The institutional context for Internet governance

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ICT governance: once upon a time
The evolution of the internet

- Geeks and scholars
- Industrial countries
- Global market
- Global mass market

ftp, usenet & other protocols
World Wide Web
Web 2.0 & social media
Mobility
Cloud computing
Internet of Things

Commercialisation
What is internet governance?

Internet Governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet.

Working Group on Internet Governance & WSIS
Governance

Social norms

Contracts

Standards

Laws and regulations

Public opinion

Business agreements and civil courts

International and national standard-setting agencies

Government, criminal courts and regulatory agencies
Mapping internet governance environments

Source: David Souter for the Internet Society
Mapping internet governance issues

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Mapping internet issues: in detail
Mapping internet issues: examples
Internet governance issues in Kenya, 2012
A taxonomy of Internet governance roles
Five points about IG institutions

- Internet governance is a complex ecosystem
- ... with international, regional and national levels
- ... with informal as well as formal decision-making spaces
- ... which is changing all the time
- ... with complex and diverse power structures
Mapping internet governance stakeholders

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Government participation in Internet governance, Kenya, 2012
Private sector participation in Internet governance, Kenya, 2012
A summary of multistakeholder participation
Decision-making spaces in Kenya, 2012
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