The Internet Society
Activities and Opportunities for Engagement

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What is the Internet Society?

- Founded in 1992 by Internet Pioneers
- Dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of people throughout the world
  - International not-for-profit organization
    - Offices located in Washington and Geneva
    - 90+ organization members
    - 26,000+ individual members
    - 80+ chapters worldwide
- Regional Bureaus:
  - Africa
  - Latin America and the Caribbean
  - South and Southeast Asia
• **ISOC Initiatives (2008-2010)**
  
  – **Enabling Access**
    – Technical Capacity Building
    – Policy, Regulation, and the Access Environment
    – Enabling Access for Under-served Communities
  
  – **InterNetWorks**
    – Global Addressing
    – Common Internet
    – Security & Stability
  
  – **Trust and Identity**
    – Architecture and Trust
    – Current Problems/Solutions and Trust
    – Identity and Trust
• **Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)**  [http://www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)
  
  – **Internet standards development**
  – “RFC”: Request for Comments
  – Meets three times per year
  – No formal membership
  – Working Groups
  – Most work done online: mailing lists
  – ccTLDs: consider joining mailing lists on DNS, IPv6, Security
  – ISOC is the organisational home for IETF
• **Technical Capacity Building**

  – **An ISOC activity since 1993**
  – Co-ordinated by ISOC's *Education and Programs* team
  – Work with Internet community to develop and deliver educational programmes
  – Support knowledge-sharing and capacity building, particularly for developing countries
  – Early work by ISOC and others resulted in regional conferences, network operator groups
  – ISOC continues support of “NOGs”: AfNOG, MENOG, PacNOG, SANOG, WALC, etc.
  – Through collaborative efforts 500+ people per year receive network training
  – Some current focus areas: IXPs and Root Servers
• **ccTLD Workshops**
  
  – *An ISOC activity since 2004*
  
  – Organised in partnership with Network Startup Resource Centre (NSRC) [http://www.nsrc.org/](http://www.nsrc.org/)
  
  – Conducted as hands-on clinics in computer lab environment
  
  – *Objective*: to provide knowledge and skills ccTLD operators need to build/maintain high quality infrastructure and services
  
  – ISOC/NSRC maintain global ccNOG mailing list for past workshop participants/ccTLD managers to discuss technical issues [http://ws.edu.isoc.org/mailing/instructors.php](http://ws.edu.isoc.org/mailing/instructors.php)
  
  – Currently working on advanced curriculum, pilot workshop being planned later this year
  
  – Past collaboration in Asia Pacific with ccTLDs, NOGs, others (AIT, APRICOT,.....)
We really did hold workshops!
ISOC Workshop Resource Centre

- **http://ws.edu.isoc.org/**
  - Repository for sharing training materials, planning tools, trainer tools
Engaging with ISOC

• Possible through many ways!
  – Join as an individual member
    – Membership free in “Global Member” category
      http://www.isoc.org/join/
  – Join an ISOC Chapter near you (or help start one!)
    http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/
  – Join as an organisational member
    http://www.isoc.org/orgs/
  – Join an IETF Working Group
  – Apply for a fellowship to attend an IETF meeting
    http://www.isoc.org/educpillar/fellowship/
Engaging with ISOC (con't)

- **Attend an Internet event/conference**
  http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/events/

- **ISOC Project Funding Initiative**
  http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/projects/

- **Subscribe to an ISOC publication**
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- **Apply for a job at ISOC 😊**
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