

# ARIN

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## Government Affairs

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# Internet Governance 2012 Focus

- ITU World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT)
- First ever WCIT
- Outcome is government negotiated treaty: International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
- Last opened 1988
- ARIN participates as Sector Member

# Big Questions

- Are the ITRs still relevant?
  - Should new issues be added?
  - How does the Internet fit into the ITRs?
  - Should the Internet be addressed in the ITRs?
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- Many participants = Many opinions



# Drivers

- Create new role for ITU in Internet Standards
- Governments assert control of Internet affairs through ITU
- Reduced telecom revenues

# Issues under discussions

- Expand the scope to cover all current and possible future technologies used to interconnect networks
- Make ITU Recommendations mandatory – major change from optional today
- Expand definition of telecommunication service to include Internet traffic

# Issues under discussion contd.

- Include definition of SPAM in treaty, introducing content regulation
- Add terms such as Hub, Hubbing, transit center bringing in IXPs
- Modify QoS language to include Internet networks

# Possible impacts

- Impact the overall structure and economics that have made the Internet thrive
- Require compliance with ITU Recommendations over other recognized Standards and Internet protocols
- Redefine the number resource management process
- Define misuse and fraud in ways that will hinder Internet evolution

# Preparatory Process/Next Steps

- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, 23 – 25 April, Geneva
- Final meeting, 20 -22 June, Geneva
- Sector members participate during prep process – Member States during WCIT
- Very fluid at this point, issues still changing
- Final Report of all preparatory meetings submitted to ITU Council
- Member States have until 3 August to submit contributions to WCIT



# It's not over until....

- WCIT takes place 3 – 14 December 2012, Dubai
- All of the issues are under discussion until the conference concludes with the treaty signing ceremony

# For your reading enjoyment

- The ITRs can be found here:
- <http://www.itu.int/oth/T3F01000001>
- Does not require any special access or password

Thanks!