



The Internet is for Everyone

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It is a great honor for me to welcome you to the Internet technical community forum this morning. On behalf of all of the colleagues who have worked together to bring you this event, I want to express our appreciation to the OECD for inviting us to be actively engaged in the preparation of the OECD Ministerial Conference here in Seoul. The Forum today is designed to be a direct contribution to the ministers' work around the three themes of the Ministerial: Creativity, Confidence, and Convergence.

During the past year, we have worked with the OECD in preparation for this Conference. We have also worked in our community to shape a formal contribution to the OECD ministerial – a Memorandum that attests our willingness to join efforts with all stakeholders to achieve the fullest benefits of the Internet for all in the global economy.

You will see the results of our effort today. During the coming years, we commit ourselves to engage with governments and other stakeholders of OECD and non-OECD countries to enhance confidence, ensure security, and encourage innovation and interoperability at a global level. These issues will be discussed today by our panelists.

We have a very full schedule today, so I do not want to take any more time. I will introduce the speakers in this opening session, and then at the end come back to discuss some procedural matters as we set up for the next panel.

Our first speaker this morning is Lynn St. Amour, President and CEO of the Internet Society (ISOC).