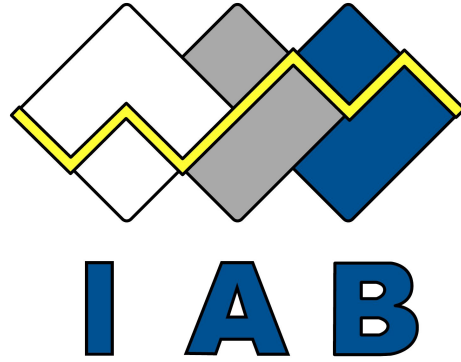




IAB Report to ISOC BoT

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IAB Statements



Through statements, the IAB sets out its position on architectural, technical, and policy matters affecting the Internet.

Statements since our last report:

- Statement on Canada C-22, "An Act Respecting Lawful Access" — May 2026
- Statement on Submitting Appeals to the IAB — February 2026
- Comments on the EU Standardisation Regulation (revision of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012) — December 2025

IAB Workshops



IAB workshops bring experts from across the Internet community together for focused, in-depth discussion on emerging topics — sparking work that feeds into the IETF and IRTF. Since our last report we organized:

- IP Address Geolocation ([ip-geo](#)) workshop
 - Dec 2025, Virtual

Workshops reported published:

- Next Era of Network Management Operations (NEMOPS) — report published as **RFC 9968** (May 2026)
- AI-CONTROL — report published as **RFC 9969** (May 2026)
- IAB/W3C Workshop on Age-Based Restrictions on Content Access — report published as **RFC 9998** (June 2026)

Liaisons



The IAB manages the IETF's formal liaison relationships with other SDO and technical bodies — appointing and overseeing liaison managers and representatives, and handling incoming and outgoing liaison statements — so the IETF coordinates effectively with other bodies while protecting the open, bottom-up standards process.

- Updating liaison process RFCs

e164.arpa / ENUM:

- ITU-T SG2 opened a Member-State consultation on possible closing the delegation of E.164 country codes
- The IAB [responded](#) in June 2026

Outreach

IAB does outreach to other external technical communities with input from and close cooperation with the IESG. Since our last report we participated in:

- WSIS+20 High-Level Meeting, NY — December 2025 - *with Olaf*
- APRICOT / APNIC, Jakarta — February 2026
- ICANN 85, Mumbai — March 2026 - *with Sally*
- RSAC 2026, SF — April 2026
- RIPE 92, Edinburgh — May 2026
- LACNIC 45, Panama — May 2026
- NANOG 97, Bellevue — June 2026

ISOC's partnership and support in outreach is essential to sustaining this.

