

# African Union Ministerial 2015

## Update on Internet Governance

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# Key Internet governance topics

- **Access** and addressing the digital divide => Connecting the next billion
- Sustainable **development** and capacity building => Using ICTs to empower people and drive economic growth
- **Human Rights** => Building a people-centered information Society
- **Security**, privacy and surveillance => building trust for the future
- **Inclusiveness** => ensuring that IG institutions are global

# But what is Internet Governance?

The 2005 United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) defined “Internet Governance” as:

*[...] the development and application by governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.*

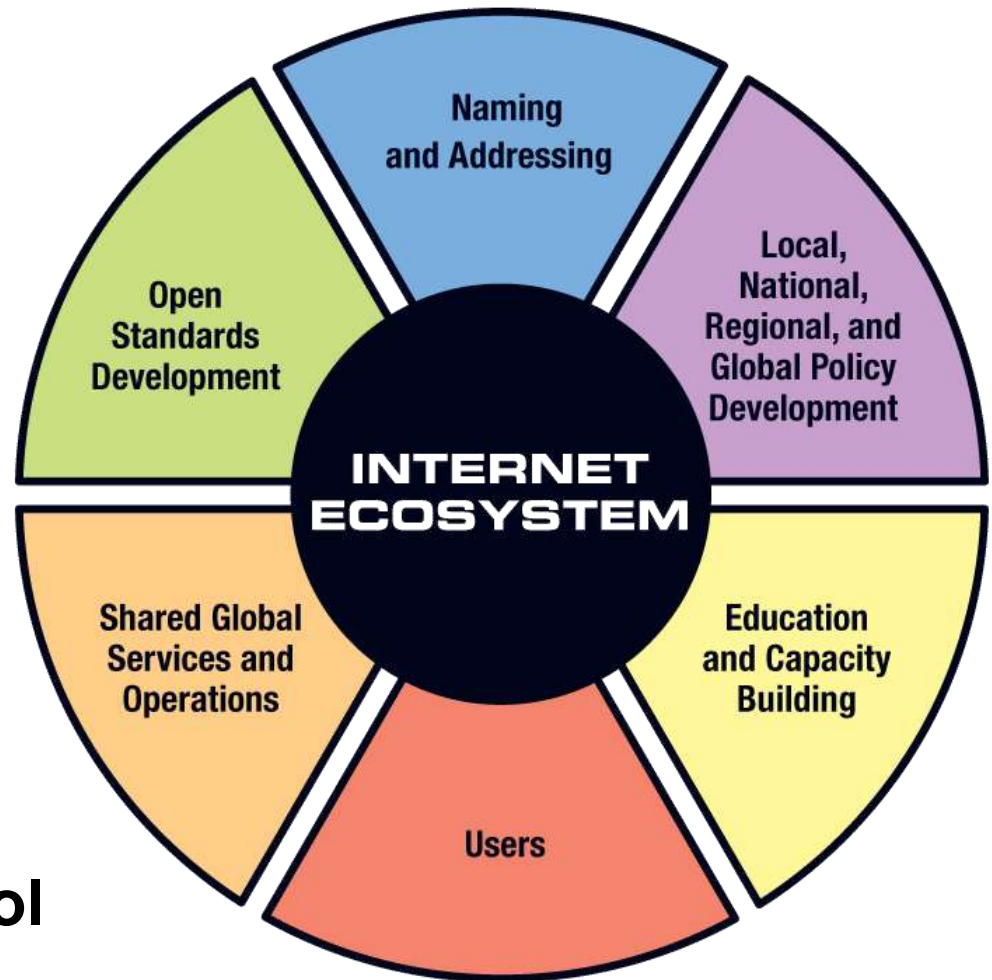
- Article 34, Tunis Agenda

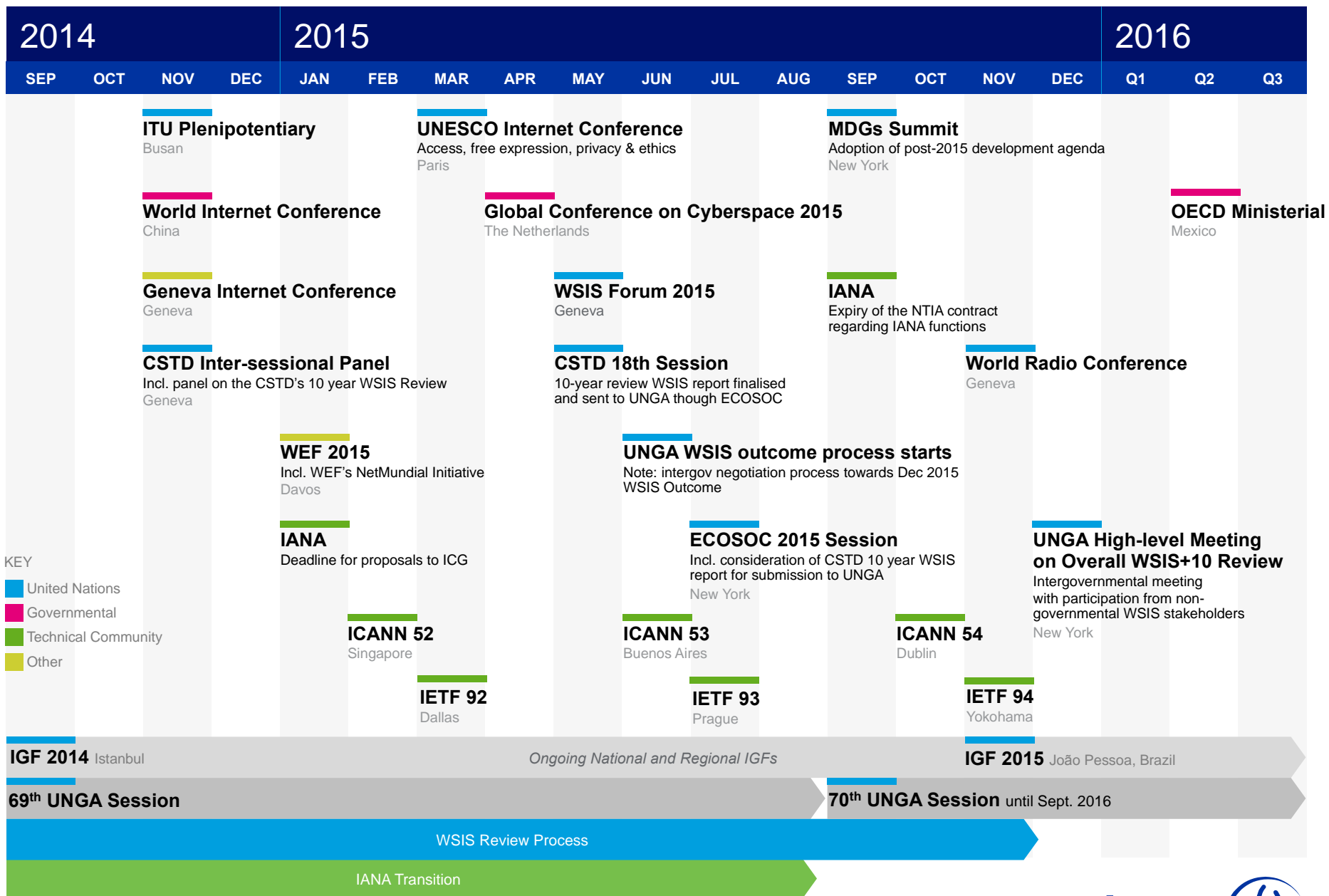
**=> In brief: Cooperation and collaboration in a decentralized system**

# The Internet Ecosystem: A cooperative model

## Characteristics:

- Involvement of a broad range of actors
- Open, transparent, and collaborative processes
- Use of products and infrastructure with dispersed ownership and control





- KEY
- United Nations
  - Governmental
  - Technical Community
  - Other

# Internet Governance in 2015

**2015 could well shape the future of the Internet through a series of key developments:**

- **WSIS+10 Review**
- **IGF 2015**
- **IANA Transition**

***Africa's Voice *MUST* be heard!***

# World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

What is the community's vision beyond 2015?

# WSIS+10 Review: 2005 → 2015

## High-level U.N. event in New York, December 2015

- Governments will set the **agenda for WSIS beyond 2015**
- **Consultative process** (stakeholders, regional input)

## What are the key issues for discussion?

- **Development:** synergies with new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), digital divide, local content, affordability
- **Security:** surveillance, cyberthreats, collaboration
- **IG:** future of IGF, role of the UN, value of the multistakeholder approach in reaching the WSIS targets, need a new summit?



