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Internet and its governance at a time of maturity and evolution

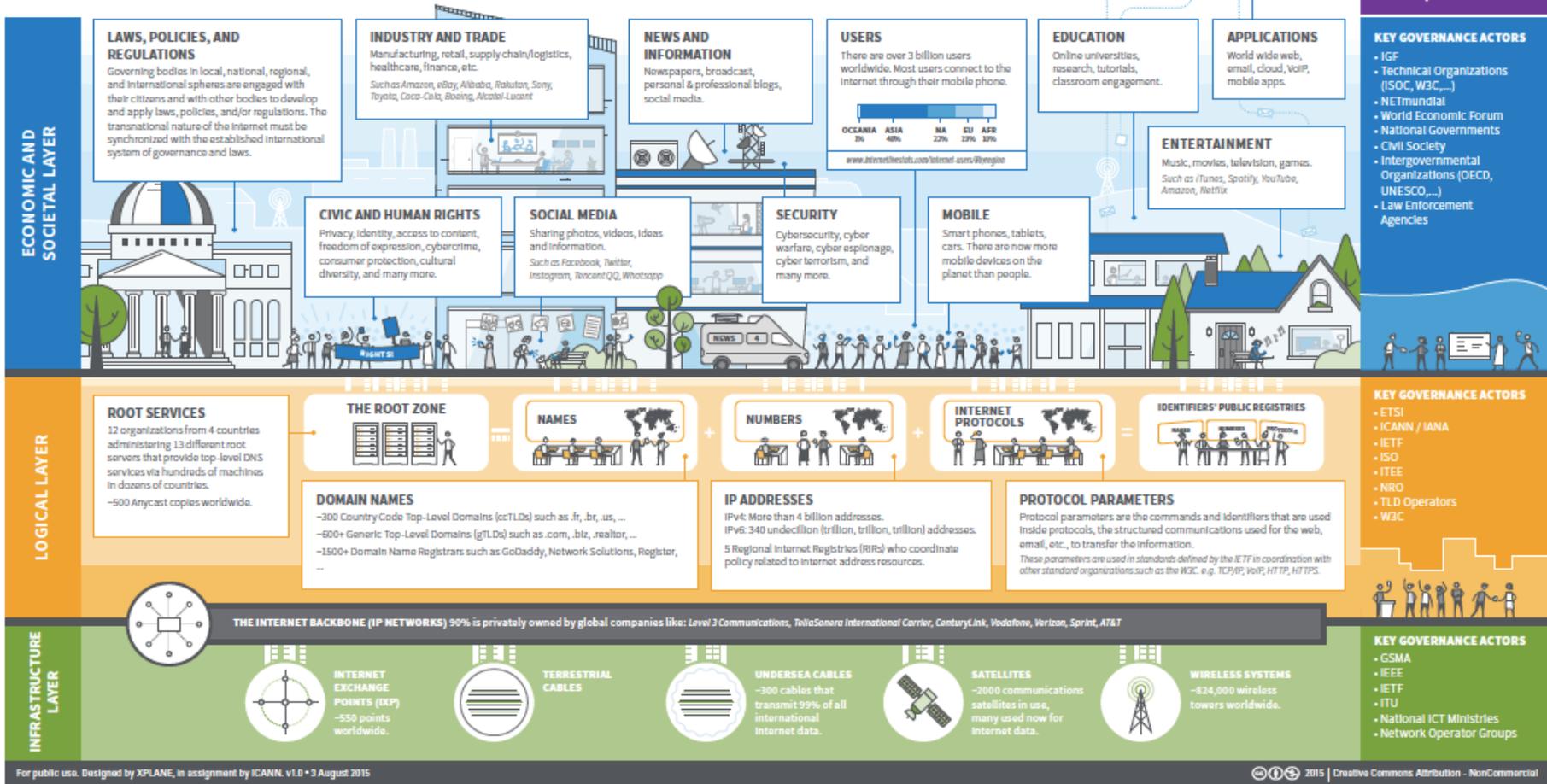
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Conference Digital economy: chances and challenges

The Layered Internet

THE THREE LAYERS OF DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

No one person, government, organization, or company governs the digital infrastructure, economy, or society. Digital governance is achieved through the collaborations of Multistakeholder experts acting through polycentric communities, institutions, and platforms across national, regional, and global spheres. Digital Governance may be stratified into three layers to address infrastructure, economic, and societal issues with solutions. For a map of Digital Governance Issues and Solutions across all three layers, visit <https://map.netmundial.org>



