Government Affairs Update

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Strategic Direction

From the ARIN 2025 Strategic Direction Statement:

"Protect the multi-stakeholder approach to Internet technical coordination and the Internet number registry system

"Continue proactive engagement with governments to support their Internet policy activities."

"Increase our outreach and support to our members in the Caribbean"

Role

ARIN engages with governments in support of their policy activities by making make sure the purpose and function of the RIR system are represented.

Key messages:

1. ARIN is a critical Internet infrastructure operator
2. Assign Internet number resources
3. Operate a global Internet number registry
4. Facilitate an open, transparent, multistakeholder policy development process

WSIS Review+20 (2005 to 2025)

UN's World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2005

- 2005: UN held a meeting in Tunisia to discuss the Internet

- Output document called the "Tunis Agenda"

- Progress being reviewed in 2025

The 2005 Tunis Agenda included: "Management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues"

- Policy authority is sovereign right of states
- Private sector has important role in development of technical fields

WSIS Review+20 cont.

Tech issues still being discussed today include Names and Numbers

Policy issues have increased, with discussion including content, commerce, human rights, cybercrime, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence.

WSIS Review+20 cont.

WSIS 2005 also established the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

"The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) *serves to bring people together from various stakeholder groups* as equals in discussions on public policy issues."

Over the years, the RIRs have hosted a booth and presented at IGF on topics including the RIR system, IPv6 and routing security.

IGF is a prime example of multistakeholder model of Internet governance, where governments, private sector, civil society, technical communities and academia discuss the evolution and use of the Internet.

WSIS Review+20 cont.

In December 2025, the United Nations will determine the fate of the IGF as part of the WSIS+20 Review

UN Member States may grapple with the following: Should IGF continue? Should it be made permanent? How will it be funded? How will other possibly new fora affect funding?

Links

- 2025 Strategic Direction Statement
  https://www.arin.net/about/corporate/planning/ARIN_strategicdirection_2025.pdf

- WSIS 2005 - Tunis Agenda for the Information Society
  https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html

- WSIS +20 Process
  https://dig.watch/processes/wsis20-process#WSIS20_review_process

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