



The Road to Rio

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Where and when did the road start?

Tunis November 2005:

“convene a multi-stakeholder dialogue”

- Discuss public policy issues related to key elements of Internet governance in order to foster the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet
- Discuss issues that do not fall within the scope of any existing body
- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices
- Propose ways and means to accelerate the availability and affordability of the Internet in the developing world
- Help to find solutions to the issues arising from the use and misuse of the Internet, of particular concern to everyday users

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The Internet Governance Forum would have no oversight function and would not replace existing:

- arrangements
- mechanisms
- institutions or
- organisations

but would involve them and take advantage of their expertise.

It would be constituted as a neutral, non-duplicative and non-binding process.

It would have no involvement in day-to-day or technical operations of the Internet.

During 2006

Two consultative meetings in Geneva (in February and May)

Creation of Secretariat (March)

Establishment of the Advisory Group (May) - 45 members

Plus five Special Advisors

Introduction of Online IGF Discussion Space

- <http://intgovforum.org/forum>
- 868 members
- 15 topics
- 63 posts

[as of 5 Feb 07]

First IGF

Internet Governance Forum

Athens, Greece

30 October – 2 November 2006



Year two - 2007

The Year Ahead

- Date for IGF-07 already set (12 – 15 November)
- Awaiting comments in online forum “Taking Stock”
 - Three postings so far, 1058 reads
 - Contributions declared to be personal, not institutional
- Stock-taking session in Geneva 13 Feb 2007
 - Seventeen formal contributions received by 2 Feb deadline
- Dynamic Coalitions
 - StopSpam, Privacy, Open Standards, Internet Bill of Rights, Access to Knowledge and Freedom of Expression

Digest of Feedback

Workshops and Main Sessions overlapped too much

- Should workshops become part of the formal proceedings, more formally organised?
- AG assisted as informal conference organisers in Athens.

Panels a collection of speeches, not enough Q and A

- Improvements will require more preparation time on site

Lack of reference to pre-prepared material

Logistics Issues: Catering, transport, venue layout, connectivity

Secretariat did a great job

Organising the Road to Rio

What's the future of the AG

- ? Same size and function, rotation in membership, amongst the same stakeholders, to take account of personal commitments.

New Themes or Old

- ? Another meeting (May) in Geneva. Or done entirely through AG

New Format or Old

- ? Will workshops become mainstream
 - Vetted – for relevance
 - Consolidated – to reduce repetition
 - Timetabled – to avoid overlap

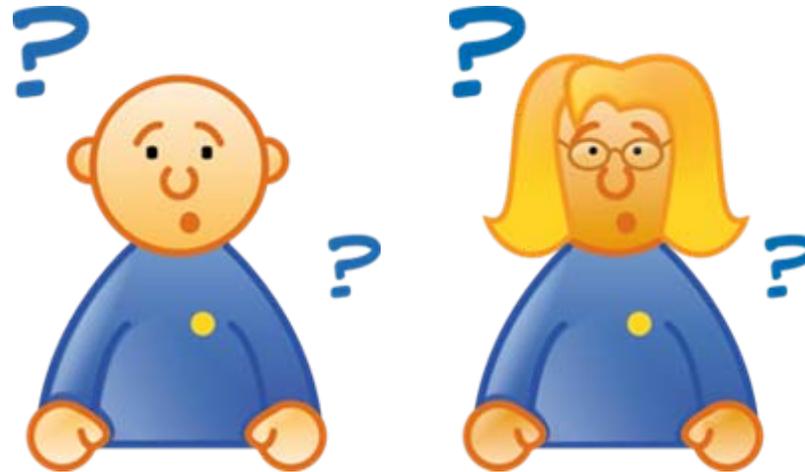
On the road

Next Six Months

- Engage in the remote participation
- Ensure early agreement on topics
- Provide clarity on who will be attending and speaking
- Avoid funding issues affecting agenda

After Rio

- More stock-taking
- Meetings scheduled for India (08)
- Egypt (09), several candidates for 2010



Questions?