

## **Panel Discussion: Strategizing ICANN Community for WSIS+20**

The panel discussion aims to provide a comprehensive strategy for the ICANN community to engage effectively during WSIS+20, ensuring that the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance is promoted and preserved. Through strategic engagement and communication, ICANN can highlight its critical role in managing emerging technologies and maintaining a stable and secure internet.

The session will delve into two critical areas to ensure a comprehensive approach to advocacy and strategic engagement.

### **1. Highlighting the Importance of WSIS+20 and Exploring Engagement and Mobilization Strategies**

**a. Understanding WSIS+20's significance** and insight about where the WSIS+20 review is at.

**b. Discussing ICANN's Strategic Approach:** This part will focus on ICANN's recently developed strategies for engagement and mobilization leading up to and during the WSIS+20 Review. It will examine how individual organizations and communities can play pivotal roles in these efforts.

**c. Ensuring Robust Participation:** To guarantee active involvement from the ICANN community, the discussion will explore practical methods for engagement, emphasizing the importance of preparation and coordinated efforts both before and during WSIS+20.

### **2. Strategic Communications**

#### **a. Underscoring the Complexity of Emerging Technologies in Internet Infrastructure**

Emerging technologies such as satellite and blockchain present complex challenges for internet infrastructure and its governance. This part of the discussion will provide an overview of the latest technological advancements and their potential impact on the Internet infrastructure. It will discuss the complexity of the challenges presented by these technologies.

#### **b. ICANN's Multi-Stakeholder Approach**

Highlighting the strength and adaptability of ICANN's multi-stakeholder approach. Emphasizing the role of the multi-stakeholder model in fostering inclusive and transparent decision-making. Articulating ICANN's unique position in the global internet ecosystem and its contributions to maintaining the operational stability of the internet. Showcasing ICANN's initiatives in fostering global collaboration and cooperation among diverse stakeholders to address common challenges.

Feedback from Pari further to merger suggestion:

Here are some ideas that come to mind. We can refine them before sharing them with the ccNSO Council.

ICANN's role in fostering international collaboration is crucial. Using its multistakeholder model, ICANN can ensure that emerging technologies are developed and deployed in ways that are beneficial globally while respecting the sovereignty and regulatory frameworks of individual nations. ICANN could:

- Facilitate discussions and develop policies that address the specific challenges and opportunities presented by these emerging technologies.
- Ensure that emerging space infrastructure technology integrates smoothly with terrestrial internet infrastructure, including coordinating domain names and IP addresses for satellite-based networks.
- Oversee the integration of blockchain-based domain name systems (DNS) with traditional DNS, ensuring security and trust in these new systems. Additionally, ICANN could work on policies to manage the decentralized nature of blockchain to prevent fragmentation and ensure global interoperability.
- Help develop and coordinate global standards for the use of internet protocols, ensuring compatibility and interoperability between different systems and technologies.
- Contribute to the security and stability of these technologies by establishing best practices and policies for managing internet resources in these new domains.
- Navigate the ethical and legal implications of these technologies, ensuring that their deployment and use supports global internet governance and benefits society.
- Ensure that the deployment of these technologies is inclusive and benefits a wide range of stakeholders, including underrepresented and developing regions.