



# Internet Governance

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# United Nations ponders Net's future

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# Internet Governance: International Agenda

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- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
- Proposed by Delegates to the ITU Plenipotentiary Meeting in 1998
- Endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly as a Multi-Sectoral Approach
- UN Global Summit Under the High patronage of the Secretary General



# WSIS - World Summit on the Information society

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- Two-Phase:
  - Geneva in December 2003 to Adopt a Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action
  - Tunis in 2005 to Assess Progress and Refine the Plan of Action with a Focus on Development
- Became an Inter-governmental Process of Member States in which Observers Could Participate
  - Intergovernmental and International Organizations
  - Private Sector
  - Civil Society
- Preparatory Process: PrepComs and Regional Meetings



# WSIS and Internet Governance

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- Contentious issues:
  - Digital Solidarity Fund
  - Internet Governance
- Internet Governance: Multiple Views
  - Role of Governments and International Organizations
  - Continued Private Sector Leadership
- Reaction Against Perception of US Domination of the Internet



# Internet Governance and the Summit

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- Two Camps in Final Negotiations
  - Internet Governance Should be Handled by an Inter-governmental Organization Under the UN (ITU?)
  - Status Quo, the Current System Works
- What is Internet Governance
  - Narrow Definition “of the Internet”
  - Broad Definition “on the Internet”





# Summit Outcome: Working Group on Internet Governance

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- No Agreement: UN Secretary General to Setup a Working Group to:
  - Develop a Working Definition of Internet Governance
  - Identify the Public Policy Issues Relevant to Internet Governance
  - Develop a Common Understanding of the Respective Roles and Responsibilities of all Stakeholders
  - Issue a Report for the Tunis Phase



# Discussions: Where Are We Now

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- ITU Forum, Geneva, Feb 26-27, 2004
- UNICT Task Force Global Forum, New York, March 25-25, 2004
  - UNICT TF Regional Meetings
- Working group: Creation, Structure and Modalities
- Discussion: ICANN a Core Issue, but Final Scope of the WG is to Likely Broader
  - Ain't Broken, Don't Fix It (North/Private Sector)
  - Inclusion and Participation (South)



# Process to Tunis: How to Get Involved

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