



About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is an independent international nonprofit organization founded in 1992 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy around the world. Internet Society initiatives embody our philosophy that the Internet is for everyone.

They provide a solid foundation from which to positively influence standards deployment, access, business practices, and government policies.

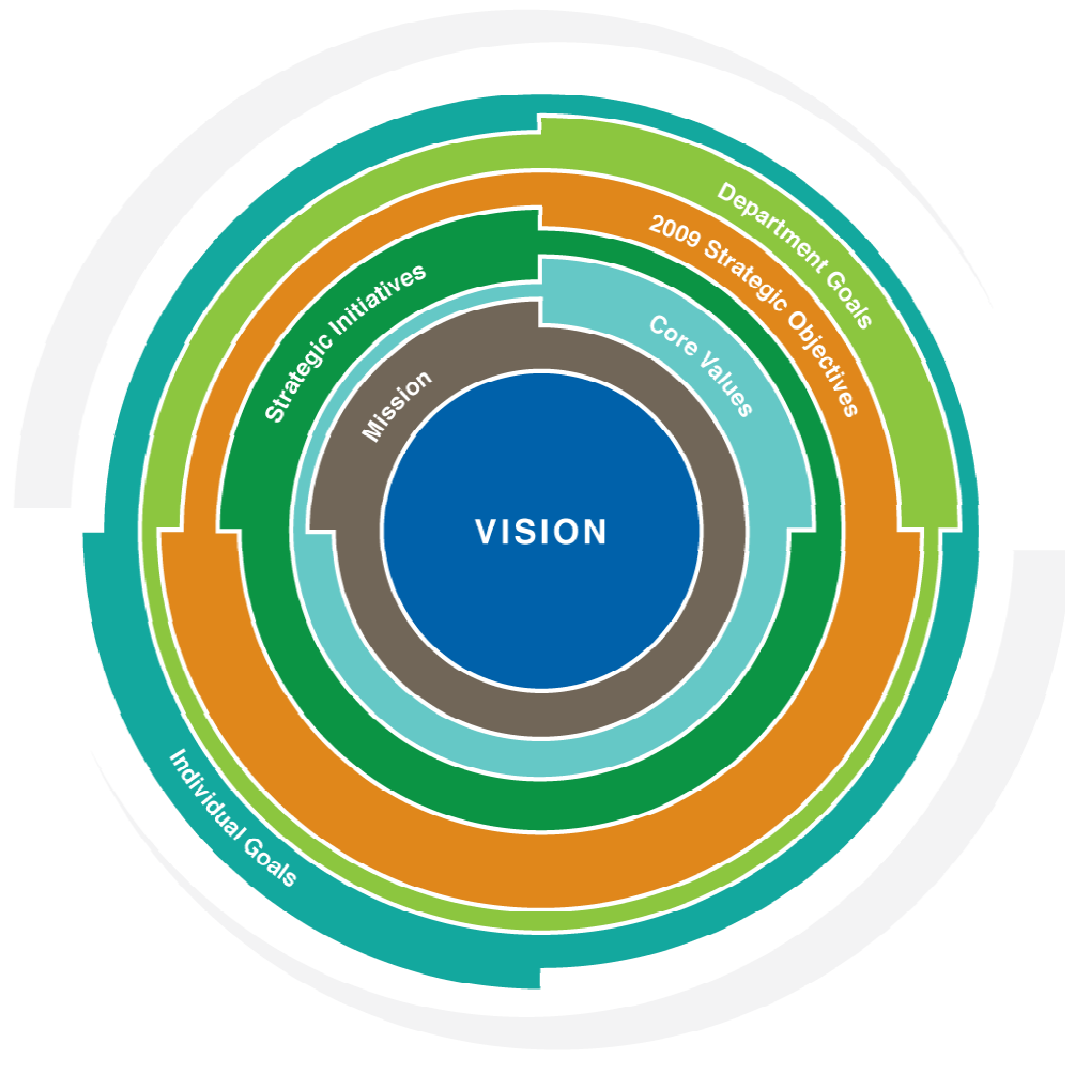
Vision & Mission

Vision

The Internet is for everyone.

Mission

To promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.



Core Values

- I. The quality of life for people in all parts of the world is enhanced by their ability to enjoy the benefits of an open and global Internet.
- II. Well-informed individuals and public and private policy makers are the essential foundation of an open and global Internet society.
- III. The genius of the Internet is that its decentralized architecture maximizes individual users' power to choose (or create) and use the hardware, software and services that best meet their needs, and if the Internet is to continue to be a platform for innovation and creativity, its open, decentralized nature must be preserved.
- IV. Enduring and sustainable progress toward our vision is best achieved by a combination of global initiatives and activities at a local level that engage people in their home regions.

Core Values

- V. Technical standards and Internet operating procedures should be developed and asserted through open and transparent processes, with minimal barriers to participation or access to information.
- VI. The social, political and economic benefits of the Internet are substantially diminished by excessively restrictive governmental or private controls on computer hardware or software, telecommunications infrastructure or Internet content.
- VII. Rewarding and productive use of the Internet depends on the ability to trust critical services.

Strategic Initiatives

I. Enabling Access

- Technical Capacity Building
- Policy, Regulation & Access Environment
- Underserved Community

II. InterNetWorks

- Common & Open Internet
- Global Addressing
- Security & Stability
- AlterNetives

III. Trust & Identity

- Architecture & Trust: Emerging Research
- Operationalizing Trust
- Identity: Managing Trust Relationships

2009 Strategic Objectives

- I. Internet Model**
Deliver concise communications
- II. Health of the Internet**
Advance the health
- III. Future Leaders**
Strengthen the pipeline
- IV. Alternative Revenue Sources**
Diversify reach
- V. Chapters & Members**
Strengthen partnerships

