

# Participation Workshop

**Internet Governance Forum  
Athens, October 30 – November 2, 2006**

**Time and place:** 11.30 – 13.00 Tuesday 31 October 2007, Workshop Room 1, Divani Apollon Hotel (venue hotel).

**Focus:**

To encourage multi-stakeholder participation in existing organisations that are responsible for management, administration and development of various aspects of the Internet, and encourage the local development of related technical and policy capacity building.

Full description can be found here: <http://info.intgovforum.org/yoppy.php?poj=9>

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the importance of participating in the processes of key Internet organisations and mechanisms, to show how one can participate and, importantly, how to locally build the appropriate expertise and capacity to successfully contribute. Different perspectives on participation and engagement by different communities and stakeholders will be explored with an emphasis on encouraging a discussion of practical examples and key learnings for increasing participation, particularly from communities that are typically under-represented.

**Workshop outline and speakers:**

Introduction

- Chris Disspain, CEO of auDA, (The Australian Domain Name Administrator) and Chair of the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation.

Presentations:

Each speaker will present an overview of their organisation, describe the organisation's role and the mechanisms for participation.

- ICANN            Anne-Rachel Inne, Regional Liaison Africa, ICANN
- ccTLDs           Emily Taylor, Director of Legal and Policy, Nominet

- NRO                   Adiel Akplogan, NRO Executive Council
- ISOC                   Matthew Shears, Director of Public Policy, Internet Society

*Panel discussion:*

The panel will discuss and highlight the importance of building technical and policy capacity locally, and models of multi-stakeholder engagement, with a focus on key learnings and best practices.

- Chris Disspain (moderator)
- Martin Boyle
  - Assistant Director, International Information Economy Policy, DTI and UK representative to the GAC
- Karen Rose
  - Director of Education and Programmes, Internet Society
- Willie Currie
  - Manager, Communications and Information Policy, APC
- Zahid Jamil
  - Barrister at law, Jamil & Jamil, Pakistan
- Baher Esmat
  - Regional Liaison, Middle East, ICANN
- Michuki Mwangi
  - Administrative manager, KENIC and President of the African Top Level Domain Association
- Raul Echeberria
  - Chair, NRO

*Summation:*

Chris Disspain

Structure:

10 minutes introduction/overview; 10 minutes per speaker including Q&A; 40 minutes roundtable including Q&A.