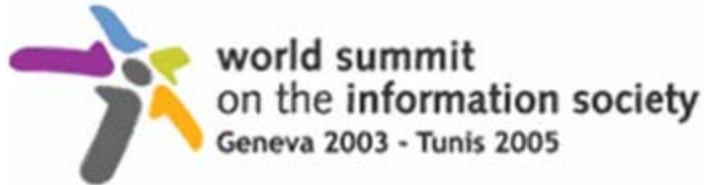# WSIS, WGIG, and now what?

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The Beginning

- Innocent E-Mail early 2003
- A Summit on the Information Society?
- Politicians debating the Internet?
- Oh Dear!

The Prepcoms

- Better do something

- Geneva Prepcoms during 2003

- Line up allies
    - ISOC, CENTR, IETF / IAB
    - ICC CCBI
    - Civil Society

- Try to participate & Get Kicked Out

Geneva Summit

- Declaration of Principles & Action Plan
- Big Issue: "Internet Governance"
- No Agreement
- Call for Establishment of a
  Working Group on Internet Governance

"We ask the Secretary-General of the United Nations to set up a working group on Internet governance, in an open and inclusive process that ensures a mechanism for the full and active participation of governments, the private sector and civil society from both developing and developed countries, involving relevant intergovernmental and international organizations and forums, to investigate and make proposals for action, as appropriate, on the governance of Internet by 2005."

WGIG

- 40 Participants
- All parties present (multistakeholder…)
  - Governments (of course)
  - Civil Society
  - Business
  - Internet Community
- Many, heated, intense discussions
  - Privately & Publicly

WGIG Report

22. IP addressing

Concerns over allocation policies for IP addresses.

- For historical reasons, there is an imbalance in the distribution of IPv4 addresses.[1] This issue has already been addressed by the regional Internet registries (RIRs). In the light of the transition to IPv6,[2] some countries feel that allocation policies for IP addresses should ensure balanced access to resources on a geographical basis.

77. IP addressing

- Transition to IPv6 should ensure that allocation policies for IP addresses provide equitable access to resources.

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22. **Присвоение IP-адресов**

Политика присвоения IP-адресов вызывает озабоченность.

- В силу исторических причин существует дисбаланс в распределении IP-адресов четвертой версии[1]. Этот вопрос уже рассматривался региональными Интернет-регистратурами (РИР). С учетом перехода на IP версии 6[2] некоторые страны считают, что политика присвоения IP-адресов должна обеспечивать сбалансированный доступ к ресурсам на географической основе.

77. **Присвоение IP-адресов**

- Переход на IP версии 6 должен обеспечить справедливый доступ к ресурсам через политику присвоения IP-адресов.

A New Hope?

- Maybe, but…
- Much Work Remains…
- Outreach, Education
- Participation
- WSIS Tunis Summit
- … and Follow-Up

