

# Key Internet Governance Event & Issues

2014-2015

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# Internet Governance: What does it mean?

## Shifts in Internet Governance | Growing Pains

- **Where did the term come from?** 1997/98 Green/White Papers, US DOC transition of NSFNet to ICANN
- **What does it mean?** Various interpretations
- **How do you participate?**

# Key Internet Governance Issues: 2014-2015

## Role of government in the Internet

- Overarching theme running through range of policy issues
- Capacity building – giving gov't the tools to participate (who/how?)
- Emerging leaders – BRIC countries

## Surveillance, human rights and free flow of information

- National reactions will impact negotiations, technology deployments, commercial agreements, regional / sub-regional Internet politics
- Localization rules
- General Internet governance question – role of USG and legitimacy of that role

## Development questions – cost, availability of access, local content, security, spam

# Key Internet Governance Events: 2014-2015

## 2014

- Multi-stakeholder Prep Process (MPP) (hosted by ITU) [17-18 Feb, Geneva]
- CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation [24-28 Feb, Geneva]
- ITU WTDC [30 March-10 April, Dubai]
- UN WSIS Review [14-18 April, Geneva]
- **Meeting on the "Future of Internet Governance" [23-24 April, São Paulo]**
- Freedom Online Coalition [28-29 April, Tallinn]
- CSTD [12-16 May, Geneva]
- ECOSOC [23 June-18 July, New-York]
- 9<sup>th</sup> Internet Governance Forum [Sept, Istanbul (tbc)]
- 69<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly [16 Sept-Dec, New-York]
- **ITU Plenipotentiary Conference [20 Oct-7 Nov, Busan, South Korea]**

## 2015

- WSIS Summit?
- UN MDG Summit [Sept.]
- OECD High-Level meeting?

# The Phases | 1997 to the Present

## 1997-2002

- ICANN being formed and in first phase of development
- ITU Plenipot Resolutions on Internet Governance (Res. 102) and WSIS (Res. 73)

## 2002-2005

- ICANN maturing – more involvement of Governments, Civil Society, Companies
- WGIG | WSIS 2002 (Geneva) | WSIS 2005 (Tunis) | IGF Born

