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The Internet Society Works  
To Keep It That Way.

Over the past 40 years, the Internet has expanded and evolved. Today, in ways unimaginable less than a decade ago, more than 1.5 billion people around the world—families, colleagues, and citizens—use the Internet to collaborate, work, and learn across communities, businesses, and governments.

Bringing together Members, Chapters, and partners, the Internet Society is at the center of the largest global network of people and organizations focused on **ensuring the Internet continues to evolve as a platform for innovation, collaboration, and economic development.** By tackling issues at the intersection of technology, policy, and education, we work collaboratively to preserve and protect the multistakeholder model of development and management that has been key to the Internet's success.

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## Partnerships and Community

A shared vision of keeping the Internet open, growing, and benefiting people unites the thousands of individuals and organizations around the world that are members of the Internet Society (ISOC).

**More than 100 Organization Members** form a community of businesses, nongovernmental organizations, government entities, and education and research organizations—each working to advance the security, stability, and overall health of the Internet. The Internet Society provides a unique framework for issue-focused and market-neutral conversations and collaboration among Members that are distinctive for focusing on shared goals and laying out productive paths forward. As part of the ISOC community, Organization Members also are uniquely positioned to contribute to, participate in, and inform the Internet Society's efforts in key global and regional forums to maximize the Internet's reach and benefit to citizens across the world.

### Tens of thousands of Individual Members

pursue and promote the development of an open and globally accessible Internet and its transformative effect on economic development, social equality, health care, and education. Individual Internet Society Members reflect the social, cultural, and professional priorities of more than 1.5 billion users worldwide whose quality of life depends on the Internet.

**More than 85 Internet Society Chapters** around the world bring together Individual Members to advance the Internet Society's shared global cause. Internet Society Chapters and their members use their influence to increase access to the Internet and leverage their expertise to educate business leaders, government officials, and stakeholders in support of policies that promote an open Internet that is available to everyone, everywhere.

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## Strategic Initiatives

The **Enabling Access** initiative supports work with a broad range of local and regional groups and individuals to help improve key Internet infrastructures, to extend technical knowledge and core networking skills, and to develop new technology leaders.

The **InterNetWorks** initiative aims to advance the health of the Internet in all areas, from the evolution of its infrastructure to its stewardship. It provides a platform to ensure a common and open Internet, to tackle global addressing issues, to support and advance information technology security and stability, and to explore and catalog the impact of alternative networks, such as mobile data and sensor networks.

The **Trust and Identity** initiative demonstrates the Internet Society's commitment to secure, reliable, private channels of communication between entities that can be clearly authenticated and interoperable. It recognizes that the ability to manage identifying information on a network is a fundamental requirement for users and that trust-enabling network protocols must be at the heart of the Internet's architecture.



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## Supporting Programmes

The **Internet Society's Bureaus and offices in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America** support regional activities guided by global principles that promote education and training, capacity building, and policy initiatives. They help Chapters, Individual Members, Organization Members, and the Internet community at large address local issues related to the development of the Internet.

With its strong international network of Members and Chapters, **the Internet Society collaborates with other Internet organizations, governments, national and international organizations, civil society and the private sector** to develop and promote public policies that will encourage the growth of the Internet. These efforts are based on the Internet Society's fundamental belief that the Internet must be for the benefit of all people everywhere.

**To help build technical capacity in emerging economies, Internet Society programmes enable Members from developing regions to attend meetings such as the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Governance Forum.** The ISOC Fellowship to the Internet Engineering Task Force programme helps raise awareness of the IETF and its work while fostering greater understanding of and participation by technologists from the developing world. The Internet Society's Ambassador programme is designed to involve Members in public policy activities while providing valuable expertise and know-how for Internet Governance meetings regionally and globally.



the Internet is for  
**everyone**



#### THE INTERNET SOCIETY

The Internet Society is dedicated to promoting the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.

We believe the standards, technologies, business practices, and policies connected with the Internet must sustain an open, shared, and universally accessible platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity. In this way, the Internet can improve the quality of life for people in all parts of the world.

The Internet Society (ISOC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy with offices in Washington D.C., USA, and Geneva, Switzerland.

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