

IG and trade

Fora, processes and lessons learned

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- Internet governance
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 - ICANN
- Lessons learned and IG and trade

Internet governance

- Definition (WGIG):
 - Internet governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet
- R&Rs (WSIS Geneva Principles):
 - The management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations. In this respect it is recognized that:
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - Civil society has also played an important role on Internet matters, especially at community level, and should continue to play such a role;
 - Intergovernmental organizations have had and should continue to have a facilitating role in the coordination of Internet-related public policy issues;
 - International organizations have also had and should continue to have an important role in the development of Internet-related technical standards and relevant policies.

Multi...

- **Multistakeholder**
 - A Multistakeholder Model is an organizational framework or structure which adopts the multistakeholder process of governance or policy making, which aims to bring together the primary stakeholders such as businesses, civil society, governments, research institutions and non-government organizations to cooperate and participate in the dialogue, decision making and implementation of solutions to common problems or goals. (ICANN)
- **Multilateral/intergovernmental**
 - In international relations, multilateralism is multiple countries working in concert on a given issue. (Wikipedia)
 - An intergovernmental organization or international governmental organization (IGO) is an organization composed primarily of sovereign states (referred to as member states), or of other intergovernmental organizations. (Wikipedia)

IG processes and fora

- IGF
 - Policy discussion forum
 - Multistakeholder
- WSIS
 - Policy shaping process
 - Multistakeholder/multilateral
- ICANN
 - Policy making entity
 - Multistakeholder

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- Lessons from IG – importance of
 - Continuity and coherency
 - Expertise
 - Cross-stakeholder
 - IG engagement norms
- Internal challenges
 - Resourcing/coordination
- External challenges
 - Multistakeholder approaches are difficult/long/unproven
 - CS legitimacy/expertise/accountability?
- National/international engagement.