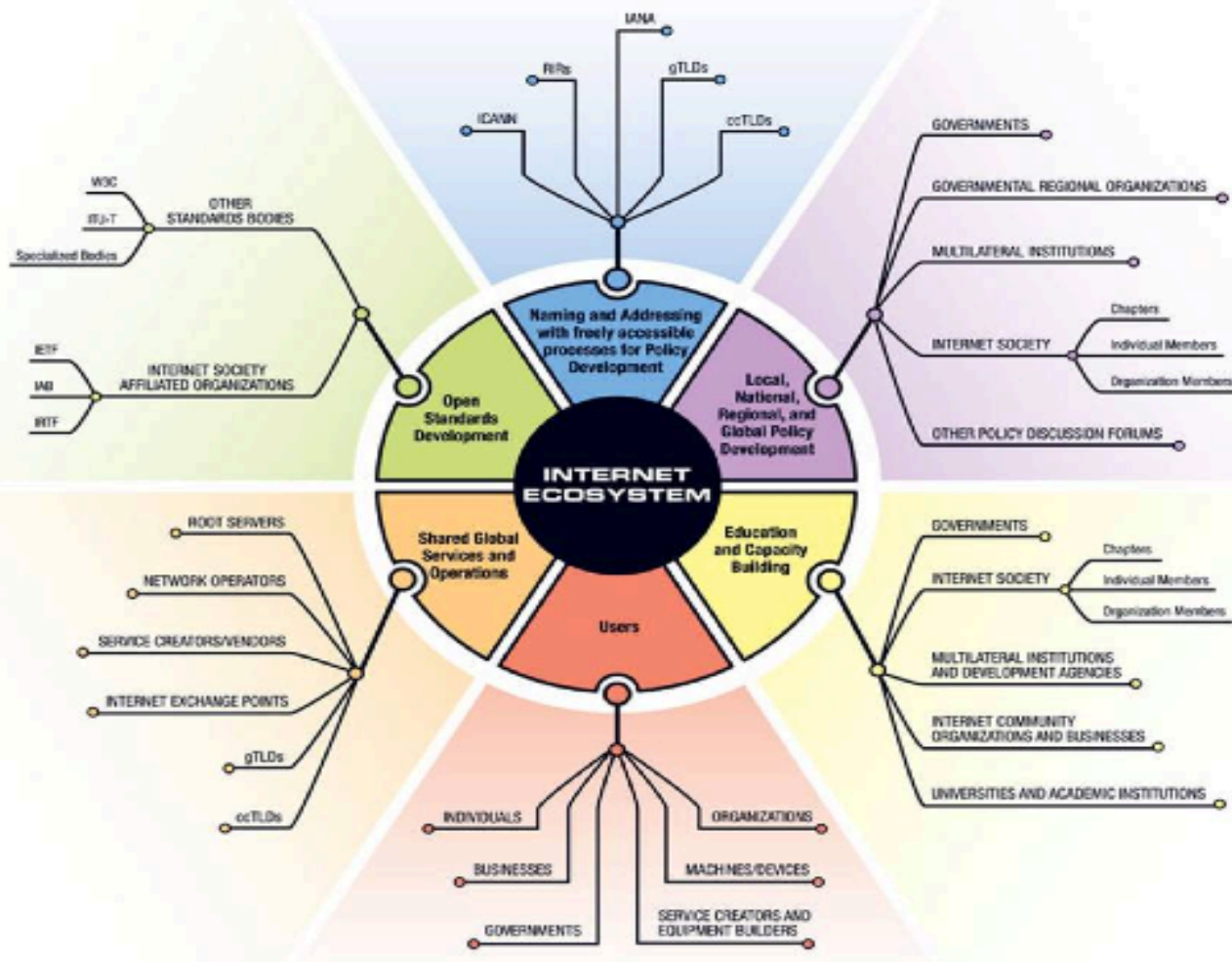
## 2005-2010

- ITU Plenipotentiary treaty conferences continue to change Resolution 102, adding more that is problematic | v6, DNS, Increased debate about the “role” of the ITU, Governments, USG, Tech community, and civil society
- WSIS+10 agreed as a way forward to discuss
- OECD High-level meeting – Internet Principles

## 2010-2014

- IGFs continue to grow in importance | In both Scope and Participation
- UN/ITU | Internet Community – Who should be in charge?
- Montevideo I\* Statement | Bali IGF (2013) | Sao Paolo meeting in April

# The Internet Ecosystem



# Montevideo Statement | New Phase

**Meeting of I\* Leaders, Convened and Chaired by the Internet Society, Resulted in a Statement (7 Oct 2013) that:**

- Reinforced the importance of **globally** coherent **Internet operations**.
- Identified the need for **ongoing** efforts to address Internet Governance challenges, and agreed to catalyze community-wide efforts towards the evolution of global multi-stakeholder Internet cooperation.
- Called for accelerating the **globalization** of ICANN and IANA functions.
- Called for the transition to IPv6 to remain a top priority globally

<http://www.internetsociety.org/news/montevideo-statement-future-internet-cooperation>