ICANN coordinates the Domain Name System

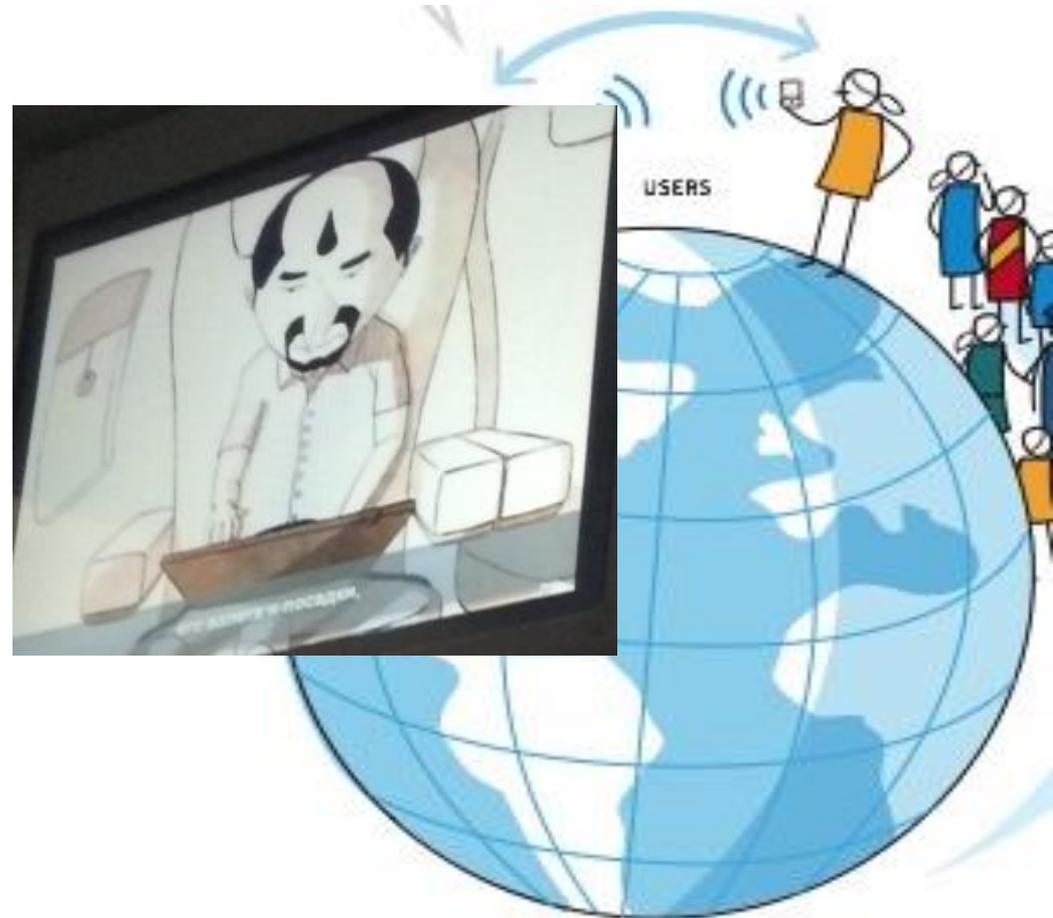
WHAT DOES ICANN DO?

ICANN coordinates the world's Internet unique identifiers:

To reach any device or thing connected to the Internet, you (or your search engine) must know their address – a name or number.

That address must be unique, so you can reliably connect to other devices, things, or information sources no matter where you are in the world.

That's how the tens of thousands of physical networks appear and operate as One Internet.



A new approach to managing global issues: ICANN's global multi-stakeholder system



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is a global multistakeholder organization that manages Internet resources for the public benefit

- ⦿ ICANN coordinates the top-level of the Internet's system of unique identifiers **via global, multistakeholder, bottom-up consensus policy processes**, with the outcome of those processes implemented notably **via the IANA Functions**.
- ⦿ Any stakeholder with an interest in the Domain Name System can have a voice directly heard in decision making.
- ⦿ Within ICANN, stakeholders include:



Large and small
businesses



Technical
community



Civil society



Governments



Researchers
and academics



End users

The U.S. Government's Announcement

14 March 2014: U.S. Government announces intent to transition its historical stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community

- ⊙ Asked ICANN to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal
- ⊙ The multistakeholder community has set policies implemented by ICANN for more than 15 years



Why
now?

The U.S. Government's announcement:

- ⊙ Marks the final phase of the privatization of the DNS
- ⊙ Further supports and enhances the multistakeholder model of Internet policy making and governance

ICANN was asked to serve as a facilitator, based on its role as the IANA functions administrator and global coordinator for the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS)

Two Parallel Processes

The community developed and is following two parallel processes:

IANA Stewardship Transition

Focused on delivering a proposal to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions from the US Government to the multistakeholder community

Enhancing ICANN Accountability

Focused on ensuring that ICANN remains accountable in the absence of its historical contractual relationship with the U.S. Government

To drive the processes, the community created **multilayered, transparent** and **diverse** working groups to foster discussion and within those groups, has developed working methods and systems for determining consensus

Proposals adopted and sent to USG 10/03/16

The
Economist

Internet governance We the networks

The organisation that runs the internet address book is about to declare independence

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IF A satirist were to create a parody of an international conference, amping up the insularity and tedious intricacies for comic effect, he might come up with something rather like the meeting that will take place this week in Marrakech. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, known as ICANN, will bring together 1,300 participants for 346 sessions. The gatherings include “NCPH Reception and Informal Meeting: CSG with the NCSG” and “CJK Generation Panels Co-ordination Mtg with Integration Panel”.



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> Technology
Why it's time for America to relinquish custody of the internet
JAMES TITCOMB

The Telegraph
America to relinquish custody

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Supervision d'internet
L'icann transmet son plan pour l'indépendance

Thank you!



Thank You and Questions

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You (anyone with a stake in Internet / DNS) can get involved in ICANN!

- ⦿ Start at www.icann.org, visit ICANN Learn

IANA Stewardship Transition

<https://www.icann.org/stewardship>

- ⦿ Latest news and information on the IANA Stewardship Transition
- ⦿ Community participation information; Resources and archives from meetings

Enhancing ICANN Accountability

<https://community.icann.org/category/accountability>

- ⦿ Latest news and information on the Enhancing ICANN Accountability process and CCWG
- ⦿ Announcements and upcoming events

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