Internet Governance – The Global Agenda

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Overview

• Introductory remarks

• WSIS Review Process:
  WSIS+10 UNESCO, Paris; ITU, Sharm El Sheik
  IGF - Baku & Bali
  CSTD WG on Enhanced Cooperation
  UN GA Review 2015

• ITU Forums:  WCIT-12
  WTPF
  WTDC; PP14 ; WRC-15

• Conclusion
Introductory remarks: IG in the focus

• Internet: complex, evolving ecosystem – equilibrium

• IG issues may influence equilibrium, e.g.:
  Self-regulation vs. control
  Principles vs. regulations
  Security vs. privacy
  Economic, social impact
  IT regulations and the Internet, etc.

• Meetings in 2012-2013: ICANN, CSTD/ECOSOC, Cyberspace Conference, IGF, WCIT, UNGA, WSIS+10 WTPF, etc. – part of learning curve
WSIS Review Process

• UNGA 67/195  December, 2012  
  *Reaffirms* the role of the GA in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS, to be held by the end of 2015, and decides to consider the modalities for the review process by the end of 2013;

• UNESCO Paris, February 2013  
  WSIS+10: Towards Knowledge Society: sessions on IDN, Enhanced Cooperation, Principles, Content, Multilingualism

• ITU/UNESCO/UNCTAD/UNDP May, 2013  
  WSIS Forum : Ministerial Round Table, High Level Dialogue; Thematic Workshops; Action Line Facilitator Meeting, etc.

• ITU Sharm el Sheikh April 2014 WSIS+10 review meeting
Internet Governance Forum

• IGF 2012 Baku  - statistics - 1600+ participants
  - taking stock/lessons learned
  - way forward

• Preparation of IGF 2013 Bali
  - Paris meeting
    proposed themes; call for workshop proposals
  MAG Working Groups
  1. IG principles
  2. Workshop Assessment Criteria
  3. Implementation of CSTD WG recommendations
  4. Multi-stakeholder principles and EC
  - Geneva meeting May 2013

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69. **We further recognize** the need for EC in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.

71. The process towards EC, to be started by the UN SG, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal process, and will be responsive to innovation. Relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation. The same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports.
EC Background - Consultations

• 2006 - Nitin Desai, UN SG Special Adviser – Informal consultations – No agreement
• 2008 - UNSG invited 10 organizations to report on EC progress
• 2010 – UN USG convened a multi-stakeholder consultation
• 2012 – UNCSTD Chair conducted a multi-stakeholder consultation
CSTD WG on Enhanced Cooperation

UNGA Resolution 67/195 (2012)

• “invites the Chair of CSTD to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the mandate of WSIS regarding EC, through seeking, compiling and reviewing inputs from all Member States and all other stakeholders, and to make recommendations on how to fully implement this mandate;”

• report in 2014
WGEC Modalities

• Mandate
• Multi-stakeholder approach
• Mutual trust
• Results based on consensus
• Observers – ECOSOC rules apply
• Constraints (time, resources, venue, etc.)
WGEC Schedule

• Preliminary consultations (on-line)

• Physical meetings in Geneva:
  1st meeting: 30 May (P.M)-31 May 2013
  3 or 4 further meetings in 2013 (3 days each)
  1 further meeting in 2014 (February 2014)

• Chair’s report & recommendations: 28 February 2014
WGEC Preliminary Consultations

• Define objectives based on WSIS Tunis Agenda and relevant UN Resolutions
• Identify topics related to EC (cyber security, principles, examples of EC, capacity building, etc.)
• Agree on topics to be discussed – result oriented approach
• Agree on schedule
WGEC 1st Meeting

• 30 May (P.M.)-31 May 2013, Geneva
• Questionnaire
• Responses from stakeholders: 15.07.2013
• Compilation of responses: 15.08.2013
• Summary of responses -> main topics 30.08.2013
• Rolling document structured according to main topics
• Chair’s report
ITU Forums – WCIT-12

WCIT-12 Treaty

• **Issues**: Update of ITRs (1988) & Internet

• **Preamble**: recognize the right of access of MSs to international telecommunication services

  *vote & not concensus!!!*

• **ITRs**
  - do not address the content-related aspects of telecommunication
  - unsolicited bulk electronic communication
  - charging and accounting

• **Resolution**: To foster an enabling environment for the greater growth of the Internet
ITU Forums: WCIT-12 Outcome

**Signatories of the Final Acts: 89 (in green)**

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ITU Forums: WCIT-12 Consequences

• ITU - ICANN  SG & CEO declarations on complementary activities

• Cleavages on IG  - multi-stakeholder model
  - state control
  - in between

• Signatories - 89 countries out of 144 (193)

• Follow-up  - WTPF in May 2013
  - WTDC /WSIS+10  March-April 2014
  - ITU PP14
ITU Forums: WTPF

• WTPF - ITU - May 2013 Geneva
• Secretary General’s report
• Independent Expert Group - 3 meetings
• 6 draft opinions agreed
  - Promoting Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)
  - Capacity-building for the deployment of IPv6
  - IPv6 Adoption/deployment; transition from IPv4
  - Enabling environment for Broadband and development
  - Support for multi-stakeholderism in IG
  - Operationalizing the Enhanced Cooperation Process
ITU Forums: WTDC, PP-14, WRC-15

- WTDC - 31 March - 11 April 2014, Sharm-el-Sheikh
- PP-14 - 20 October - 7 November 2014, Busan
Conclusion

• Internet Governance – reconciliation of different interests
• Maintain multi-stakeholder model
• Cooperation rather than confrontation
• Beyond WSIS+10 - proactive approach: principles, EC, improvements to the IGF, sustainable goals
• Work towards enhanced Internet Governance
Thank you!

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