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SESSION 4: Overview of the IG ecosystem in Africa: The institutional context at national, regional and global level, strategies, roles, relationships and the Multistakeholder approach

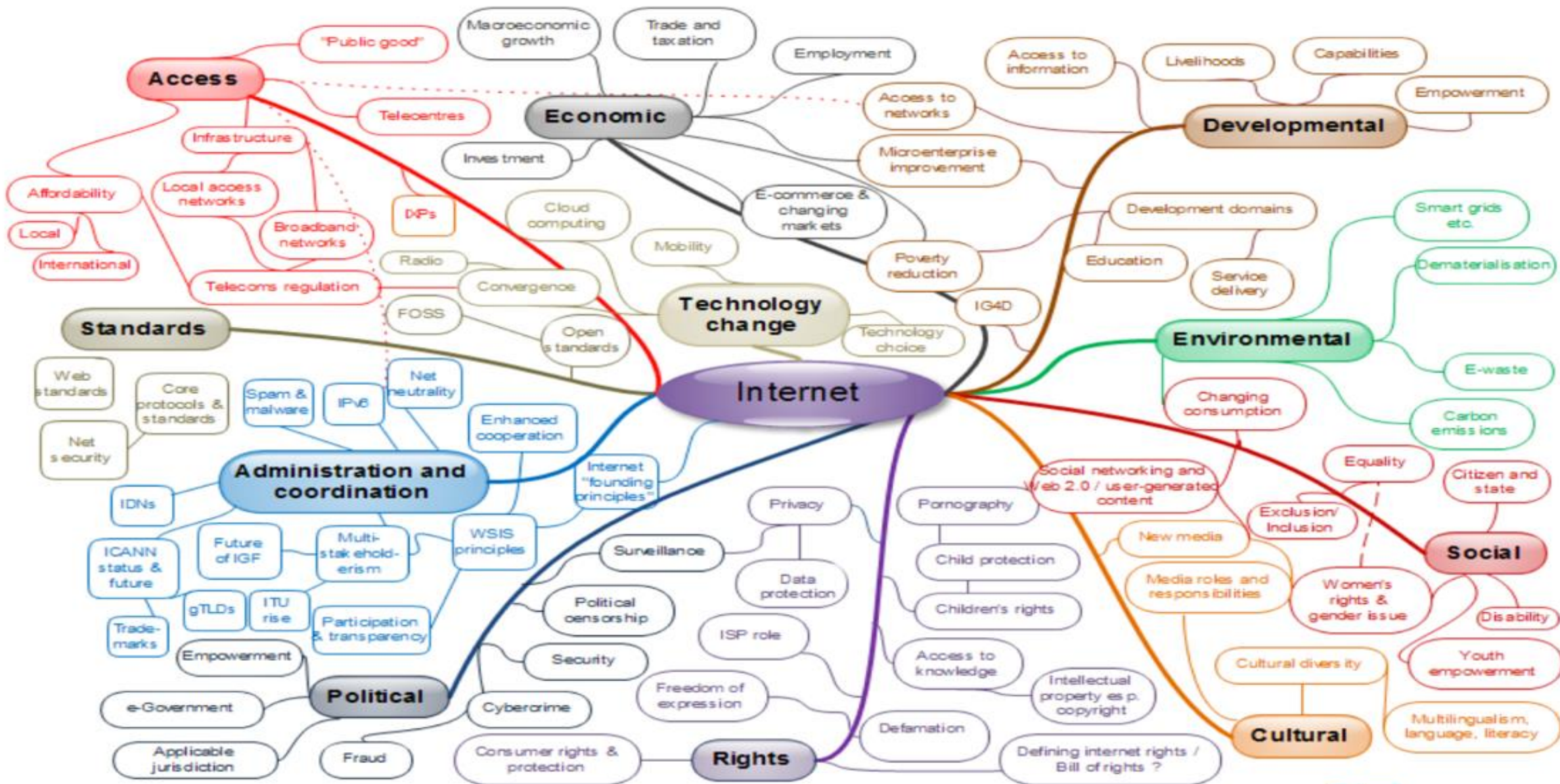
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Why Map IG stakeholders/actors?

- Mapping helps in understanding core issues, stakeholders/actors, mechanisms and procedures
- Helps in breaking down complex issues and series of stakeholders
- Provides a tool for communication between professionals, decision makers and others,
- Improves analysis and research into Internet Governance issues

