Organization Member Advisory Council Report

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Internet Society

OMAC Activities

Two OMAC Roundtables Delivered

#23- Post WTSA-24: Key Resolutions and Significant Developments

The Internet Society delegation participated in the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24), held in New Delhi, India, from 15-24 October 2024. The team's role at the ITU-WTSA-24 was to provide technical expertise to decision-makers while advocating for open Internet standards. The 23rd OMAC roundtable built on this engagement by reflecting on the outcomes of WTSA-24 and sharing the ITU WTSA-24 outcomes matrix, providing a comprehensive overview of key resolutions and significant developments from the Assembly. Six (6) OMAC members attended. The meeting was rated Excellent or Very Good by 67% of OMAC members who provided feedback.

#24- Internet Society's 2025 Action Plan

Organization members are important in advancing the Internet Society's mission, driving impactful change worldwide. As the Internet Society embarks on its journey through the 2030 strategy, it is essential to keep organization members informed about key priorities and areas of focus for 2025. The 24th OMAC Roundtable, led by Dr Joseph Hall and Michuki Mwangi, provided a comprehensive overview of the Internet Society's 2025 Action Plan, outlining strategic initiatives and opportunities for collaboration. This session served as a valuable platform for organization members to ask questions and provide comment. . Twelve (12) OMAC members attended. The meeting was rated Excellent or Very Good by 89% of OMAC members who provided feedback.

OMAC Co-Chair Invitations

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Harald Summa (DE-CIX, Chair) is now the sole OMAC Chair. As outlined in the OMAC Charter, ideally there are three (3) Co-Chairs to ensure continuity and strong leadership coverage. The next OMAC Chair election cycle is scheduled for May–July 2026. Given that no candidates ran in the 2024 election, in the interim, the OMAC Chair is reaching out to members to seek temporary volunteers.

Key Learnings

- It was raised in the 11 Feb 2025 Action Plan 2025 Roundtable that to complement the Internet Society's Amicus work, it could explore the creation of an expert witness database - witnesses who could provide technical testimony in local courts.