Association for Progressive Communications

http://www.apc.org/

About APC

APC's strength lies in the fact that we don't get excited about the internet for the internet's sake. We are committed activists who want to use it to make the world a better place.

We help people get access to the internet where there is none or it is unaffordable, we help grassroots groups use the technology to develop their communities and further their rights, and we work to make sure that government policies related to information and communication serve the best interests of the general population, especially people living in developing countries.

The APC vision

All people have easy and affordable access to a free and open internet to improve their lives and create a more just world.

The APC mission

APC's mission is to empower and support organisations, social movements and individuals in and through the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to build strategic communities and initiatives for the purpose of making meaningful contributions to equitable human development, social justice, participatory political processes and environmental sustainability.

A network and an organisation

APC is both a network and an organisation. APC members are groups working in their own countries to advance the same mission as APC. In December 2010, APC had 50 members in 35 countries, the majority from developing countries.

The membership define APC's strategic priorities every five years. APC has a small staff, each living in different countries and communicating day-to-day over the internet (we have no central headquarters). APC's value and uniqueness come from the **local perspectives** and contact with grassroots organisations that we gain from our members and the fact that we operate as **a truly virtual, international organisation**.

How we work

We organise our work in three programme areas:

- communications and information policy
- women's networking support

- strategic use of technology and capacity building

Our strongest activities are often those taking place at the local or national level where the real impact can be felt, and from which the network can **learn and replicate** regionally or internationally. We work best when we can really work as a network – i.e., programmes and members work together to conceptualise projects and campaigns and then implement them together.

APC values working with other people beyond our own network. We are aware of our own limitations as well as the power of networking. Where we lack knowledge or expertise and need to learn in order to better engage challenges, we form partnerships. In all of APC's work **we encourage people to network as a means of making other activities more sustainable**. If people share their experiences and skills they have greater value over a longer period and often create a ripple effect.

Strategic priorities for 2013-16

Established by our international membership, APC the worldwide network has committed to:

- Securing and defending internet access and rights
- Fostering good internet governance
- Strengthening use and development of transformative technology
- Ending technology-based violence against women and girls
- Strengthening APC community networks

Find out more about the strategic priorities.

Consultative status to the United Nations

We are an active participant in high level international ICT policy discussions, and were granted category one consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1995.

Legal status

We were founded in 1990, and operated legally as a partner of the Tides Foundation until 1998, when we were incorporated as a nonprofit under section 501(c) (3), public charity status 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) state of California, USA. APC is governed according to the nonprofit regulations of the State of California, even though we are an international network.

The big picture, year after year

If you want to gain a quick overview of APC for a given year visit the Publication section of our website where you will find our annual reports .

International Telecommunications Union

http://www.itu.int/en/Pages/default.aspx

Overview

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

We allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide.

ITU is **committed to connecting all the world's people** – wherever they live and whatever their means. Through our work, we protect and support everyone's fundamental right to communicate. **Today, ICTs underpin everything we do**. They help manage and control emergency services, water supplies, power networks and food distribution chains. They support health care, education, government services, financial markets, transportation systems and environmental management. And they allow people to communicate with colleagues, friends and family anytime, and almost anywhere.

With the help of our membership, ITU brings the benefits of modern communication technologies to people everywhere in an efficient, safe, easy and affordable manner.

ITU membership reads like a Who's Who of the ICT sector. We're unique among UN agencies in having both public and private sector membership. So in addition to our **193 Member States**, ITU membership includes ICT regulators, leading academic institutions and some **700 private companies**.

In an increasingly interconnected world, ITU is the single global organization embracing all players in this dynamic and fast-growing sector.

Our vision

Committed to connecting the world

Virtually every facet of modern life – in business, culture or entertainment, at work and at home – depends on information and communication technologies.

Today, there are billions of mobile phone subscribers, close to five billion people with access to television, and tens of millions of new Internet users every year. Hundreds of millions of people around the world use satellite services – whether getting directions from a satellite navigation system, checking the weather forecast or watching television from isolated areas. Millions more use video compression every day in mobile phones, music players and cameras.

ITU is at the very heart of the ICT sector, brokering agreement on technologies, services, and allocation of global resources like radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbital positions, to

create a seamless global communications system that's robust, reliable, and constantly evolving.

The global international telecommunications network is the largest and most sophisticated engineering feat ever created. You use it every time you log on to the web, send an e-mail or SMS, listen to the radio, watch television, order something online, travel by plane or ship – and of course every time you use a mobile phone, smartphone or tablet computer.

All of this is **thanks to ITU and its membership**:

- ITU makes **phone calls** possible: whether to the office next door or to a friend in another country. ITU standards, protocols and international agreements are the essential elements underpinning the global telecommunication system.

