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An Internet Society Perspective For the WSIS+20 Review

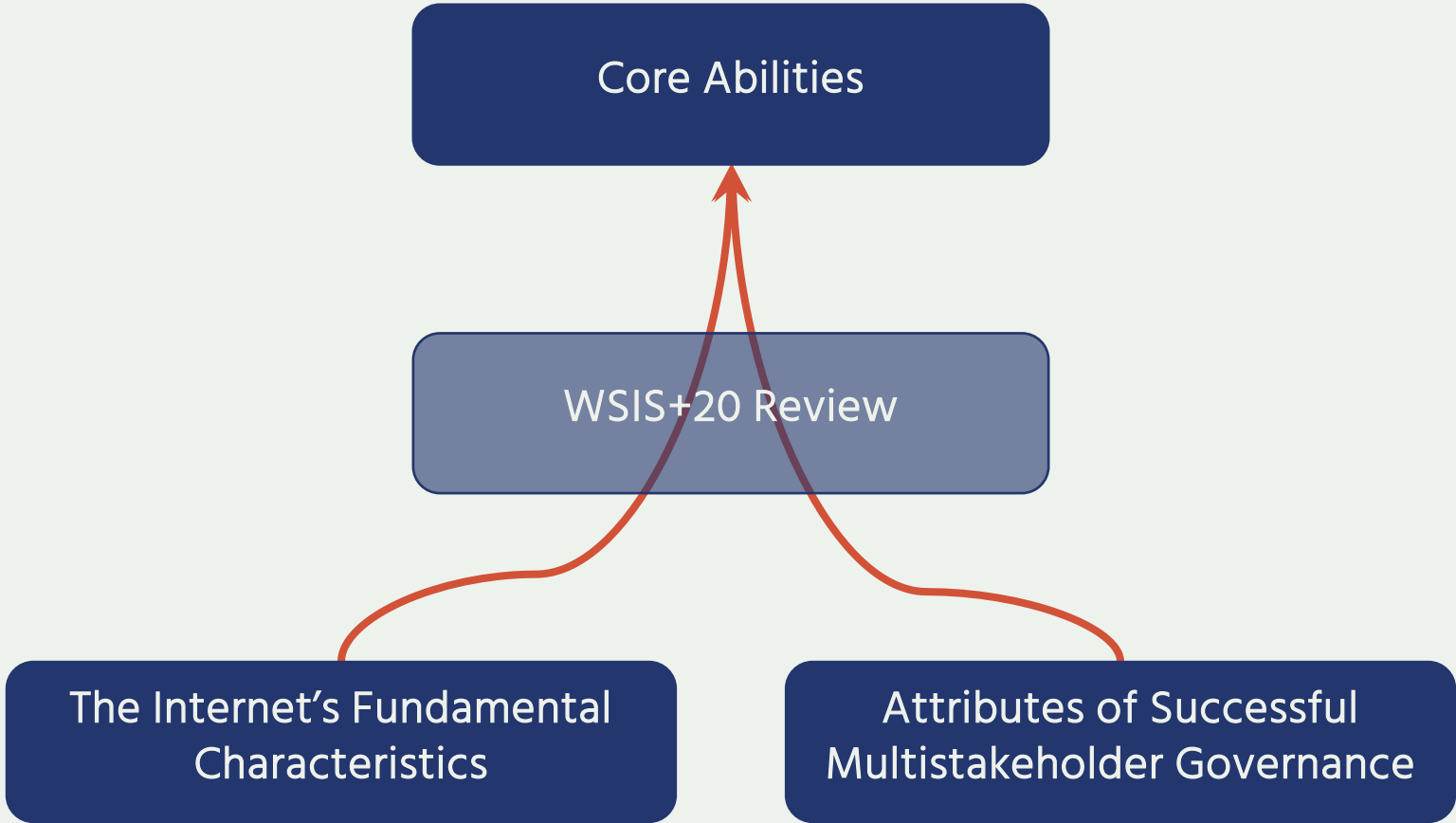


Over the past two decades, the Internet and how people use it **have evolved** dramatically.