# To Find out more about WSIS:

UN Website: <http://unpan3.un.org/ws10/en-us/>

ISOC info on WSIS: <http://www.internetsociety.org/ws10>

Timeline of WSIS & IG events:  
<http://www.internetsociety.org/igtimeline>

# The Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Evolving towards tangible outcomes

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- **A key WSIS outcome:** a platform to discuss and identify solutions and best practices for Internet policy issues
- **Regional and national IGF initiatives** have been launched in at least 9 regions and 19 countries
  - African IGF next week!
- **IGF 2015:** João Pessoa, Brazil, 10-13 November 2015
- **Characteristics:** Neutral for all stakeholders => working towards best practices and policy options
- The IGF's five-year mandate is **up for renewal** in 2015 (to be discussed in context WSIS Review)

# Info on the IGF

All about the IGF: <http://www.internetsociety.org/igf>

IGF Toolkit: <http://www.internetsociety.org/igtoolkit>

Connecting the Next Billion:  
<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/policy-options-for-connection-the-next-billion>

# IANA Stewardship Transition

Can the community reach consensus?

# Key Issues in the Transition

- The IANA Stewardship Transition **Principles**\_(cf.NTIA) :
  - a. Enhance and support the multistakeholder model
  - b. Maintain the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet DNS
  - c. Meet the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of IANA
  - d. Maintain the openness of the Internet
- **Accountability**: Key for the robust and predictable operation of the IANA functions.
- **Where we stand now** (3 Aug. – 12 Sept.): Public comment period on proposed enhancements to ICANN's accountability framework, identified as essential to be committed to before the transition takes place

# IANA Transition

**March 2014:** United States Government announced that it will transition its role to the global multistakeholder Internet Community

**March 2014 – August 2015:** Debate and discussion over transition details

**September 2015:** Comment period for proposals

**September 2016:** U.S. government contract ENDS

Find more Info:

<https://www.icann.org/en/stewardship/resources>