- ITU coordinates the world's **satellites** through the management of spectrum and orbits, bringing you television, vehicle GPS navigation, maritime and aeronautical communications, weather information and online maps, and enabling communications in even the remotest parts of the planet.

- ITU makes **Internet** access possible. The majority of Internet connections are facilitated by ITU standards.

- ITU helps **support communications in the wake of disasters and emergencies** – through on-the-ground assistance, dedicated emergency communications channels, technical standards for early warning systems, and practical help in rebuilding after a catastrophe.

- ITU works with the industry to **define the new technologies** that will support tomorrow's networks and services.

- ITU powers the **mobile revolution**, forging the technical standards and policy frameworks that make mobile and broadband possible.

- ITU works with **public and private sector partners** to ensure that ICT access and services are affordable, equitable and universal.

- ITU empowers people around the world through **technology education and training**.

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

https://www.icann.org/

ICANN is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and

develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. Through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

[Beginner's guide to ICANN](#)

Internet Governance Forum

http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/

About the Internet Governance Forum

This is the official Web site of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), run by the IGF Secretariat. Its purpose is to support the United Nations Secretary-General in carrying out the mandate from the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) with regard to convening a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue - the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The site provides an interactive, collaborative space where all stakeholders can air their views and exchange ideas.

For more information on IGF please refer to the Fact Sheet: "What is IGF"

IGF Mandate

Paragraph 72 of the Tunis Agenda:

72. We ask the UN Secretary-General, in an open and inclusive process, to convene, by the second quarter of 2006, a meeting of the new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue—called the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The mandate of the Forum is to:

- 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;
- Facilitate discourse between bodies dealing with different cross-cutting international public policies regarding the Internet and discuss issues that do not fall within the scope of any existing body;
- Interface with appropriate inter-governmental organizations and other institutions on matters under their purview;
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices, and in this regard make full use of the expertise of the academic, scientific and technical communities;
- Advise all stakeholders in proposing ways and means to accelerate the availability and affordability of the Internet in the developing world;
- Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/or future Internet governance mechanisms, particularly those from developing countries;
- Identify emerging issues, bring them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the general public, and, where appropriate, make recommendations;
- Contribute to capacity building for Internet governance in developing countries, drawing fully on local sources of knowledge and expertise;
- Promote and assess, on an ongoing basis, the embodiment of WSIS principles in Internet governance processes;

- Discuss, inter alia, issues relating to critical Internet resources;
- Help to find solutions to the issues arising from the use and misuse of the Internet, of particular concern to everyday users;
- Publish its proceedings

Team

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Work with us

Vacancies at the IGF Secretariat

- No vacancies at this time.

Interships at the IGF Secretariat

- [Internship at the IGF Secretariat](#)

Fellowship Programme at the IGF Secretariat

The IGF fellowship programme provides an opportunity for those active in the field of Internet governance, to work at the IGF Secretariat for three months. The nominations should be submitted through national and regional IGF initiatives. Preference is given to nominees from least developed Countries (LDC's), developing countries and transitional economies. Names submitted through this process are kept on a roster. Unfortunately due to the large number of applications the Secretariat can only contact those that are shortlisted in a particular cycle. For further information about the fellowship programme please contact the IGF Secretariat at igf[at]unog.ch

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Internet Society

http://www.internetsociety.org/

The Internet Society is a global cause-driven organization governed by a diverse Board of Trustees that is dedicated to ensuring that the Internet stays open, transparent and defined by you.

We are the world's trusted independent source of leadership for Internet policy, technology standards, and future development. More than simply advancing technology, we work to ensure the Internet continues to grow and evolve as a platform for innovation, economic development, and social progress for people around the world.

With offices around the world, we work to ensure that the Internet and the web that is built on it:

Continues to develop as an open platform that empowers people to share ideas and connect in new and innovative ways

Serves the economic, social, and educational needs of individuals throughout the world – today and in the future

Cause-Driven

The Internet Society is a cause-driven organization. While the Internet Society is not a membership-driven organization, we have a growing number of members and Chapters. The articles of incorporation, bylaws, and behavior of the Internet Society have been, are, and are expected to remain that of a cause-based organization. Because of our compelling cause, a growing number of Chapters and members have chosen to join the Internet Society to share our mission and to promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.

Partnerships and Expertise

Backed by more than 65,000 members and supporters, 100 Chapters around the world, as well as more than 145 Organization members, the Internet Society achieves change through partnership and expertise in policy, technology and communications.

By working with a range of partners from non-profit agencies, local and global NGOs, academia, technologists, local councils, federal policy and decision makers, business and more, we want to make sure that your voice, expertise, and imagination can continue to develop one of the greatest tools of our lifetime.

The Internet Society engages in a wide spectrum of Internet issues, including policy, governance, technology, and development. We establish and promote principles that are intended to persuade governments to make decisions that are right for their citizens and each nation's future. Everything we do is based on ensuring that a healthy, sustainable Internet is available to everyone – today and for the next billion users.

