the Internet is for
everyone

About the Internet Society

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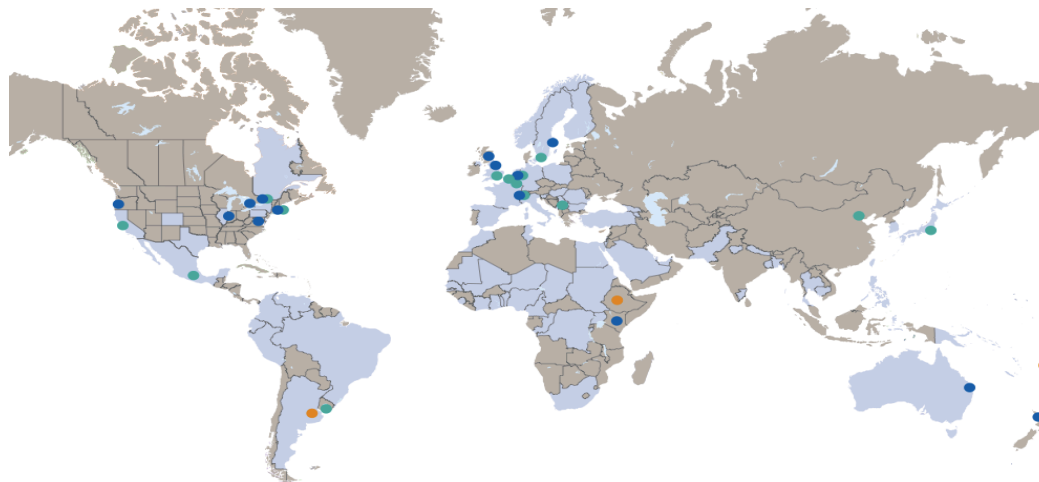
The Internet Society

The Internet Society is an international cause-related organization that works for the open ***development*** and ***evolution*** of the Internet for all people.

The Internet is for everyone…

and the Internet Society is for everyone who cares about the Internet!

The Internet Society – who are we?

- Founded in 1992 by Internet Pioneers as an international non-profit organization
  - 100+ organization members
  - Tens of thousands of individual members
  - 85+ chapters worldwide
  - Regional Bureaus: Africa, Europe, Latin America & Caribbean, North America, South & South East Asia

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The Internet Society's Vision

- We see a future in which people everywhere can use the Internet to improve quality of life:

    …when standards, technologies, business practices, and government policies sustain an open and universally accessible platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity.

The Internet Model

- The Internet is successful in large part due to its unique model of development and deployment

  - Shared global ownership – no central control
  - Open technical standards
  - Collaborative Engagement models – researchers, business, civil society, government
  - Freely accessible processes for technology and policy development
  - Transparent and collaborative governance

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What makes the Internet Society unique?

Focus is Internet Development, Standards, Policy

- Enables regional capacity and technical community building throughout the world

- Key player in Internet policy
  - Particularly in the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and other intergovernmental forums

- Organisational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), Internet Architecture Board (IAB), and related bodies

Internet Society Focus
Strategic initiatives 2008-2011

- Enabling Access
  - Technical capacity building
  - Policy, regulation and the access environment
  - Enabling access for under-served communities
- Trust and Identity
  - Architecture and trust
  - Current problems and solutions and trust
  - Identity and trust
- InterNetWorks
  - Global addressing program
  - Common and open internet
  - Security and stability

- Info at http://www.isoc.org/isoc/mission/initiative/

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What will Internet of the future look like?

- The Internet will be more multilingual
  - Domain names based on non-western characters
- The new Internet users will have different cultural and societal views. This will influence:
  - The global policy debate and influence policy making
  - The non-yet invented 'game changing innovation'.
- Methods of accessing the Internet
  - New entrants may prefer open operating systems, or predominantly use mobile or wireless connections.
- The huge growth in scale and the growing prevalence of mobility will present some technical challenges

The Internet Society: working to support the next billions online

The Internet Society is working on

- Strategic Development Initiatives
  - Technical Capacity Building
  - Promoting Access-Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environments
  - Developing Communities of Practice and Multi-stakeholder Participation
- Next Generation Leaders Programme/Internet Institute
  - Unique blend of coursework and practical experience to help prepare young professionals from around the world to become the next generation of Internet technology, policy, and business leaders

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