World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)

- November 20 – 30, 2012
- Takes place every four years
- Defines the next period of study for the Standardization Sector (ITU-T)
- Each SG identifies its meeting schedule for the next 4 years, chairman and vice chairman selected, subjects for study approved

WTSA study topics

- Q1 Application of numbering, naming addressing and identification plans for fixed and mobile telecommunications services

- Number misuse

- Spam

- Equitable geographic distribution for SG management

World Conference on international Telecommunication Regulations (WCIT)

- December 3 -14, 2012
- Reviewing current International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
- Binding treaty, outlines principles governing the handling of international voice, data and video traffic
- Last negotiated 1988

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WCIT Issues

- General updating of terms
- All ITU Recommendations voluntary
- ITRs should be high level principles
- Commercial arrangements do not belong in the ITRs
- ITRs should not be used as a vehicle to determine/define terms (e.g.: SPAM, ICT, Fraud)

WCIT Issues

- Do no harm to the network
- No change in the definition of Telecommunications and/or International Telecommunication Service
- Do not include term ICT in ITRs
- Do not impose routing

WCIT Outcome

- Treaty between Member States
- Does not automatically go into effect, must go through a ratification process
- Proposals need support, more than just the proposer
- Countries can take reservations with regards to areas they don't support

WCIT Outcome

- Nothing in ITRs that could not be put into effect by local regulations
- Most will likely end up optional
- Cannot override national sovereignty
- May not see an effect of ITRs if business focus is strictly domestic
- Most noticeable if focus is international

What's next?

- More and more interest in the Internet
- Some governments more comfortable in an ITU type venue
- Some governments do not agree with the community-driven model
- Challenges will continue

Thank you!