

- ICANN would like to congratulate the government of Lithuania as well as the Chairman and the Secretariat of the IGF on the successful meeting in Vilnius.
- We believe that the Vilnius meeting has successfully built on previous IGF meetings. We are confident to say that the discussions have evolved into more maturity and better understanding of the subjects under debate. Likewise, we can sense that the IGF has been gaining more credibility and acceptance as the platform for open dialogue on Internet governance issues.
- With regard to the meeting itself:
 - Program: We recognize the effort of the IGF Secretariat and the multistakeholder advisory group (MAG) trying to enrich the meeting's programme with a variety of workshops. We agree with trying to streamline and synthesize the workshops in order to avoid redundancy and allow for as wider community participation as possible. This year, the designation of feeder workshops made the link between workshops and main sessions more tangible. We also believe that background reports on workshops and best practice forums are useful not only for the information they provide, but also in guiding participants through the quite extensive agenda of the meeting.
 - Participation: While the number of participants at IGF meetings has been increasing over the past five years, hitting its highest record in Vilnius, there still seems to be insufficient participation from developing countries. On remote participation, we acknowledge the effort and resources the IGF dedicates to make remote participation available. However, it is essential to ensure the availability of capable technical support on the ground to deal with technical glitches when necessary. We would also like to highlight that this year the IGF has implemented the notion of remote hubs to facilitate more effective remote participation. This has to some extent helped with participation from developing countries, and feedback we have received from some of those hubs is quite positive. Last year's IGF in Sharm El-Sheikh had sign language interpretation to help people with hearing difficulties to take part in the meeting. We encourage the IGF to maintain the trend of utilizing tools and technologies that help people with disabilities to participate in the meetings.
 - On the topic areas, we have witnessed more depth and breadth in topics discussed at Vilnius. Workshops on CIR related issues showed more maturity in discussions compared to past IGF meetings. Also, there seems to be more experience gained and knowledge shared in developmental aspects of Internet Governance. Youth participation is yet another success the Vilnius meeting has achieved. Dedicating a main session on regional IGF perspectives helps make the bridges

between those initiatives and the global IGF more robust. ICANN would encourage the IGF to maintain this practice in future meetings. The IGF provides a unique platform to also inform on key technical and emerging issues from which participants may benefit from. This year's emerging topic, cloud computing, has raised some interesting discussions among participants, and addressed a variety of technical and policy matters that are very important to many stakeholders.

- Looking to the future, we realize the importance of improving the IGF and keeping it relevant to its diverse audience. On topic areas, there are always new topics to address at the IGF, and we recognize that one of IGF's causes of success is its ability to keep up with the pace of the Internet itself. While the IGF has made strides in discussing security and privacy aspects of social networking and cloud computing, we believe that other policy and business issues need to be addressed. As with any new technologies, there are always opportunities for innovation. We wonder whether the IGF could facilitate discussions among stakeholders of developed and developing countries on innovation and entrepreneurship in cyberspace. Sharing best practices among businesses and experiences of governments around the world in developing policies to foster entrepreneurship is something that may attract more participation to the IGF especially from developing countries.
- Last but not least, we would like to reiterate our support to the continuation of the IGF as an open, multi-stakeholder and non-decision making forum. ICANN looks forward to participating in the CSTD process on IGF improvements, while also hoping to see the next IGF meeting take place in Kenya in 2011.