

Mapping of international Internet public policy issues

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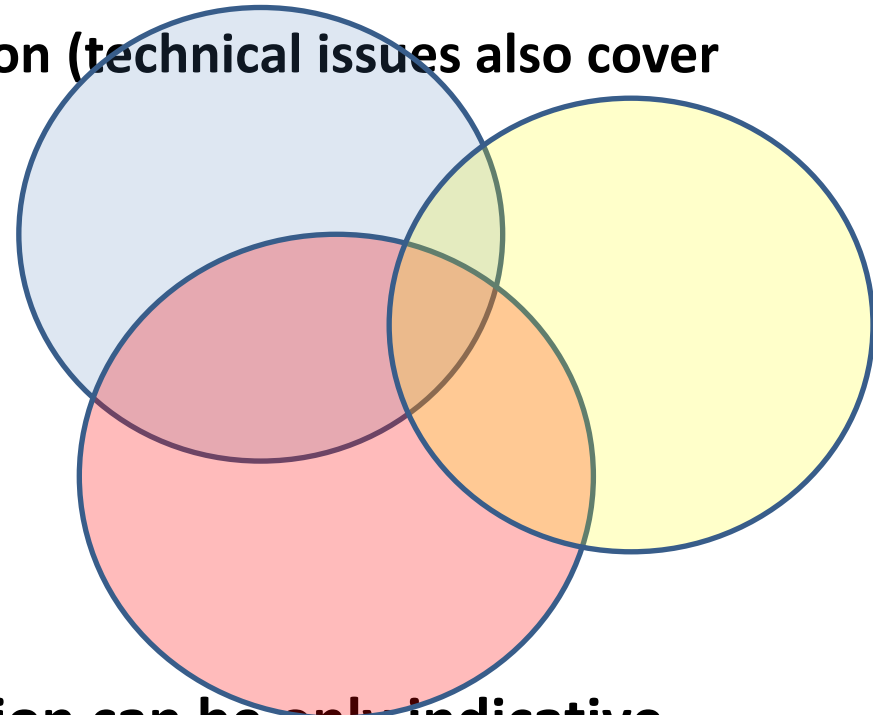
The framework of the project

- ECOSOC Resolution 2014/27 from 16 July 2014 entrusted the CSTD secretariat to continue the work initiated by the WGEC to:
 1. review the identified public policy **issues** pertaining to the Internet;
 2. list where there are existing international **mechanisms** addressing these issues;
 3. identify the **status** of mechanisms, if any, whether they are addressing the issue;
 4. attempt to identify **gaps**
- Working time: end of July-mid November 2014
- The outcome: database and summarizing report



1. Review the international Internet public policy issues

- The identified 40 issues were classified in 7 broad clusters:
 1. Infrastructure and standardisation (technical issues also cover public policy considerations)
 2. Economic
 3. Security
 4. Human rights
 5. Legal
 6. Development
 7. Sociocultural
- Issues are interrelated; classification can be **only** indicative.
- Relations between issues



2. List the mechanisms addressing the issues

- **643 mechanisms** were identified.
- **Discrepancy** in the level of depth of mechanisms inherent in the mapping
- **No orphan issue** was identified without any mechanism addressing it

Actor/ Host/ Venue	Name/Description of Mechanism	Type of Mechanism
INFRASTRUCTURE AND STANDARDISATION CLUSTER		
Telecommunication infrastructure		
IGF	Policy discussion	Process - Event
ITU	ITU Recommendations, regulations and decision related to telecommunications	Instrument - Recommendation
ITU	International Telecommunications Regulations (1988, 2012)	Instrument - Convention
ITU	Radio Regulations (2007)	Instrument - Convention
ITU	Emerging Issues: Programmes on Next Generation Networks	Process
WTO	GATS + Annex on Telecommunications	Instrument - Convention
	Basic Agreement on Telecommunications	Instrument - Convention
IEEE	Standards related to LAN, wireless and broadband	Instrument - Standard
GSMA	Mobile telephone standards and regulation	Instrument - Standard
WHO	Electromagnetic Project research	Programme - Research
WHO	Model Legislation for Electromagnetic Field Protection	Instrument - Other
ICNIRP	International guidelines for electromagnetic radiation (mobile telephony)	Instrument - Other
ETSI	European telecommunication standards	Instrument - Standard
3GPP	Mobile Broadband Standard (5G)	Instrument - Standard
ECMA	Standards for information and communication systems	Instrument - Standard

