Internet Society (ISOC)

Recent Activities

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Overview

- ## What is ISOC?
  - Mission
  - Membership & Chapters

- ## Activities & Initiatives
  - Education
  - Policy
  - Standards
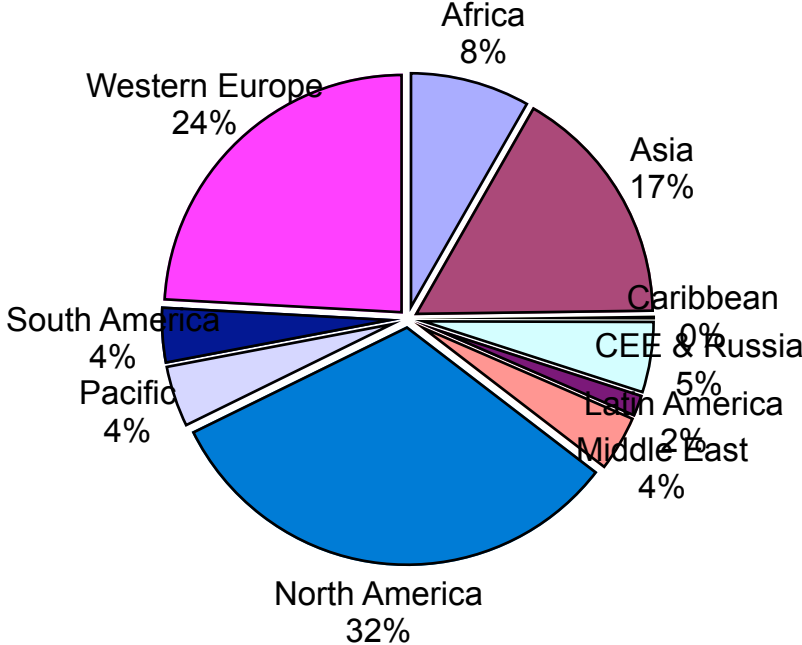
Internet Society – Who we are

- Founded 1991 by Internet Pioneers

- International, not-for-profit, membership org.
  - 80+ organisation members
  - 21,000+ individual members
  - 75+ chapters, 10+ chapters forming

- Organisation members fund activities in
  - Standards
  - Education
  - Policy

ISOC's Mission

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

Building an active global community of knowledgeable members & chapters

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Global Membership

Africa 8%
Western Europe 24%
Asia 17%
Caribbean 0%
CEE & Russia 5%
South America 4%
Latin America 2%
Pacific 4%
Middle East 4%
North America 32%

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ISOC Chapters

- Voluntary local/regional entities embracing ISOC Mission and Goals

- Serve interests of local community
  - organise activities/events/education locally
  - provide services in local language
  - amplify ISOC efforts locally/regionally

- Provide local perspective back to ISOC
  - important component in ISOC Strategic Operating Plan

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ISOC's Activities

- Education
  - Transfer of technical knowledge
  - Technical workshops, presentations
  - Support of local/regional initiatives and community building
- Policy
  - Education of policy & decision makers
  - Building bridge between Technology and Policy
  - Defending the 'Internet Model' (bottom-up)
- Support for Internet Standards
  - Umbrella organisation for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
  - Financial, administrative and legal support

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Education Activities

- Regional Bureaus

- Support for Regional Operators Fora

- ccTLD Workshops

- ISOC Fellowship to IETF

- Workshop Resource Center

Regional Bureaus

- Pilot Project
  - ISOC presence in the region
  - To work closely with chapters
  - Across all ISOC pillars and activities
- First bureau will be in Africa
  - Hiring almost complete
  - Expected start September 2006
  - Next region: Latin America

Support for Regional Operators Fora

- Fellowship for workshop participants
- Provide speakers and material
- Foster self-sustainability
- Help to find local sponsor

  - AfNOG & AfriNIC
  - SANOG
  - WALC
  - PACNOG

AfNOG/AfriNIC/INET

- May 2006, Nairobi, Kenya
- Joint meeting
  - AfNOG
  - AfriNIC
  - R&E
  - INET & chapter meeting
- Great success in bringing together communities
  - technical, research, operators, regulators

  http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/inet/06/

WALC 2006

- 24 - 29 July, Quito, Ecuador
- Contribute to fellowship program and shipping
- Chapter participation

SANOG 8

- 27 July - 4 August, Karachi, Pakistan
- Contribution to Fellowship Program
- SANOG providing speaking slot
  - taking community interest into account when determining topics and speakers
  - Glad the Pakistan ISOC chapter president can be a speaker at this meeting

PacNOG/ccTLD

- June 2006, Apia, Samoa

- Two tracks

  - Routing and Services

  - ccTLD workshop

    - Participants from: Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, American Samoa, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

    - Material:

    http://ws.edu.isoc.org/workshops/2006/ccTLD-Samoa/

ccTLD Workshops

- Target Group:
  - primarily aimed at technical staff
  - ccTLD's that enter new level of operation
- Technical hands-on training
- Policies & Procedures, interaction with IANA
- Community Building
- Follow-up through mailing list

ISOC Fellowship for IETF Participation

- Pilot Project

- Two fellows from Africa in Montreal

    - Alain Aina, Togo and Michuki Mwangi, Kenya

- Mentor program established

    - Thanks to Jaap Akkerhuis and Joe Abley

- Evaluation process after the IETF

    - What can be improved for the long term program

- Long Term Program

    - More fellows from more regions

    - Formal application process

    - Local preparation events

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Workshop Resource Portal

- Planning tool for workshop organisers
- Contains all workshop material
  - In multiple languages
- Events calendar

http://ws.edu.isoc.org/

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Policy Activities

- What is ISOC's involvement in Policy?

- WSIS and IGF

- Education for Policy Makers

ISOC Policy Involvement

- Bridge between policy and technology

- Inform about responsible Internet development and use

- Education of policy & decision makers

- Close cooperation with other technical Internet org's. (RIR's, ICANN, Operators Groups)

- Active role in WSIS

- Defending the "Internet Model" (bottom-up industry self-regulation and decision making)

WSIS – key results for ISOC

- In Internet governance:
  - Recognition of the role of the Internet community
  - Recognition of the role and importance of the existing governance mechanisms
  - Understanding that there is a need to move the debate beyond technical aspects
- In general:
  - Focus on the promise of ICTs for economic development and capacity building

IGF – Key Success Criteria

- Ensure fullest multi-stakeholder participation
- Focus, focus
  - IGF will only be successful if it has a clear, focused and defined agenda
  - Issue focus should be in those areas that impact access to and availability of the Internet
- Minimise costs
  - Account for personnel and financial constraints
  - Limit organisational structures and meetings
- Share, inform, collaborate
  - Promote best practice and expertise sharing
  - Leverage existing organisations and knowledge base.

Education for Policy Makers

- Organising workshop at IGF in Athens together with other Internet organisations
- ISOC Publications

  http://www.isoc.org/briefings/

  http://www.isoc.org/pubpolpillar/

- INET in collaboration with AfNOG & AfriNIC
  - Roundtable on Internet Governance
  - Chapter Roundtable
  - Brought together technical and policy community

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Standards Activities

- Support for IETF

- IETF Journal

IETF Support

- Began at IETF request in 1996
- Organisational home for the IETF
- Legal umbrella & Insurance
- Financial support
  - RFC Editor
  - IETF chair
  - Internet Administrative Director

IETF Journal

- Encourages participation

- Promotes IETF activities

- Informative

  – for technical and for a wider community

http://ietfjournal.isoc.org/

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Other Resources

- **http://www.isoc.org**

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- **http://ws.edu.isoc.org/**