David Souter's classification – big picture – spaghetti map



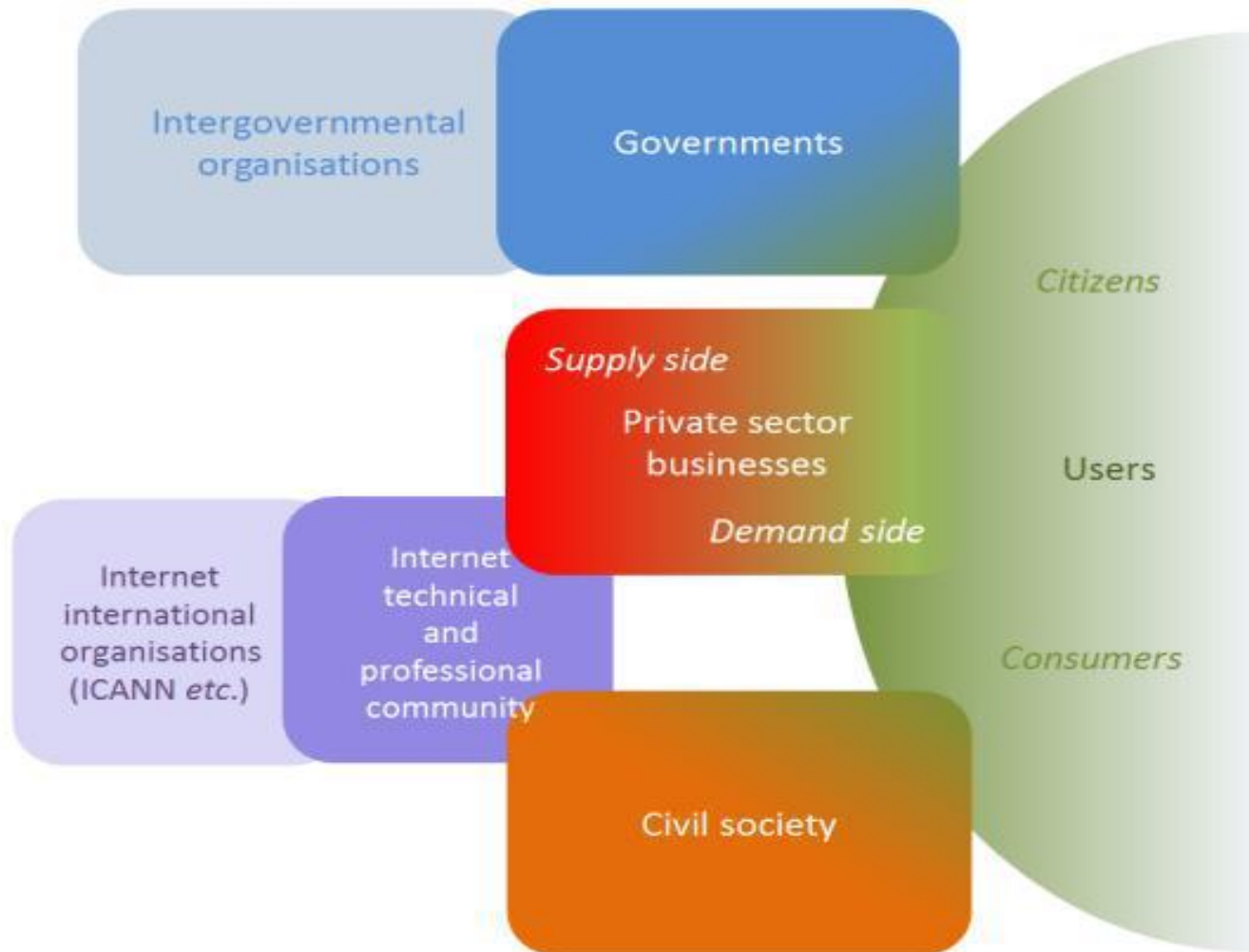
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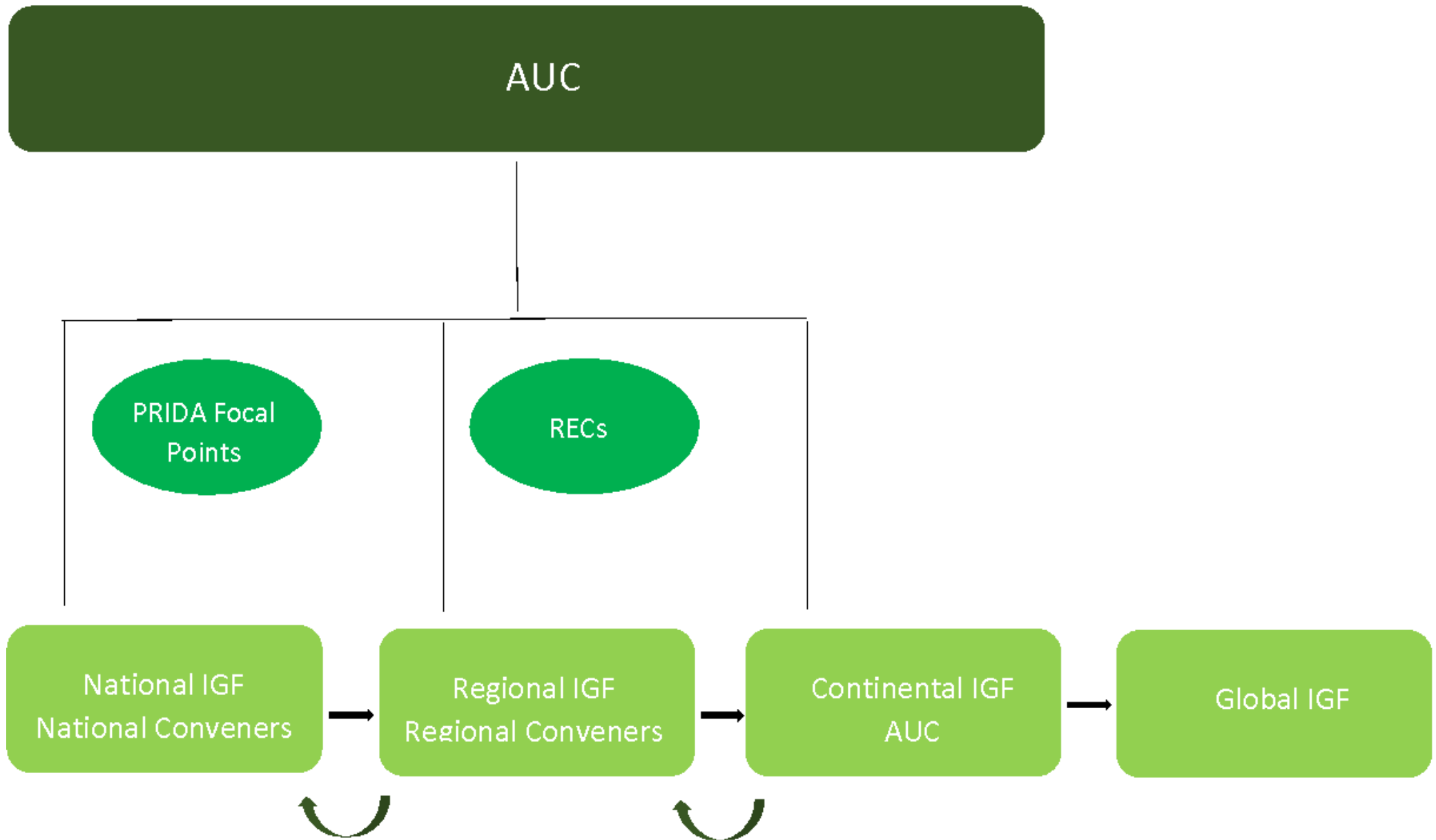
Why is the Internet Successful... 50 years Plus?

