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First Webinar

Multi-Stakeholder Approach in Internet Governance

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Multi-stakeholder

History

World summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)

Conclusion

History

Governmental representatives meet in comfortable rooms

- Civil Society activists demonstrate outside

  - Policemen try to prevent them from approaching the building

  - Confrontations ▶ Injuries

    ▶ death

- Millennium Summit

  - Invite these noisy activists to the meeting room

  - First experience: WSIS

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Summit ► Head of States and Governments ► Governmental by definition

■ Civil Society: Observer with Private Sector and Int. Organizations

- Written contributions
- Speak for 5 min at the end
- No decision making right

■ Not a full Multi-stakeholder model

- Permitted to impact the final outputs

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Civil Society got organized

- Civil Society Bureau

  - Composed of 22 members representing 22 Families
    - Academia
    - Science & Technology
    - NGOs
    - Media
    - Etc.

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Civil Society got organized

- Civil Society Bureau

  - In charge of all organizational aspects

    - Form of contribution
    - Lobbying
    - Meetings and gatherings

  - Holds a daily Plenary during the F2F PreComs and Summits

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Civil Society got organized

- Content & Themes Group

    - In charge of preparing the substantial contributions

        o Works through a mailing list

        o Builds consensus on the Civil Society contributions

        o Holds a daily plenary during the F2F gatherings

    - Permitted to impact the final outputs

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

Technical Summit

- Civil Society ▶ Social & Human Dimensions
    - Influenced the official declarations of Summit
    - Issued its own ones

- Civil Society ▶ Fully participated in the inter-summit work
    - Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG)
    - Task Force on Financial Mechanisms to reduce the Digital divide

World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

■ Tunis Agenda:

72. We ask the UN Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the new forum for <u>multi-stakeholder</u> policy <u>dialogue</u> called the **Internet Governance Forum** (**IGF**).

Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Natively Multi-Stakeholder

- Full Multi-Stakeholder model
  - Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG)
  - All official sessions
  - Evaluation Criterion of proposed workshops

- Not a decision making Forum
  - No Multi-Stakeholder decision making process

Multi-stakeholder

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)

- Composed of:
  - Board of Directors (Decision)
  - Staff
  - Community
    - Governments
    - End Users
    - Domain Name actors
    - IP Address actors
    - Protocol Parameters developers

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Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)

- Community:

  - Supporting Organizations (Develop Policies)
    - Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
    - Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
    - Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

  - Advisory Committees (Give advices to the ICANN Board)
    - Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
    - At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
    - Security & Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)
    - Root Servers System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)

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Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)

- Policy Development Process

  - Supporting Organization Develop a Policy

  - The Policy is put for Public comment

  - The SO recommends to the Board the updated Policy

  - The updated Policy is put for Public comment

  - Advisory committees give their advices (if any) to the Board

  - The Board decides

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)

- Unique Identifiers Stewardship transition (Oct. 2016)

  - Stewardship transition from the NTIA (USG) to Community

  - New Accountability Mechanisms

  - New Powers to the Community
    - o Reject the Budget
    - o Remove a Board Director
    - o Remove the whole Board directors together
    - o Etc.

  - Decision making process in ICANN more multi-stakeholder

Conclusion

- Multi-Stakeholder approach

  - Applied in different environments

  - Not a unique Multi-Stakeholder model

  - Not always the same stakeholders

  - It's essentially about
    - o Active participation and contribution from all
    - o Working together with less hierarchy

THANK YOU

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