

INTERNET GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

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DISCLAIMER...

- This overview is shortened and simplified to give an overview and explain some words and orgs
- If one goes down the rabbit hole, things get way more complicated
- This is the view of a technical person and might therefore differ from a policy person
- And of course this is my personal view and opinion:-)

WHO AM I...

- (Ex) Techie, Manager
- Board Member at various Organisations
 - IX (AMSIX, Netnod, FranceIX)
 - RIR (RIPE NCC)
 - ICANN
 - Tor Project
- Attendee of RIR and ICANN meetings
- Attendee of IGF meetings

WHAT IS INTERNET GOVERNANCE?

- There was always some form of Governance for the Internet even in the early days
- But it really started with the foundation of ICANN to coordinate globally domain names and IP addresses in 1998
- The technical community often struggles with the word governance as we see IANA and technical coordination for domains not necessarily as governance
- The term was expanded when the UN started its WGIG – UN Working group of Internet Governance, afterwards it contained all kinda things related to the Internet

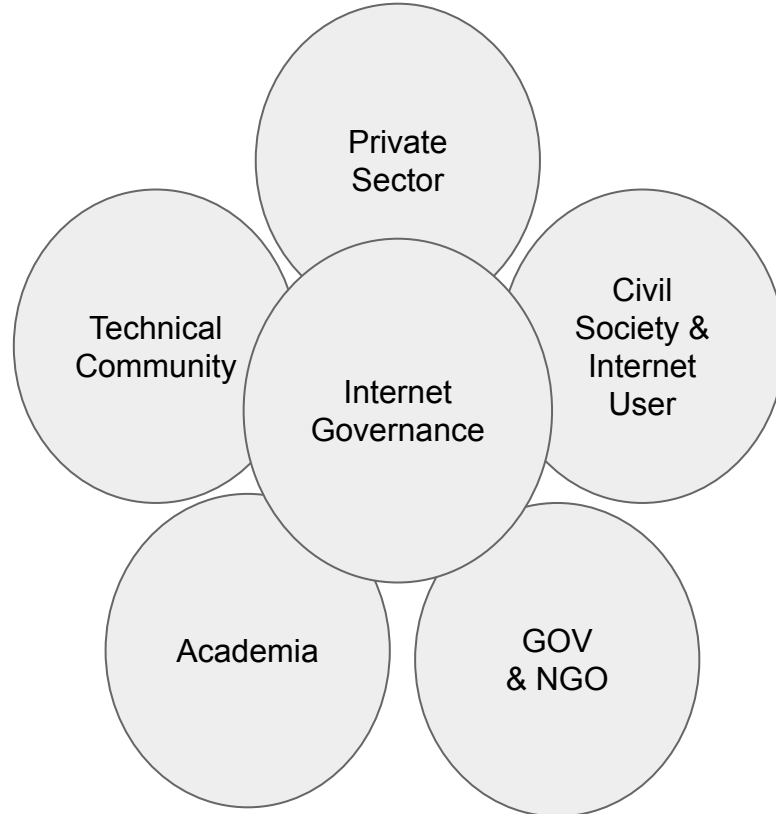
WHO ARE SOME OF THE PLAYERS?

- ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)
 - Support Organisations: ccNSO, GNSO, ASO
 - Advisory Functions: ALAC, SSAC, RSAC, GAC
 - Others: Root Server Operators, etc
- Regional Internet Registries (RIPE NCC, ARIN, AFRINIC, APNIC, LACNIC)
- IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
- ISOC org and the chapters
- Governments and NGO
- Member based Internet Exchanges? (LINX, AMSIX, FranceIX, etc)

THE BOTTOM UP PROCESS

- Every Constituency (ASO, ccNSO, GNSO, etc) has its own processes/policies and elects his own people
- One level higher there are processes how this constituency interact with ICANN.
- There are still new ones coming in like the Root Server Operators
- The IETF has its own policies and governance

MULTISTAKEHOLDER-ISM AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



WISIS - WORLD SUMMIT OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

- 2003 – 2005 UN sponsored Meetings in Geneva and Tunis
- The WG on Internet Governance was formed to make suggestion on how to handle the question of Internet Governance
 - The EU suggested that the US should give up control over ICANN
- 2006 the UN established the Internet Governance Forum
- IANA Transition in 2016
- WISIS+20 Review in 2025 how to proceed with the whole IGF construct

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

- A forum and a yearly meeting with the highest level of conversations between all Stakeholders around issues related to the Internet
- Discussed topics are Internet Fragmentation, stability, security, robustness, open, etc.
- Technical knowledge but also policy knowledge is getting shared
- Has an eye on new technologies like AI, Quantum, etc.

IS IT IMPORTANT - SHOULD I BE PART OF IT?

- The Internet / Cyberspace is not (easily) aligned to geographic boundaries / legal jurisdictions
- No Government / Organisation controls or steers the global Internet
- The governance is as distributed as the Internet itself
- Governments will continue to regulate and create laws
 - It's better if (technical) experts are heard
 - Local legislation will affect your local business

QUESTIONS?