Introduction to the Internet Governance Forum

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Yemen's Agenda on the Information Society, p. 72

Facilitating policy dialogue relating to the deployment of Internet-related technologies, and their impact on the development of Internet governance to foster the development, coordination, and use of Internet technology

Organization and Administration

IGF Secretariat, Geneva

What is “Internet Governance”?

Internet governance is the set of institutions, processes and mechanisms through which individuals, organizations and institutions negotiate, manage and implement the policies that shape the Internet, including the free and global availability of information and diversity of online content.

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The Multistakeholder Model

Stakeholder groups:

- Governments
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
- Academia/Community
- Major Internet-related Organizations

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Internet governance is the process by which decisions are made about the Internet, including issues of access, control, and management. It involves the interaction of various stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, and academia.

For further information, visit: http://www.IGF.asia
What is "Internet Governance"?

Internet governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.

UN Working Group on Internet Governance, 2005
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2006 Athens  2008 Hyderabad  2010 Vilnius  2012 Baku

Housed at the United Nations
Created during the World Summit on the Information Society
2003 Geneva, 2005 Tunis

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"Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet
governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security,
stability and development of the Internet."

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Multistakeholder Advisory Group

The Multistakeholder Model
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Technical Community    Academic Community

Major Internet-related Organizations:

[Logos for ITU, ICANN, and another organization]
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[Images of ITU, ICANN, and Internet Society logos]
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Main Themes:

* The Internet as an engine for growth and sustainable development
* Internet Governance Principles
* Principles of Multi-stakeholder cooperation
* Security - Legal and other Frameworks: Spam, Hacking and Cyber-crime
* Enhanced cooperation
* Human rights, freedom of expression and free flow of information on the Internet

Regional and National IGF initiatives

Roundtable on "Day 0"
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Mandate at the United Nations
Housed at the United Nations Office during the week, the forum is shaped by the values of open, inclusive, and participatory processes.

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The IGF is open to all stakeholders to explore the implications of the information society and to improve the effectiveness of Internet governance through its outcomes.

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Internet governance is the process of determining the principles, rules, procedures, and mechanisms governing the operation and evolution of the Internet. It involves the participation of stakeholders from government, business, civil society, and technology sectors in the decision-making process, ensuring equitable access and use of the Internet.

A.F. Haddad, Internet Governance (2006)