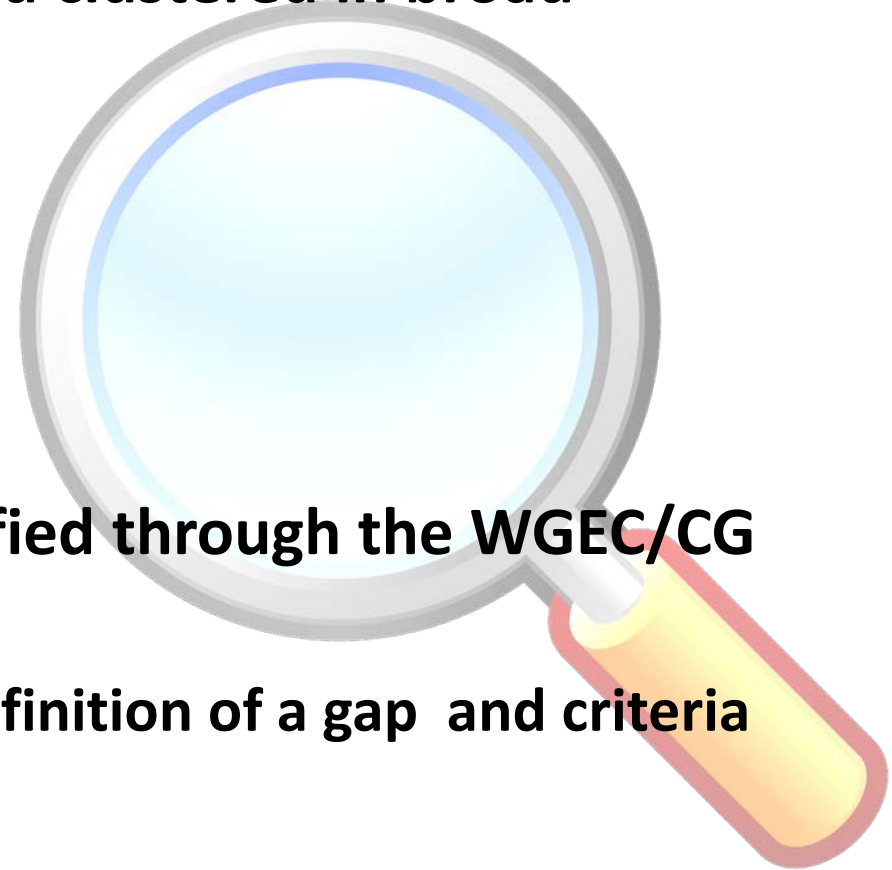
3. Identify the status of the mechanisms

- The status of the mechanisms was evaluated according to:
 - a) What is the **TYPE** of the specific Internet public policy mechanism?
 - b) What is the **FUNCTION** of the specific Internet public policy mechanism?
 - c) What is the level of **PARTICIPATION** in the mechanism and the possibilities for participation by concerned stakeholders?
 - d) Is an **INTERSECTORAL** approach used?



4. Attempt to identify gaps

- **Some gaps were identified and clustered in broad categories as;**
 - knowledge gaps,
 - policy gaps,
 - implementation gaps
 - capacity gaps
- **References to the gaps identified through the WGEC/CG were retained**
- **Need for a commonly agreed definition of a gap and criteria for assessment**



Possible gaps across issues

- **The possible gaps relate to:**
 - 1. Insufficient institutional capacity or resources**
 - 2. Mechanisms for addressing Internet public policy issues in a holistic way**
 - 3. Data and research**
 - 4. Participation and inclusiveness**
 - 5. Comprehensive capacity building and information sharing**



Observations on mapping

- **Mapping is never complete:**
 - Changes over time, new issues and mechanisms appear
 - Every step increases clarity and brings new elements
- **Need for solid methodology or criteria for the assessment of mechanisms and gaps**
- **Relations and links between issues and between mechanisms important**
- **Mapping increases information on internet governance and may help to overcome weaknesses**

Thank you for your attention