Our Work

- Championing public policies that enable open access
- Facilitating the open development of standards, protocols, administration, and the technical infrastructure of the Internet
- Organizing events and opportunities that bring people together to share insights and opinions.

Education & Leadership

- Providing reliable information and educational opportunities that include training workshops in developing countries
- Facilitating leadership programmes that include the cultivation of Next Generation Leaders and Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Ambassadors
- Supporting local Chapters that serve the needs of the growing global Internet community

Grants & Awards

- Encouraging innovation and fresh thinking by providing grants and awards to relevant initiatives and outreach efforts that address the humanitarian, educational, and societal contexts of online connectivity
- Acknowledging individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the data communications community via the Jonathan B. Postel and Itojun Service Awards

Mission

By connecting the world, working with others, and advocating for equal access to the Internet, **the Internet Society strives to make the world a better place.**

At the foundation of our work are a vision and a mission.

Vision

The Internet is for everyone.

Mission

To promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.

To help achieve our mission, the Internet Society:

- Facilitates open development of standards, protocols, administration, and the technical infrastructure of the Internet.
- Supports education in developing countries specifically, and wherever the need exists.
- Promotes professional development and builds community to foster participation and leadership in areas important to the evolution of the Internet.
- Provides reliable information about the Internet.
- Provides forums for discussion of issues that affect Internet evolution, development and use in technical, commercial, societal, and other contexts.
- Fosters an environment for international cooperation, community, and a culture that enables self-governance to work.
- Serves as a focal point for cooperative efforts to promote the Internet as a positive tool to benefit all people throughout the world.
- Provides management and coordination for on-strategy initiatives and outreach efforts in humanitarian, educational, societal, and other contexts.

With these strategic underpinnings in place, the Internet Society has identified and undertaken a number of projects to demonstrate its commitment to the mission. Many of these have been initiated by Chapters or as a result of individual and organisational member desires. Others have been undertaken through the efforts of the Trustees, and Internet Society staff in Reston, Geneva, and around the globe.

NETmundial

http://netmundial.org/

In the same year that World Wide Web celebrates 25 years, Brazil hosted **NETmundial – Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance**. The meeting was a partnership between the **Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br)** and **/1Net**, a forum that gathers international entities of the various stakeholders involved with Internet governance. This meeting focused on the elaboration of principles of Internet governance and the proposal for a roadmap for future development of this ecosystem. The goal was to consolidate proposals based on these two topics.

NETmundial represents the beginning of a process for the construction of such policies in the global context, following a model of participatory plurality. With the goal of bringing together representatives of civil society, private sector, academia and technical community to establish strategic guidelines related to the use and development of the Internet in the world, the meeting

was concept into committees format, each one with representatives of the involved stakeholders, distinguished experts, aiming to give guidelines and organize the meeting.

NETmundial thanks the **High-Level Multistakeholder Committee**, composed of ministerial representatives of 12 countries (Argentina, Brazil, France, Ghana, Germany, India, Indonesia, South Africa, South Korea, Tunisia, Turkey and United States of America), plus 12 members of the multistakeholder international community, and the representatives of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations, and representation of the European Commission. They were responsible to oversee the overall strategy of the event and to promote the involvement of the international community around the themes that were discussed.

The **Executive Multistakeholder Committee** was responsible for the agenda of the meeting, its format, the call for participants and the management of the received content contributions, ensuring balanced participation of the global community. This Committee has nine international members, including representatives of technical, civil and academic communities, the private sector and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. The **Logistics and Organizational Committee** and the **Council of Governmental Advisors** completed the organization of the event.

NETmundial meeting took place on April 23rd and 24th, 2014, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, congregated 1,480 stakeholders with active voices (including remote participation), from a diversity of 97 nations. It was the first of its kind. It hopefully contributed to the evolution of the Internet governance ecosystem.

World Intellectual Property Organization

http://www.wipo.int/portal/en/

What is WIPO?

WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. We are a self-funding agency of the United Nations, with 187 member states.

Our mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. Our mandate, governing bodies and procedures are set out in the WIPO Convention, which established WIPO in 1967.

Quick facts

History: established in 1967 | Membership: 187 member states | Director General: Francis Gurry | Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

What we do

We help governments, businesses and society realize the benefits of IP.

We provide:

- a policy forum to shape balanced international IP rules for a changing world;
- global services to protect IP across borders and to resolve disputes;
- technical infrastructure to connect IP systems and share knowledge;
- cooperation and capacity-building programs to enable all countries to use IP for economic, social and cultural development;
- a world reference source for IP information

Activities

Each WIPO division, led by its Director, is responsible for specific programs to achieve our nine strategic goals and objectives:

- WIPO activities by unit
- The Year in Review: Report of the DG to the WIPO Assemblies 2013 PDF