

# Abstract: How can India represent in International Internet Governance

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Internet governance is a relatively new topic on the global policy agenda and the growing complexity and significance of Internet Governance mandates addressing the complex issues that arise by the continued evolution of the internet. As emphasis grows on technical problems and public policy and regulations, these issues are steadily gaining more attention. With India's large internet user base, it is imperative that Indian stakeholders have their voices heard in global discussions that determine the future of the Internet. This requires Indian stakeholders to constantly engage in global Internet Governance processes.

Though Indian stakeholders have participated in various Internet Governance processes like World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and other meetings, there has not been a coordinated approach.

The global environment under which Internet Governance issues are being deliberated is under rapid flux. The issues are becoming more complex and span across functional and territorial jurisdictions and laws. Going forward, if India is to play a significant role in Internet Governance, it must review and strengthen existing approaches so as to respond in a cohesive and impactful manner.

This session will attempt to explore the various ways that will enable meaningful and sustained engagement in internet governance institutions and processes by Indian stakeholders and establish India as an influential body in the Internet Governance space.

It will involve a discussion with the panelists – who are all representatives various stakeholder groups with experience in participation in Internet governance institutions and processes – followed by an audience interaction.