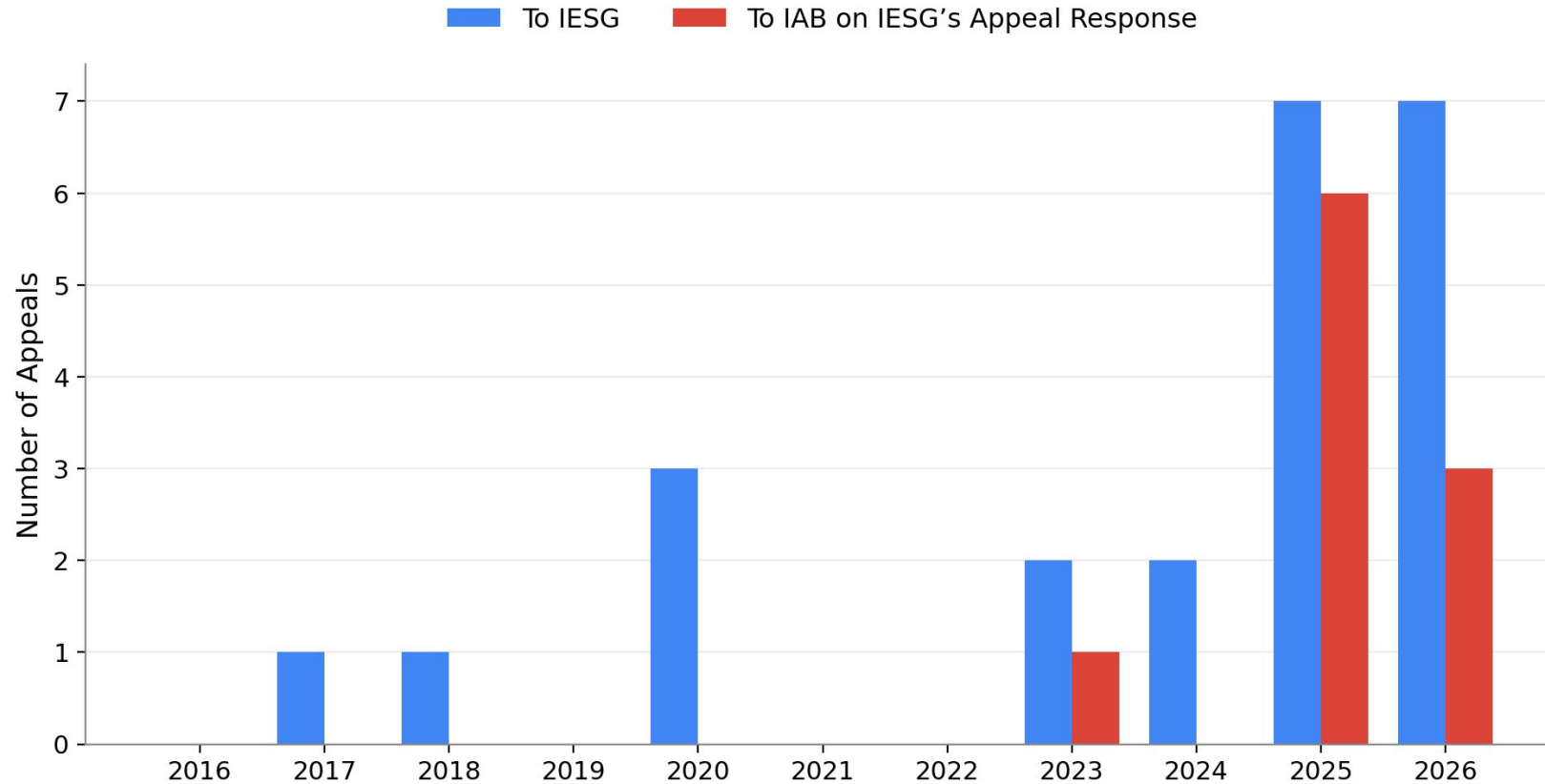
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Planned Events:

- Global Digital Conference (GDC)
- APNIC62
- RIPE93,
- NANOG98
- IGF 2026
- ITU-PP 2026
- ICANN87

Aligning outreach activities to longer-term goals for our external communities.

Appeals



- A sharp rise in appeals to both the IESG and the IAB.
- Some have reached — or may reach — the ISOC Board of Trustees.

AI-Agents

- A surge of external interest and new participants is forming around AI agents
- Direct this energy toward genuine interoperability needs while keeping the work within the open standards process.
 - Rising external attention (eg ITU-T SG 17)
 - Open-source or Open-standards

Age Restrictions

- Fundamental architecture and privacy concerns for the Internet with poorly designed mandates and technical solution risk lasting harm
- The IAB organized workshop with W3C and an invited talk on local approach to protecting minors online at IABOpen at IETF126

Post-quantum cryptography (PQC)

- The IAB is monitoring the Internet's transition to post-quantum cryptography, with particular attention to post-quantum authentication, the harder and lagging half of the migration.

Our Engagement

What has worked:

- The IAB–ISOC relationship was effective during WSIS+20 and the IGF process
 - Consistent direct ISOC staff working directly with the IAB made a difference
- Policy Makers engagements at IETF

What we want to see:

- Take a strategic approach to outreach tied to longer-term goals, not event by event
- Work with local ISOC chapter and regional activity, and use IAB and ISOC's geographic reach
- Utilize IAB in a more proactive role in the defense of the Internet

