

Organization Member Advisory Council Report

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OMAC Activities

Supported the 2025 Board of Trustees Elections

Following the Board's request, the OMAC supported the 2025 Board of Trustees Elections by encouraging organization members to participate. Members were reminded that voting is a key benefit of membership, giving them a direct role in shaping the direction and priorities of the Internet Society and the Internet Society Foundation. This year, 47 Organization Members voted, resulting in a 60% participation rate. On behalf of the OMAC Co-Chairs, congratulations to Barry Leiba and Sagarika Wickramasekera on their re-election to the Board for a three-year term.

Three OMAC Roundtables Delivered

#25- IGF Continuation Conversation

As the Internet Society advances its UN advocacy in 2025—particularly around the WSIS+20 review and WTDC-25—interest from organization members to learn more and collaborate continues to grow. Building on discussions at the IGF in Riyadh, the 25th OMAC roundtable gathered organization members to explore how the Internet Society can strengthen collaboration with the community to develop and promote shared positions on these key processes. Nine (9) OMAC members attended (including one (1) Board member) along with three (3) additional Board members. The meeting was rated as Excellent or Very Good by 90% of the seven (7) OMAC and Board Members who provided feedback.

#26- Creating Affordable and Reliable Access: Impact Reporting Using Data

The 26th OMAC roundtable focused on how data can highlight progress in expanding affordable, reliable Internet access. A standout case was the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where



sustained efforts over the past decade have led to significant improvements in connectivity, as reflected in recent data. The session also previewed the Internet Society's work to promote the Open Fibre Data Standard (OFDS) and shared initial findings from a new study on Kazakhstan's Internet landscape. These initiatives underscore the role of data in driving informed action and supporting a thriving digital ecosystem. Seven (7) OMAC members attended along with one (1) Board member. The meeting was rated Excellent or Very Good by 100% of the five (5) OMAC and Board Members who provided feedback.

#27- Aligning Priorities for IGF

The 27th OMAC roundtable focused on the upcoming IGF 2025, which will be the final forum under the current IGF mandate. As such, it presents a pivotal opportunity to assess the IGF's role within the WSIS framework and highlight the value of inclusive multistakeholder dialogue ahead of the WSIS+20 review's conclusion. The roundtable aligned Internet Society and organization member priorities for IGF 2025, explored the WSIS+20 timeline, and initiated discussions on setting a common position and defining the IGF's role in a post-WSIS+20 landscape. Seven (7) OMAC members attended along with three (3) Board members. The meeting was rated Excellent or Very Good by 83% of the six (6) OMAC and Board Members who provided feedback.

Key Learnings

There's room for improvement with respect to driving higher roundtable attendance from OMAC members (both representatives and other interested parties within their organizations).