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2024 Update



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We Will Advocate to Defend the Internet

Countering Internet Threats

- On track
- We are involved in active advocacy efforts across the globe, including European Union, Brazil, India, Canada, and United States.
- Live examples: US Federal Communications Commission and Canada Online Harms Act.

Defending the Internet in the United Nations

- On track
- We are active in regional and global WTSA preparations, NETmundial+10, Global Digital Compact, and WSIS+20.

Extending Encryption

- On track
- Mitigated 3 threats: Canada Online Harms Bill, Australia eSafety draft standards, and European Union's vote on eIDAS.
- Unmitigated 1: UK Investigatory Powers Act.
- 5 of 6 pro-encryption government statements.
- The pro-encryption child safety network has finalized a joint document.



Internet Society staff member, Mona Gaballa, speaks on behalf of the Internet Society at NetMundial+10.



We Will Advocate to Defend the Internet (cont.)

Helping Shape Internet Legal Precedent

- Achieved success measure - submitted 2 Amicus briefs
- *Richter v. Google* (Mexico; first one outside of US)
- *Alairo and TikTok v. Knudsen* (Montana, US)

Sharing Cutting Edge Knowledge (NDSS 2024)

- On track
- Record number of in-person participants 633, 694 submissions, and 140 accepted papers.
- Decrease in sponsorships.
- Currently exploring how to make this a sustainable activity at ISOC.

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What an awesome #NDSSSymposium2024! Over 4000 emails, more than half in the last two weeks. Over 1500 HotCRP comments. Over 600 attendees, 140 paper presentations across three parallel sessions, and two amazing keynotes. 10/10, amazing experience, would do again (after a break)!



Keynote Speakers

 AI, Encryption, and the Sins of the 90ies (Meredith Whittaker)

 Corruption of Memory: Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it (Herbert Bos)

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Social media post praising NDSS 2024.



We Will Build the Internet and Improve Its Resilience

Connecting the Unconnected

- Exceeded target and achieved for the year - 10 (6 target)
- Record number of 52 CN grant applications.
- A policy and advocacy toolkit for CNs is being developed through a community-driven approach, initial roundtable at CITEC PCC.I 44 meeting in Panama.

Fostering Sustainable Peering Infrastructure

- On track
- The grants process is working, and we are on track to fund 1 new and support 5 existing IXPs.
- Example: West Africa Submarine Cable Outage demonstrates the importance of our IXP work.

Measuring the Internet

- On track
- Improving the user experience (UX) through a UX redesign, including better accessibility, linking, speeds, and optimization.
- IXP Tracker and Pulse 50/50 tool will be released by end of June.
- Media, advocacy and academic references to Pulse are on the rise, and we are well past the mid-year target.



Policy workshop at CITEC meeting to get input on CN Toolkit.



We Will Scale Impact through Mobilization and Capacity Building

Mobilizing Strong Community to Protect the Internet

- On track
- Continuing to improve the organization member experience.
- Proud of the advocacy our chapters are doing: west Africa, Australia, UK, Canada
 - Examples: Lesotho and Tanzania Chapters
- 89% indicates we have an engaged community, and we are working to exceed this year.

Recognizing Internet pioneers

- On track
- Call for Postel Award is open.
- 4 former awardees and inductees engaged with our community (target 5).

Equipping Policymakers with Internet Technology Insight

- On track
- IETF 120 (2 of 3) in Vancouver

Developing Internet leaders

- On track
- Active ISOC Alumni currently at 29%- room to improve.
- In 2024, 296 learners have been trained by local partners and/or chapters (target: 500).



At Kigali Convention Center, we co-hosted a cocktail event, with ISOC-Rwanda, for members of the Internet Society attending ICANN 80 Policy Forum to connect and share our experiences to shape the future of the Internet.



Train-the-Trainer in Zimbabwe

- ISOC started training trainers and teachers from across Zimbabwe on Designing and Deploying Computer Networks course in 2022.
- Collaboration with the Zimbabwe Chapter and Solusi University.
- 71 teachers and over 2,500 students trained so far in Zimbabwe.



The third cohort of the train-the-trainer program graduated in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.



Thank you.

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