

A ccNSO position on WSIS

The World Summit on the
Information Society

Declaration of Principles Dec 04

“Para 48:

The internet has evolved into a global facility available to the public and its governance should constitute a core issue of the Information Society agenda. The international management of the internet should be multilateral, transparent and democratic, with the full involvement of governments, the private sector, civil society and international organisations. It should ensure an equitable distribution of resources, facilitate access for all and ensure a stable and secure functioning of the internet, taking into account multilinguism”

WSIS Principles

“Para 49

The management of the internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organisations. In this respect it is recognised that:

- a) Policy authority for internet related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international internet-related public policy issues.”

WSIS Principles

Para 49 - continued

- “b) The private sector has had and should continue to have an important role in the development of the internet, both in the technical and economic fields;
- c) Civil Society.....
- d) Intergovernmental organisations have had and should continue to have an important role in the coordination of internet related public policy issues;
- e) International organisations have also had and should continue to have an important role in the development of internet related technical standards and relevant policies.”

WSIS Principles

Para 50

“ International Internet governance issues should be addressed in a coordinated manner. We ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations to set up a working group on internet governance, in an open and inclusive process that ensures a mechanism for the full and active participation of governments, the private sector and civil society from both developing and developed countries, involving relevant intergovernmental and international organisations and forums, to investigate and make proposals for action, as appropriate, on the governance of the internet by 2005.”

WSIS Action Plan

Contrast 14 November 2003 draft with 12 December final.

Note - “Call on Secretary general of ITU”

vs

“A private sector led body”
becomes the call to the UN...

Still invites governments to “manage or supervise...their respective ccTLDs

WSIS recent developments

- Secretary General first appoints Secretariat, headed by Marcus Kummer
- Working Group chair appointed - members to follow
- UN to fund both from new Trust Fund - contributions sought
- “core group” of WG expected to begin work in July....

WSIS in the near future

- Tunis PrepComs 2 and 3 in Feb and Sept 05
- Prepcom 1 in Hammamet, Tunis, June 24/5
- Summit meeting in Tunis, November 05
- WG report hoped for by July 05, to allow time for governments to fully study it.

WSIS - ccTLD previous position

- Presentations in Carthage from APTLD and Centr.
- Centr has NGO status in WSIS
- General position was to inform our Governmental reps. to WSIS of support for ICANN's role as coordinator of technical resources of the internet -names, addresses, protocols.

A ccNSO position

- There is currently no “bottom up, transparently developed” ICANN position on WSIS
- Board and staff have been “firefighting” and attempting to separate ICANN’s technical role from issues such as gender equity, indigenous peoples access, spam, etc
- Need to clarify and strengthen ICANN’s role, according to its mission statement.

A ccNSO position

- An ICANN cross-constituency committee has developed a basic template for ICANN entities.
- Designed to establish facts - what role do we play in the provision or operation of technical resources of the internet, and what role do we see ICANN having in their coordination.

A ccNSO position - Template

1. Name of Group
2. What is the role group plays regarding the internet's system of unique identifiers and its stable and secure operation (What do we do?)
3. Explain how ICANN's activities/responsibilities affect us.
4. Explain why we participate in ICANN(and give examples of issues/activities we do)
5. What internet activities do we do outside ICANN's mandate - what national and international fora are our members involved with?
6. Identify other international groups we work with on internet governance - APNIC, IETF, WIPO, LACNIC, ISOC etc
7. What other internet issues, outside ICANN affect our interests?

WSIS - An ICANN position

- Template responses should be coordinated and turned into resolutions from all 3 ICANN technical policy Councils - ASO, GNSO and ccNSO.
- Resolutions will provide the Board with bottom up support to create and support action by the CEO and other staff in WSIS process.
- Discussion?