- The Good Guys must win!
- … and they need Help!
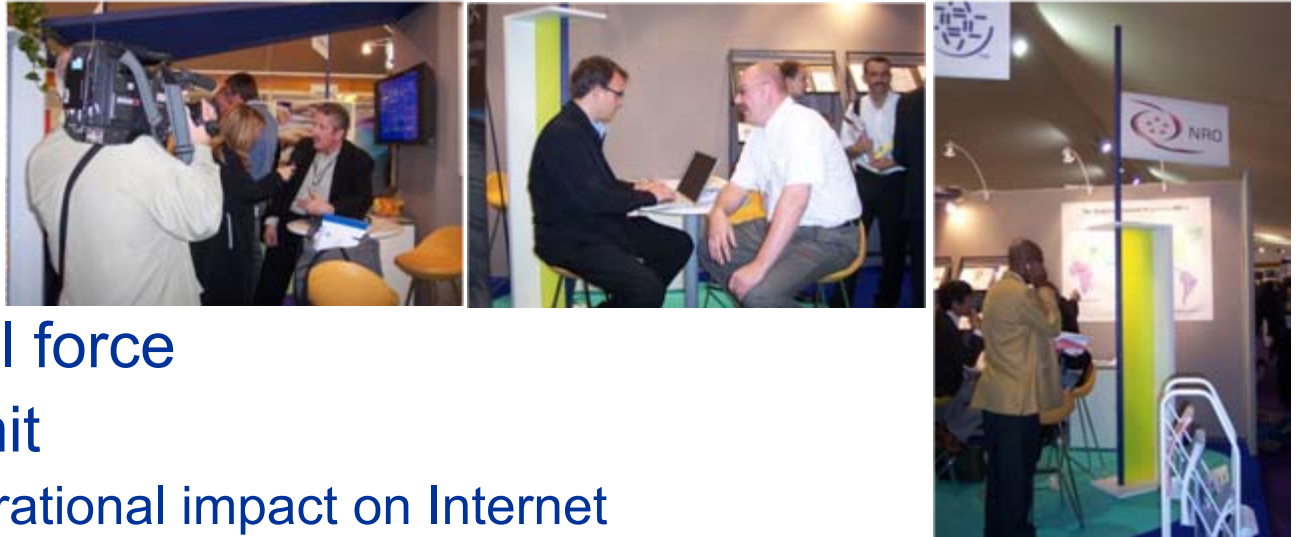
WSIS Status before Tunis

- Last PrepComm before the Summit, Geneva
  - Still no consensus on Internet Governance

- 3 Main Positions
  - US: "The UN will never run the Internet", US will continue stewardship, recognising other states sovereign rights
  - Authoritarian Stance (Brazil, China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Iran, ...): More governmental control
  - EU Surprise: "New Model needed", in between other positions

WSIS Tunis

- Pre-summit Prepcomm

- No clear result expected

- Outcome open

- Internet Community demonstrating Cooperation, Capacity Building etc pp
  - Under ISOC umbrella
  - RIPE NCC leading NRO effort
  - Seeking dialogue

Tumultuous Tunis

- RIRs present in full force
- Outcome of Summit
  - No immediate operational impact on Internet organisations.
  - Recognition of (also) our Governance mechanisms.
- But…
  - Everybody is happy with the outcome…
  - Some issues never die…
  - Very hard to get equal standing for "Internet Community" equal to other stakeholders.
  - Enhanced Cooperation?

Tunis Agenda

38. We call for the reinforcement of specialized regional Internet resource management institutions to guarantee the national interest and rights of countries in that particular region to manage their own Internet resources, while maintaining global coordination in this area.

38. Мы призываем к усилению специализированных учреждений по управлению региональными ресурсами Интернет с целью гарантирования права каждого региона на управление своими собственными ресурсами Интернет наряду с сохранением глобальной координации в этой области.

http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents/doc_multi.asp?lang=en&id=2267|0

On the Way to Greece – WGIG Redux?

- WSIS called for Internet Governance Forum (IGF) to
  - Affect international public policy
  - Advance development
  - Create discussion forum for all stakeholders on equal footing
  - Not to affect operations, or take over issues from other fora
- To meet 30 October - 3 November, Athens
  - Chaired by Nitin Desai (chair WGIG)
  - Geneva Secretariat (lead by Markus Kummer)
- Program Committee -> Advisory Group
  - 20/10/10 composition from governments, private sector, civil society
  - Appointed by UNSG
- Not to be governed by UN procedures

So – Are We Safe Yet?

- IGF Themes
  - Openness
  - Diversity
  - Access
- No Numbers, No Root Servers
- But the debate is continuing
  - If not in Athens…

What is your role in all this?

- Qué Será, Será?

- The future of the Internet is in your hands.
- Take active part in the fora appropriate to your sector of business.
- Support Industry Self Regulation.
- Indicate your concerns to your governments.

Questions & Answers