

## Building human and institutional capacity for meaningful participation in Internet governance issues

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What does it take to get more people and institutions from developing and developed countries involved in Internet governance issues?

Increasing meaningful participation by all stakeholder groups from all regions and at all levels is essential. Without contributions from affected parties, policy issues cannot be adequately addressed. Experts from all the relevant stakeholder groups will share their direct experiences with viable solutions, and the challenges that impact their ability to participate in the debate on Internet governance. With a special focus on network and information security matters, the discussion will explore issues such as:

- What are some of the opportunities available for interested stakeholders to participate in Internet governance issues such as security?
- What challenges are faced by different stakeholder groups (business, users, governments, civil society and the technical community) in participating in Internet governance processes and issues?
- Do training programmes or partnership initiatives exist? Can they be replicated?
- How could successful initiatives be implemented to address the challenges faced by institutions?

### **Overview**

**Bill Graham**, Director - International Telecommunications Policy, Industry Canada

**Guy Sebban**, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce

### **Panellists**

**David Appasamy**, Chief Communications Officer, Sify Limited, India

**Raul Echeberria**, Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry, Uruguay

**His Excellency Masood Khan**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative for Pakistan to the UN, Geneva \*

**Art Reilly**, Senior Director - Strategic Technology Policy, Cisco Systems, United States

**Richard Simpson**, Director General - Electronic Commerce, Industry Canada

**David Souter**, Managing Director, ICT Development Associates, United Kingdom

### **Rapporteurs**

**Heather Dryden**, Policy Advisor - International Telecommunications Policy, Industry Canada

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