



## The Future of the Internet, Paris, 8 March

- Panel on International multi-stakeholder co-operation efforts
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# Internet Governance

- Controversial issue since start WSIS
- Broad spectrum of issues
  - more at stake than only DNS and Root Server System
- WGIG Process -> WGIG Report
- Tunis outcome



## Tunis resolutions Internet Governance



*'para 68. We recognize that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility, for the international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet. We also recognize the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders.'*



## Tunis resolutions IG (2)

*'Para 69. We further recognise the need for **enhanced cooperation** in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.'*



## Tunis resolutions IG (3)

*'Para 70. Using relevant international organisations, such cooperation should include the **development of globally-applicable principles on public policy** associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources. In this regard, we call upon the organisations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles.'*



## Tunis resolutions IG (4)

*'para's 67 and 72. We agree, inter alia, to invite the UN Secretary-General to convene a new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue.(...) We ask the UN Secretary-General, in an open and inclusive process, to convene, by the second quarter of 2006, a meeting of the new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue—called the **Internet Governance Forum (IGF)**.*



## Two separate processes

- Internet Governance Forum
- Enhanced cooperation



- Internet Governance Forum
  - Multistakeholder platform, light weight, non-binding,
  - Focus on crossborder issues, such as spam, multilingualism, security aspects
- Enhanced Cooperation
  - Development of public policy principles
  - Within relevant organizations
  - Space needed for governments to co-ordinate approach