



Code of good practice on information, participation and transparency in Internet governance, Version 1.0

Workshop 96

Wednesday 18 November, 9.00–10.30 am, Room 3: Suez Canal

Co-organised by the Council of Europe, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Association for Progressive Communications

This workshop is organised jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Council of Europe and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), taking forward a trilateral initiative that has been developed since the first IGF in Athens.

The primary purpose of the workshop is to gather different perspectives from a wide variety of stakeholder groups on whether the proposed code of practice will help achieve what they perceive transparent and participative internet governance to be.

This first draft of a Code of good practice on information, participation and transparency in Internet governance is based on the WSIS principles and on existing arrangements in Internet Governance institutions and uses the UNECE Aarhus Convention as a benchmark where appropriate. It is the result of consultations with IG stakeholders during the IGF process since 2006 and of a comparative assessment of existing information and participation arrangements in a number of selected Internet governance institutions that agreed to participate in this exercise.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the draft text with a view to an agreement on its format and its key elements from the perspective of both Internet governance entities and Internet users.

The workshop will not have speakers, but will consist of facilitated stakeholder groups discussing the draft principles and code of practice from the perspective of their respective needs, roles and responsibilities in relation to Internet governance.

The initiative will be introduced by:

Michael Rimmert, Council of Europe
Hans Hansell, UNECE
Anriette Esterhuysen, APC

Prof. David Souter who drafted the Code working with the three partners will be available as a resource person.

Facilitation:

Karen Banks, APC



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Rapporteurs for the different stakeholder groups (some to be confirmed):

Internet technical community - Constance Bommelaer, ISOC (Europe)
NROs - Paul Wilson, APCNIC (Asia Pacific)
Internet governance capacity building - Jovan Kurbalija, Diplo (South East Europe)
Developed country governments - Thomas Schneider, BAKOM, Switzerland (Europe)
Developing country governments - Jose Vitor Carvalho Hansem, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of Brazil (Member of ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee) (South America)
Noncommercial Users Constituency in ICANN - Milton Mueller, Internet Governance Project (North America)
Internet Governance Caucus (civil society) - Ginger Paque (South America)
CCTIDs - Emily Taylor, Nominet (Europe)
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Women's empowerment stakeholder groups - Natasha Primo, APC (Africa)

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