- ✓ Unique model
 - open, transparent, and collaborative model.
- ✓ Shared global ownership,
- ✓ Open standards development;
- ✓ Freely accessible processes for technology and policy development.
 - The model relies on processes that are local, bottom-up and accessible to users around the world



Mapping the Stakeholders





Who are the Internet Actors at various levels

➤ **Global**

- ✓ The UN
- ✓ ISOC/ICANN
- ✓ GFCE, World Bank, Interpol, Diplo Foundation
- ✓ Major Corporations ie Microsoft, Facebook, Google etc
- ✓ Intergovernmental bodies ie
- ✓ Others

Who are the Internet Actors at various levels

➤ Continental

- ✓ AUC
 - ✓ AUDA-NEPAD
 - ✓ Smart Africa
 - ✓ Africa Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA)
 - ✓ African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)
 - ✓ ATU
- ✓ ITU African bureau
- ✓ Technical operators
 - ✓ AFriNIC (RIR) / AFNOG /AfrISP/AFRICA CERT - Computer emergency response team
- ✓ African National Research and Education Networks (**NRENs**)
- ✓ PAU
- ✓ Parliamentary bodies?
 - ✓ The Pan-African Parliament (PAP)
 - ✓ The African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG)
- ✓ Industry players?
- ✓ Civil societies/NGOs?

Who are the Internet Actors at various levels

➤ Regional

➤ Regional Economic communities?

- ✓ EAC
- ✓ ECOWAS
- ✓ ECCAS
- ✓ NA Region
- ✓ SADC/COMESA

➤ Regional Parliamentary bodies?

- EALA – East Africa Legislative Assembly
- ECOWAS Parliament
- SADC Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF)
- Others?

*Who are the Internet Governance
Actors in your country?*

Who are the Actors at the National Level

- Ministries responsible for ICT?
- Ministry responsible for Education?
- Ministry responsible for Internal Security
- Ministry responsible for Trade and industry?
- Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs?
- ICT Sector Regulators?
- Data Protection offices?
- Technical community - CERTs/IXPs/ISPs/MNO/FNO?
- The Judiciary?
- Law Makers and Enforcers
- Academia and research institutions?
- Civil society?
- Community networks?
- Local authorities?

*Is there a Multistakeholder
Approach in your country?*

*How do the various
Institutions/Actors you have
mentioned relate?*

What actions/changes would you recommend for these Institutions/Actors to be effective and efficient?

*A unique feature of **Internet governance** is that it is carried out not only in **regulatory and oversight functions**, but also in the **actual design and implementation of technology** and in the **business models** that **monetize this technology** - Dr. Laura DeNardis*

Thankyou !