Internet Governance Update

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RIPE NCC

Neutrality?

- RIPE NCC is a neutral, bottom-up organisation, responsive to its membership and community

  But...

- In ER terms, the RIPE NCC is NOT neutral!

  - We take strong positions on behalf of the membership and community

  - We defend the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder model

  - We argue against the expansion of top-down Internet governance practices

Defending the RIPE Model

- Bottom-up industry self-governance has proved itself a successful model for Internet growth and stability

- There is a role for government in Internet governance, as one of many stakeholder groups

- Top-down regulation poses a threat to the Internet
  - Unintended consequences result from governance processes that lack input from the operational community

Recent and Upcoming Activities

- European Union/Commission engagement

- ITU CWG-Internet online consultation submission

- UN CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation questionnaire

- Internet Governance Forum(s)
  - Global (Bali, October 2013)
  - EuroDIG (June 2013)
  - Arab IGF (October 2013)

European Union/Commission Engagement

- Electronic identification (eID) and trust services

  – Commission proposed Regulation

  – Discussion in the RIPE Cooperation Working Group at RIPE 66, presentation by Mr Andrea Servida (EC)

- RIPE community concerns:

  – Broad scope of regulation, particularly re. trust services

  – Potential for conflict with open security specifications

    – "Trusted list" vs "chain of trust"

- RIPE NCC sent a letter to MEPs in June 2013

  https://www.ripe.net/internet-coordination/internet-governance/multi-stakeholder-engagement/eu/ripe-ncc-letter-to-meps-regarding-eid/view

European Union/Commission Engagement

- Network Information Security (NIS)

  – Commission has proposed a Directive

  – Community concern (again) at the broad scope of the proposal

- RIPE NCC speaking with community about best approach

  – Monitoring the related NIS Platform

ITU CWG-Internet

- Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues

- Closed group (and likely to stay that way)

- Internet public consultation issued early 2013

  - Joint RIR response to questions regarding:

    (a) unused legacy IPv4 addresses, and

    (b) inter-region transfers of IPv4 addresses

    http://www.nro.net/wp-content/uploads/cwg-internet-EC-final-letterhead.pdf

- Focus on history and importance of bottom-up governance of number distribution/registration

UN CSTD Working Group on EC

- UN General Assembly invited CSTD Chair to establish a working group to "examine the mandate of the WSIS regarding enhanced cooperation"
  - Public questionnaire issued following first WG meeting in June 2013
- RIPE NCC response noted:
  - Significant achievements in EC over past decade
  - Need for broad understanding of EC

https://www.ripe.net/internet-coordination/news/industry-developments/cstd-wg-response

Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

- Concerns about 2013 event going ahead
  - Highlights need for solid funding basis
  - NRO committed USD100k; RIPE NCC has committed additional USD50k (as have APNIC and ARIN)
- What we'll be talking about:
  - IP address situation: IPv4 markets, legacy space
  - Multi-stakeholder security
  - Importance of regional organisation, governance structures and processes

Regional IGF Events

- EuroDIG
  - Participated in June 2013, 600 participants
  - RIPE NCC goals
    - Increase technical community representation
    - Highlight governance aspect of technical issues
- Arab IGF
  - Second event October 1-3, Algiers
  - RIPE NCC major supporter, addressing regional interest in Internet registry system

Regional IGF Events

- RIPE NCC sponsors youth participants at both Arab IGF and EuroDIG

    - "Knowledge exchange"

    - Youth participants from outside Arab region sponsored to participate in Arab IGF, youth participants from outside Europe sponsored for EuroDIG

2014?

- ITU events

  - WTDC 2014; WSIS+10; Plenipotentiary 2014

- OECD developments

  - IPv6 statement, study

  - Work ongoing re. OECD Internet governance principles

- Ongoing commitment to IGF-style events

  - Driving greater technical community participation

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Questions?