training

28
Chapters Who Supported Training

Community Spotlight

7 Years of Impact: The Panama Chapter's Growth Through Multistakeholder Collaboration

2017

- Emergence of ISOC Panama with a vision to organize the National Internet Governance Forum (IGF).
- Established a multi-sector group and held the first Panama IGF dialogue table.
- Celebrated the first National IGF, marking a significant success and establishing ISOC Panama as a national reference in internet governance.

2019-2021

- Initiated meetings with the community and sought experts for a community network project.

2023

- The proposal for "Wireless Community Networks for the Promotion and Preservation of the Emberá Indigenous Culture" was approved, supported by the Internet Society Foundation.
- Inaugurated the first community networks in Panama with the Emberá indigenous communities of Tusipono and Parará Purú, providing essential internet access for **over 200 inhabitants.**
- Eight training sessions conducted with 17 community members to ensure project sustainability, with plans for a second phase focused on continuous training.

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2018

- Focused on training the community in internet governance, IoT, IPv6 implementation, and MANRS.
- Organized the first community networks workshop for ISOC Panama members.
- Launched the dream of building the first community network in Panama during the WALC community networks training workshop.

2022

- Conducted the "Inclusive Community Networks for Good Living" workshop in Parará Purú, emphasizing community collaboration and gender perspectives.

2024

- Establishment of an Emberá Training Center to Strengthen the Community Network
- Seeking Local and Regional Partnerships to Develop New Community Networks within the country.

2024 Update

2024 Update

Grow

IXP and CN grants are in high demand. The program has exceeded the targeted number of grants distributed.

Pulse has evolved into an essential tool internally and externally. We are happy to see the community adopt and use Pulse. Improvements to user experience are a contributing factor to this uptake.

Strong

We have already met or exceeded most of our 2024 advocacy targets. In many cases, this is due to community-driven advocacy.

Strong and sustained UN advocacy culminated in the ITU WTSA and the UN Global Digital Compact.

Empower

Organization members and chapters are advocating about issues important to them.

We are testing a new @isoc approach in Istanbul.

So far, 37% of organization members and 73% of chapters have advocated to protect the Internet.

Accessibility

Accessibility Update

In meeting 170 in April 2023, the Board adopted resolution 2023-8, “Approve Policy on Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities”, that:

- Supported the President & CEO in building a culture of accessibility within Internet Society
- Directed the President & CEO to develop a plan for website accessibility compliance
- Directed the President & CEO to formulate a comprehensive accessibility operational framework and fund allocation to advance Internet Society’s progress to increase accessibility
- Directed the President & CEO to provide progress reports on the plan and framework

Over the past 18 months, an internal staff accessibility working group has developed these documents in close collaboration with the leaders of the Accessibility Standing Group.

Internet Society staff have worked to bring sites and content into compliance with appropriate standards.

Accessibility Update (continued)

Working together with the ASG, we have developed a plan for the next five years to build a culture of accessibility within Internet Society and the Internet Society Foundation and to bring our websites into full compliance.

Two documents:

- Website Accessibility Plan
- Accessibility Operational Framework

Funding request submitted targeted at expected remediation of issues found in audits and potential development of training materials

Internal accessibility working group will be formalized led by Dan York

First report included documenting the current state of compliance work