



Nepal School on Internet Governance (NPSIG)

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"The Internet belongs to everyone and no one."

Bruce Sterling, Short History of the Internet

Background:

Internet, one of the most important invention of the 20th century, has become inevitable part of our life. More than half of the world population is already connected to the internet, and rapid technological evolution and discoveries is expected to impact our life unprecedentedly in near future. It has become a pervasive and critical infrastructure which dominate our individual, social, economic, political life as well as overall development. In Nepal also, Internet penetration has reached 62% according to the Nepal Telecom Authority.

In this context, governance of this critical infrastructure is very important to understand. Internet governance is the development and application by all stakeholders in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programs that shape the evolution and use of the Internet. Thus, the stable and flexible functioning of the Internet has become increasingly important for developed, emerging, and developing countries and their citizens.

Internet Society (ISOC) Nepal has been engaged in promoting discussion and discourse around the internet governance since its inception in 2008. The first ever Nepal Internet Governance Forum, hosted by the Internet Society, in September 2017 has also discussed the need and importance of having theoretical discussion around the internet governance in Nepal, and had recommended ISOC Nepal to run School on Internet Governance (SIG) in Nepal.

We have seen that the interest of the stakeholders has increased in Nepal and It is important that these stakeholders including the government, business and private sector, civil society and technical community come together and discuss issues of internet governance including access, diversity, openness, security, critical infrastructure resources and human rights.

Nepal SIG

Nepal School on Internet Governance is a 2-day course focused on internet governance issues and processes, run by the Internet Society Nepal. The NPSIG aims to enhance the knowledge and capacity of the stakeholders around the country on global and regional Internet governance issues, actors, settings, and processes. We expect SIG fellows to lead IG related discussions at national and regional level.



Objectives

The Main objective of the NPSIG is to bring in all stakeholders to a single platform to discuss issues and processes relating to Internet Governance. Following are the major objectives of NPSIG.

To bring stakeholders in one platform to discuss IG issues and processes,

Identify and develop current issues relating to internet governance in Nepal,

Enhance awareness, knowledge and capacity of stakeholders,

Create platform to engage with government institutions and regulating authorities,

Identify and engage in policy advocacy and lobbying.

The target audience will be comprised of practitioners, researchers and professionals from the following different sectors:



Simple knowledge and understanding of the Internet is enough to attend this school.

Format

The NPSIG will offer a 2 days intensive learning course spanning several tracks. The course will cover general internet governance issues including access, diversity, openness, security, critical internet resources, privacy and human rights within the context of the Nepalese national imperatives. The program is expected to carry theoretical sessions, role-plays, and participants engagement activities.

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