

Maintaining one single global Internet

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Background

This workshop attempts to shed light on ongoing developments on the regulatory and technology aspects in relation to the Internet and the potential impact of such new regulations and technologies on the single global Internet used by billions of users around the world.

Key Facts

- New legislation related to the Internet are on the rise.
- More technologies being introduced that utilize the Internet are being regulated, and thus could impact the overall functionality of the Internet.
- Some of these legislations or regulations can be better improved if legislators and regulators have better understanding of the technical underpinning of the Internet.

Description

Countries and intergovernmental organizations are deliberating new ways to tackle some Internet-related issues such as cybersecurity, protection of personal data, e-commerce, online content.

Emerging technologies aim to bring in new features for the benefit of end users. But, such benefits come at a cost, and some of the proposed new technologies may put the security and stability of the Internet at risk.

Discussions around new regulations or new technologies require a clear understanding of the technical underpinnings of the Internet, as they can affect how the Internet operates.

Driven by public interest and ICANN's mission, ICANN is committed to providing the necessary technical information and capacity building to all stakeholders, helping them understand the actual operation of the technical underpinnings of the Internet.

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