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Agenda

- A quick definition
- More technical issues
- More social / political issues
- Some themes for the future
- Impact on us as a ccTLD Manager
- Our involvement as .nz
A quick definition of Internet Governance

- Governance of the Internet
  - Technology, standards, etc
- Governance on the Internet
  - Content, services, application

I’ll mention issues in both areas - they are interconnected.
Some technical issues in Asia-Pac

- Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs)
- DNS Abuse
- Rising cyber-security challenges
- New GLTDs
Some social/political issues in Asia Pac

- Internet shutdowns
- Rising importance of digital inclusion
- Connectivity challenges
- Environmental impact
- Misinformation
Cross-cutting themes - my personal take

- Lots of travel restrictions - can’t go back to in person meetings, limits ability to participate
- Security and trust - under greater threat than ever
- Digital inclusion of everyone is more important than ever
- Environmental and climate crises have to be tackled, and the Internet can help
- The social license of the Internet Governance system is falling because it is failing to tackle these challenges.
  
  → Change and evolve, or be overtaken by governments
For us as a ccTLD

- Participation is challenging - time zones, travel costs
- The issues (technical, social) keep growing - more resources needed
- COVID-19 has made it harder to sustain relationships - bilateral dialogue more significant
Where we from .nz are involved

Our main Internet Governance leaders are:
Jordan Carter - jordan@internetnz.net.nz,
Brent Carey - brent@dnc.org.nz and
Ellen Strickland - ellen@internetnz.net.nz - and we participate widely:

- APrIGF
- Pacific IGF
- dotAsia
- ccNSO (Jordan is Vice Chair)
- ICANN
- APTLD (Brent is Vice Chair)
- the Christchurch Call
- GIFCT
- Internet & Jurisdiction Network
- CENTR

And more! Drop any of us a line to say hi and connect! :-)
Thank you!

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