# Internet Governance Developments Since the Montevideo Statement

Brazil Meeting

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High-level panel

IANA Globalization

ICANN Globalization



# Renewed and Growing Interest in Internet Governance and What it Means

**Post Bali (IGF October 2013):** Scope has broadened

**Actors:** New voices who want to be heard

- Renewed interest by:
  - Civil Society
  - Governments
  - UN Agencies

# Global Multi-stakeholder Meeting on Internet Governance (aka Brazil Meeting)

**Date:** 23-24 April 2014

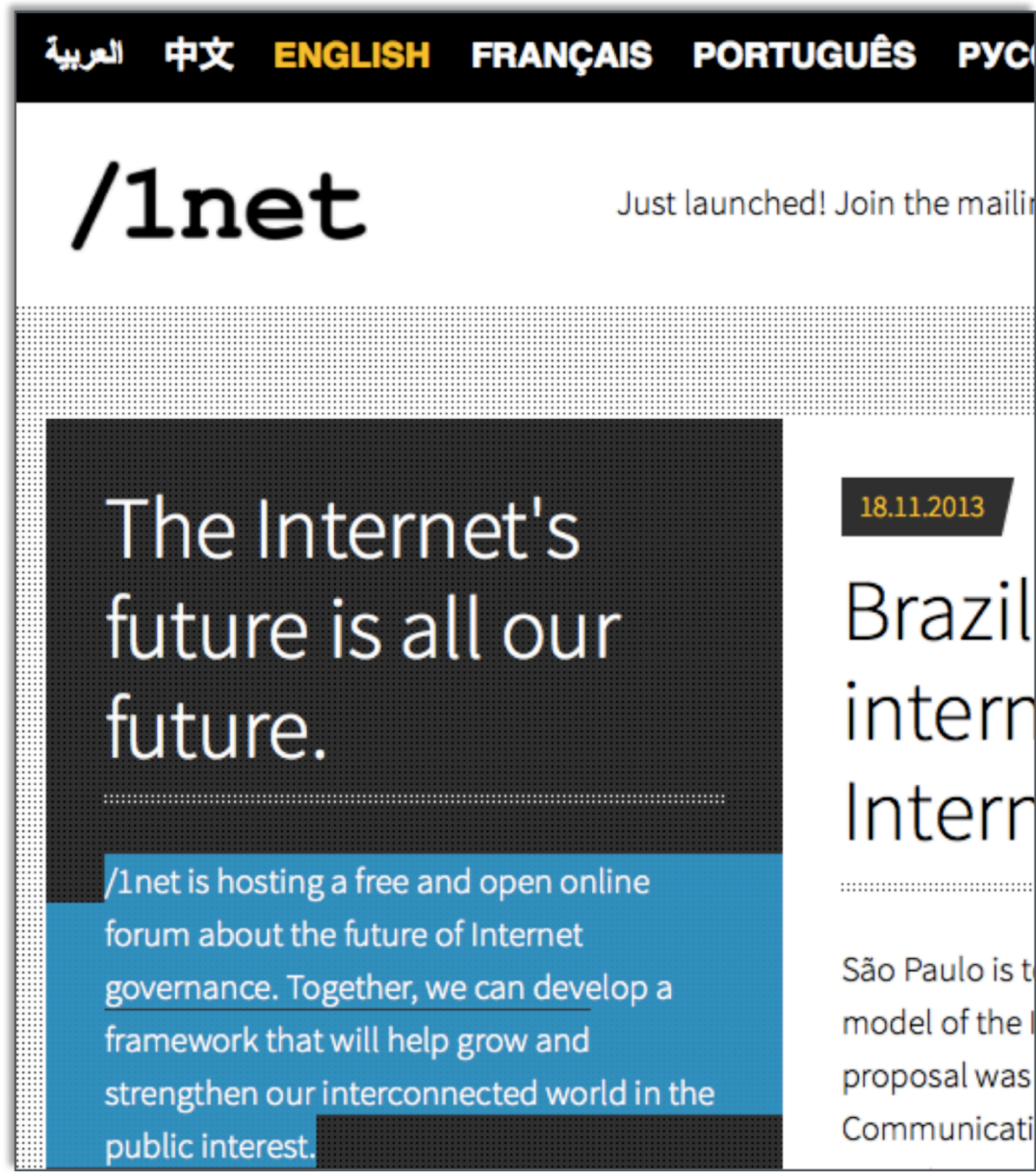
**Location:** Sao Paolo, Brazil

## **Organization:**

- Hosted by Brazil, other governments invited
- Coordinated by the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (cgi.br)
- Four committees will help convene and organize
- Some believe the meeting will establish a Roadmap and Principles to guide...not clear

# /1Net

- Established in 2013 post Montevideo
- Global neutral platform for dialogue
- Purpose and role are still evolving
- Web-site:  
<http://www.1net.org>



# Panel on the Future of Global Internet Cooperation

**Created by:** ICANN in November 2013 | Meetings in December 2013 and Feb/March 2014.

**Purpose:** Engage in collective dialogue on critical Internet governance issues.

**Outcome:** A high-level report in early 2014 for public comment to include principles for global Internet cooperation, proposed frameworks for such cooperation and a roadmap for future Internet governance challenges.

**Result:** Input to conference in Brazil in April 2014; the panel will ‘expire’ after issuing the report.

<https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/2013/11/global-panel-address-future-internet-governance>

# Internet Society Approach to Internet Governance

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## Based on Internet Society principles that promote:

- An open, global, interoperable, and accessible Internet
- “Permissionless” innovation

## Informed by experience, including:

- Distributed governance arrangements are best suited for dealing with the underlying distributed technology
- Internet governance is evolving and dynamic, with voluntary collaboration among institutions focused on specific roles | New actors => Shifting debate

# Additional resources

**ISOC's Internet Governance timeline:** <http://tinyurl.com/lzpcojd>

**Read ISOC's blog on Internet governance:** <http://tinyurl.com/qye3oze>

**ISOC's Internet governance activities:** <http://tinyurl.com/q44ly48>

**If you haven't already, sign-up to ISOC's Internet Policy list to  
continue the dialogue!**

# Internet governance update

Central & Eastern European Peering Conference

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