IMAGINE THE INTERNET WITH ANOTHER 3.5 BILLION VOICES

We know it's a big dream, but we also know our collective potential increases as we connect with each other. For 25 years, the Internet Society has been working toward creating an Internet that is open, globally connected, and shaped by its users.

We're getting there. Nearly half the world's population is currently online. That is billions of voices telling billions of truths to each other, which is almost dizzying to think about.

But we also need to think about the voices we are not hearing. Because half of the world is still without the life-changing benefits that come along with Internet connection. And connecting the next billion is going to be even harder.

Of course, access is not the only issue, we also need to build an Internet that people can trust. Unless users see the Internet as safe and reliable, they won't want to use it. They won't reap the benefits offered by the Internet, and we won't get their crucial perspectives in online spaces.

So we need to build access, and we need to build trust. And we know how we're going to do just that.

Building access

1. We will provide more network infrastructure development

2. We will empower communities to turn Internet access into opportunities

3. We will invest in the next generation of leaders across technology, policy, and business

4. We will keep existing leaders informed about Internet-related global policy initiatives

Building trust

1. We will identify and advocate for best practices in privacy, security, and ethical data handling

2. We will help create technologies that underpin digital identity and privacy

3. We'll help network operators make routing more secure

4. We will advocate for collaborative policies that enhance Internet security, privacy, and transparency

The Internet has already helped give remote villages access to life-saving doctors. Made sure grandmothers didn't lose touch with younger generations working overseas. We know that connections like these can change communities forever. And we can't stop dreaming about what the Internet will look like with a billion more voices, and then another billion, and then another billion after that.

We are up for the challenge of making this dream a reality. We hope you are, too.

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FAST FACTS ABOUT THE INTERNET SOCIETY

What:
We are the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership. Together with its growing global community of chapters and members, the Internet Society supports Internet-led innovation, promotes the use of best practice technologies and encourages the adoption of policies that enable universal access to a globally connected, trusted Internet.

Who:
Our community is unique. Rooted in the origins of the Internet, we're passionate about preserving the foundations on which it was built, and developing its full and boundless potential. We have the technical expertise, credibility and reach to make this happen. We influence, we listen, we ask the right questions, and we work with others to solve problems in the right way.

Where?
The Internet Society has more than 125 Chapters and Special Interest Groups in 105 countries around the world.

When?
The Internet Society has worked for 25 years to ensure the Internet continues to grow and evolve as a platform for innovation, economic development, and social progress.

Why:
The Internet has transformed our lives. Infinite possibility is a thing of greatness, but it demands experience, knowledge and care. We are fundamental to this. We exist to protect the access, choice, and transparency that must remain the foundation for the future development and use of the Internet.

How?
By tackling issues at the intersection of technology, policy and Internet development, we work collaboratively to preserve and protect the multistakeholder approach that has been essential to the Internet's success.

Get involved:
Join our community and help us build a world that supports everyone's right to use the Internet to share knowledge, innovate and get their voices heard.
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