Global Multistakeholder Cooperation **is more urgent than ever.**

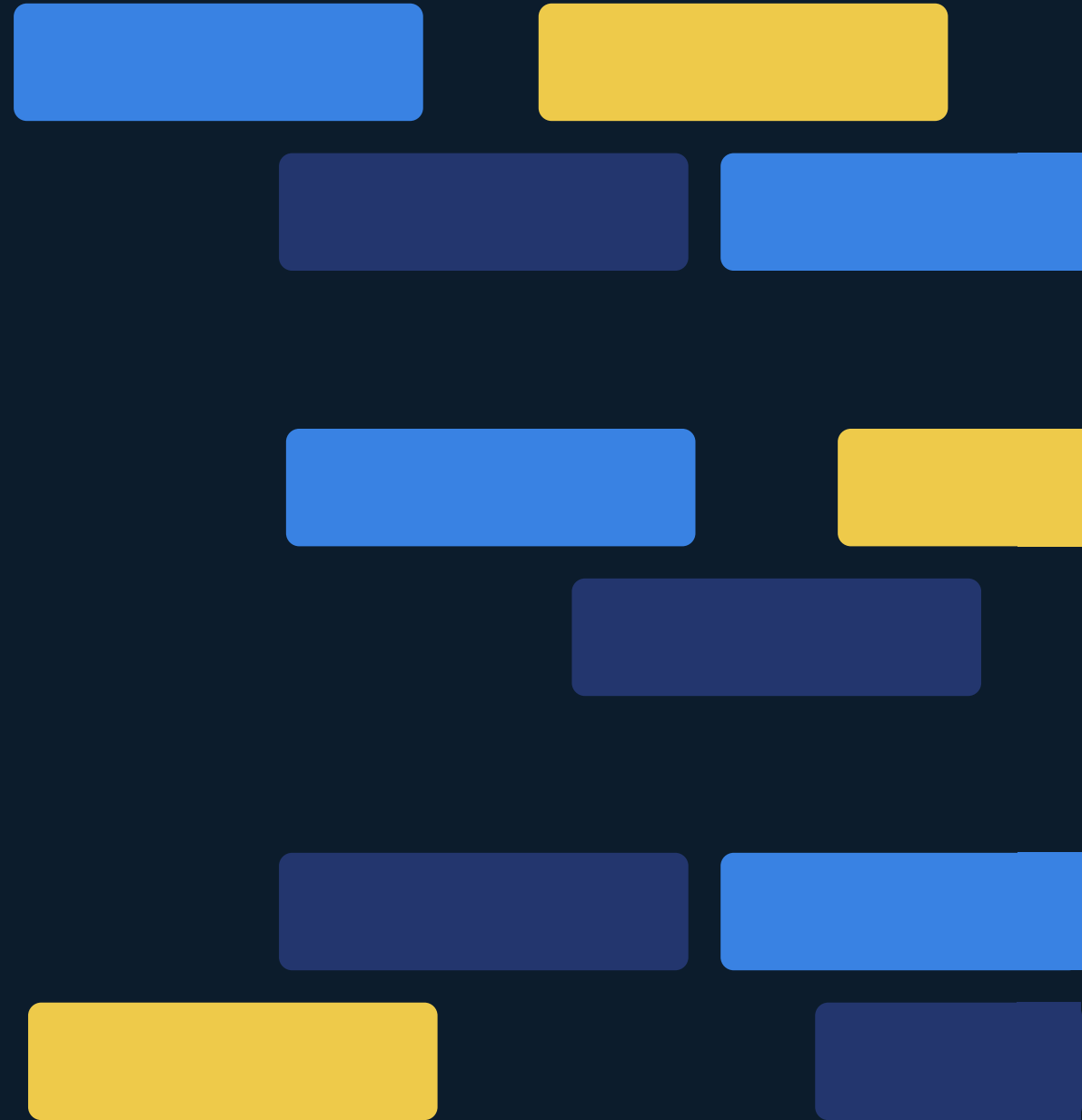


# WSIS+20 Review: A Pivotal Opportunity



# The Internet

The foundational infrastructure for our  
global digital society



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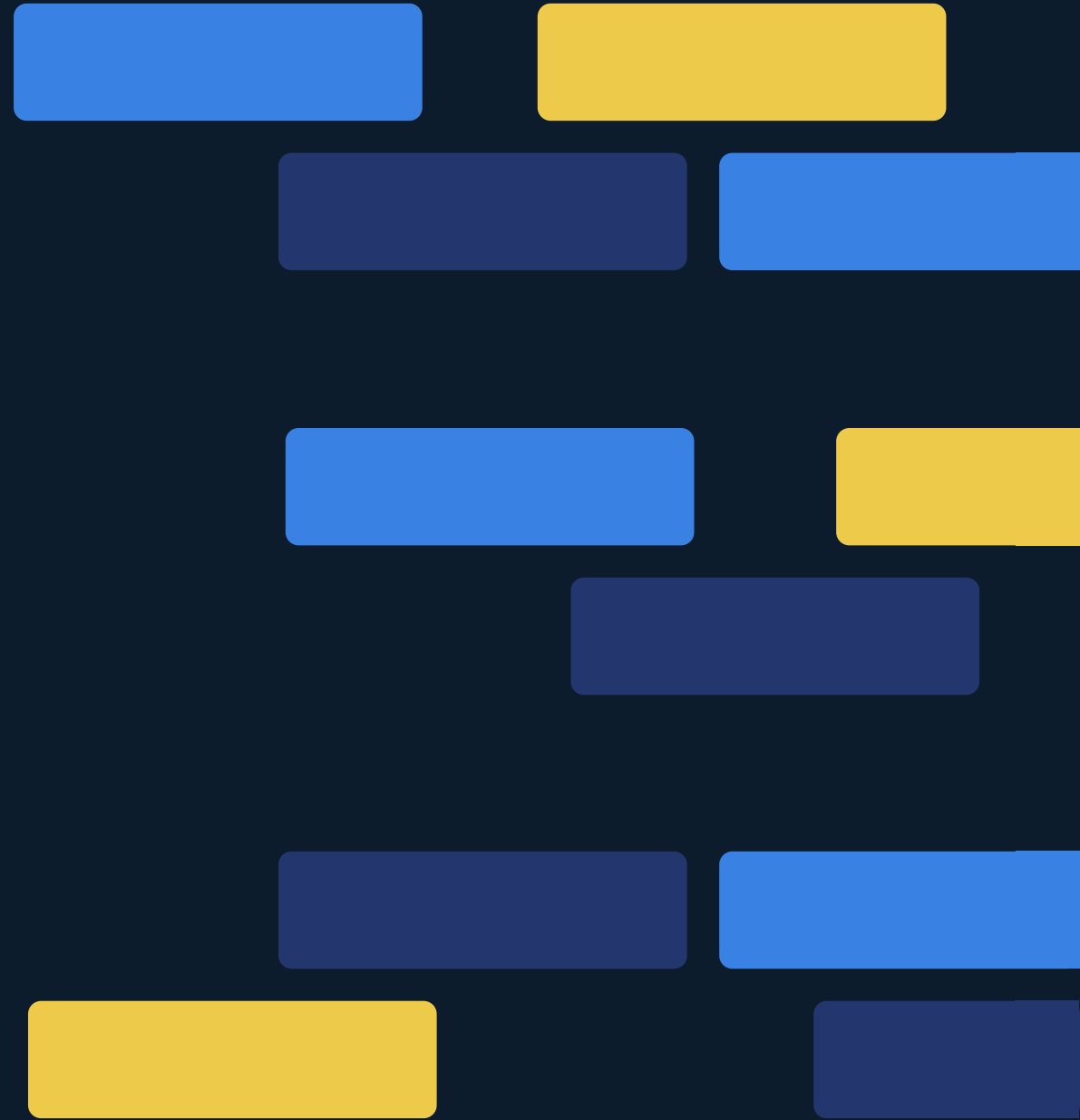
Its widespread use and integration into all aspects of our societies are mainly due to these **fundamental characteristics**:

- Global reach
- Open and collaborative governance
- General-purpose technology
- Open and voluntary standards
- Innovation without prior permission
- Interoperability
- Decentralized networks
- Confidentiality and integrity



