What is Internet Governance?

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

*The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (Tunis Agenda 2005)*
INTERNET GOVERNANCE =

COORDINATION OF THE MANY ASPECTS INCLUDING TECHNICAL STANDARDS, POLICIES, INFRASTRUCTURE

THAT MAKE THE INTERNET WORK & DETERMINE HOW IT IS USED

INVOLVING GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE SECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY
Why is Internet Governance Important?

• Determines how the Internet is managed and used now and in the future
• Outcomes may affect all stakeholders
INTERNET STAKEHOLDERS

- Academia
- Small Businesses
- Entrepreneurs
- Interests Groups
- Researchers
- Mobile Service Providers
- NGOs
- Website Operators
- Marketers
- Governments
- Healthcare
- Music Industry
- Software Developers
- Entertainment
- Standard Bodies
- Travel Industry
- E-Commerce
- Civil Society
- Root Zone Operators
- Libraries
- Software
- Users
- Policy Makers
- Social Networks
- Humanitarian Aid
- Internet Industry
- Gaming Industry
- Communities
- Large Corporations
- Researchers
- Activists
- AID
- Manufacturers
- Website Operators
Internet Governance Matters

• The Internet is seen as
  – A global force
  – An ecosystem

• Many implications
  – Economic
  – Social
  – Political

Worldwide Resource => Many Competing Interests
What is at Stake?

• Internet innovation & evolution
• Open & inclusive contributions to policy debates
• Bottom-up, consensus-based Internet number resource policies
• User access, stability, & security
As a Regional Internet Registry (RIR), ARIN is...

• a well-respected & active leader in the Internet community
• a thought leader in Internet governance discussions
ARIN’s key roles in the area of Internet governance are as follows:

On the **REGIONAL** level ARIN...

- Works with 26 economies in ARIN region to:
  - Advance understanding of number resource management model
  - Provide educational opportunities
  - Promote awareness
  - Ensure openness and transparency
  - Support multi-stakeholder open policy dialogue
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On the **GLOBAL** level ARIN...

- Follows regulatory decision-making processes
- Maintains multi-stakeholder approach to policy development
- Is a KEY resource for information, ideas, and knowledge
- Supports cooperation & involvement in international organizations
ARIN participates in many global Internet Governance Orgs

- Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication (CANTO)
- Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
- Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)
- Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Internet Society (ISOC)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
  - Internet Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- WTDC held by the ITU
- United Nations (UN) agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs)
- Comprised of 193 member states
- Participation in ITU limited to
  - Member States
  - ITU Sector Members
  - Associates
  - Academia
- Creates globally recognized treaties
ITU Sectors ARIN is a member of

• Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-T)
  – Produces standards for operation of ICT networks

• Telecommunication Development (ITU-D)
  – Focuses on capacity building to increase access to infrastructure and ICT services worldwide
How Can You Get Involved?

• Get informed
  – ARIN’s website: https://www.arin.net/participate/governance/index.html

• Discuss with your government

• Advocate
  – Public debate
  – Online forums
Current Environment

- Let’s take a look at the...
  - Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
  - ITU Plenipotentiary Conference
Internet Governance Forum

- 9th Annual IGF, 2-5 Sept 2014, Istanbul, Turkey
- Theme: Connecting Continents for Enhanced Multistakeholder Internet Governance
- Discussion of Internet public policy issues
- Many stakeholders
  - Equal opportunity & voice for developing and developed countries
- Provides info and insight for public & private sector policy makers
  - No negotiated outcomes
The NRO at the IGF

- ARIN has participated in every IGF as part of the Number Resource Organization (NRO)
  - Includes the five RIRs
    - AFRINIC
    - APNIC
    - ARIN
    - LACNIC
    - RIPE NCC
Participate in the IGF

• Open to all
• Access all IGF materials at:
  – http://www.intgovforum.org
• 2014 IGF
  – Webcast for remote participation
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ITU Plenipotentiary Conference

• Busan, Korea, 20 Oct. – 7 Nov. 2014

• To set ITU's general policies
  – Four-year strategic and financial plans
  – Elect officials
  – Set principles for provision & operation of international telecommunications

• Participation limited
Globalization of IANA Functions

- US Govt announced plan to transition oversight of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions contract

- From National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) to the global multistakeholder community

- 14 March 2013
IANA Functions

- Coordination of the assignment of technical Internet protocol parameters through the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- Administration & coordination of Internet domain name system (DNS) root zone management
- Allocation of Internet number resources to the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)
- Management of the .ARPA and .INT top-level domains (TLDs)
NTIA Conditions for Transition Proposal

- Support and enhance the multistakeholder model
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services
- Maintain the openness of the Internet
Learn More

Visit ARIN’s resource page to learn more and to keep up to date on ways to get involved.

http://teamarin.net/education/internet-governance/iana-globalization/
Multistakeholder Meetings: Statements & Outcomes

• Let’s take a look at the...
  – Montevideo Statement on Future of Internet Cooperation
  – NETmundial Multistakeholder Statement of São Paulo
Montevideo Statement on Future of Internet Cooperation

• 7 October 2013 from Internet technical community

• Reinforced the need for:
  - Globally coherent Internet operations
  - Evolution of global multi-stakeholder Internet cooperation
  - Globalization of ICANN and IANA functions
  - Transition to IPv6 as a top priority
NETmundial Multistakeholder Statement of São Paulo

• An outcome from São Paulo, Brazil, April 2014

• NETmundial organized by Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br) and /1Net

• 1,480 stakeholders from 97 nations

For More Information on Joining in the Internet Governance Discussion

Visit ARIN’s webpage for:
Ways to Participate and
Latest News and Info

https://www.arin.net/participate/governance/participate.html
The Discussion Continues…

• Internet governance discussions won’t end this year!

• New events are constantly being scheduled.

• Keeping up with the debate is important for all Internet stakeholders