# Our Vision

An Internet for everyone



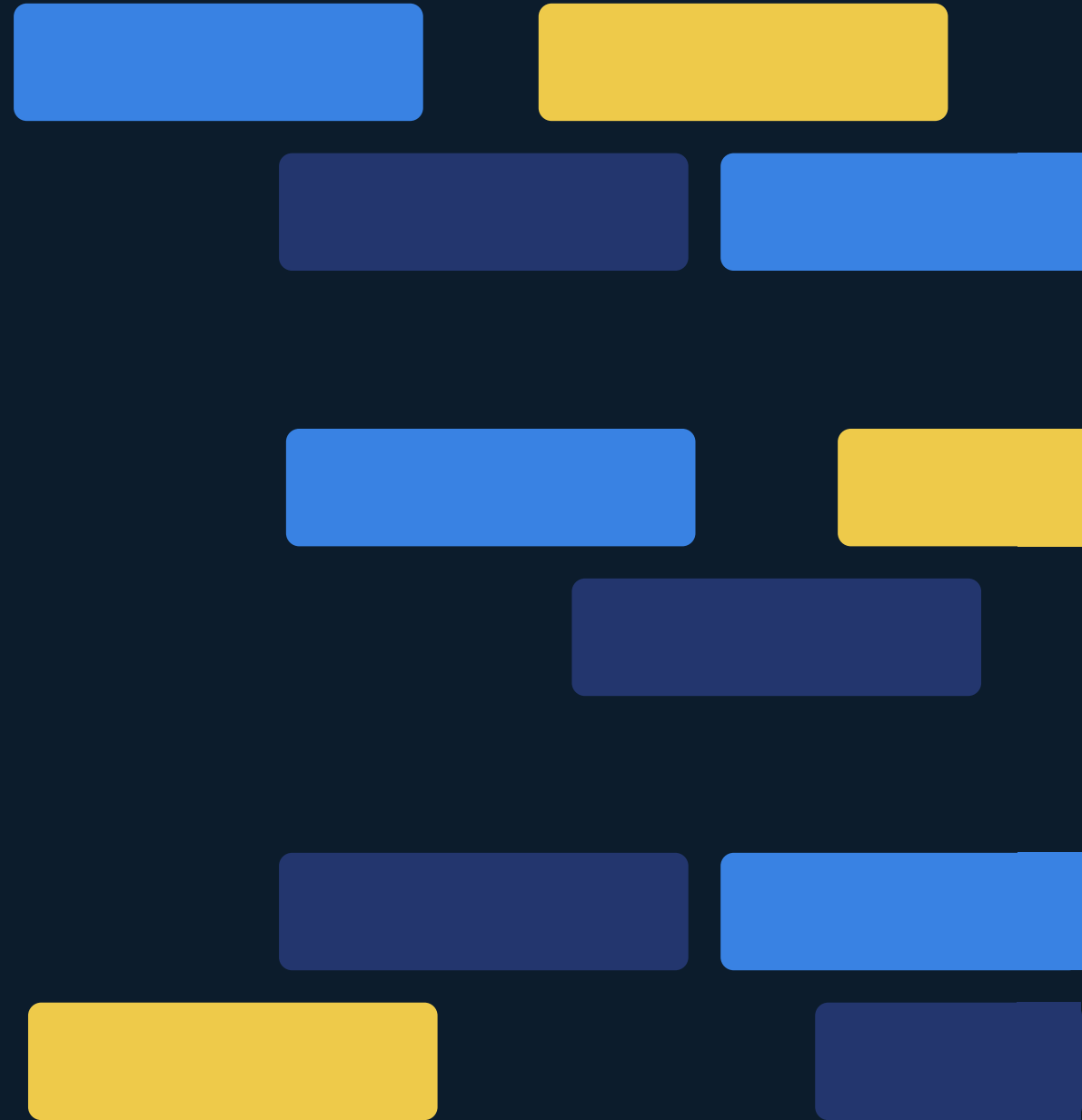
# Our Vision

- In 2025, the Internet is the primary method of communication and is integrated into almost **every aspect** of daily life.
- Yet, **one-third** of the world's population still **lacks access** to the Internet.
  - A lack of affordable, reliable, and resilient Internet access for everyone excludes people, communities, and countries from essential digital services and the social and economic opportunities that the Internet creates.
- Internet **access is only the start**.
  - People need an Internet that is open, global, secure, and trustworthy.



# Multistakeholder Governance

Attributes for its success



# Multistakeholder Governance

- Multistakeholder governance is a short way of saying that the Internet is developed, operated, managed, and governed openly and collaboratively **by multiple stakeholders for the benefit of the public.**
- The Internet has evolved and expanded across the world because of its multistakeholder governance, which **enables an environment** where:
  - Decisions that impact a **wide and distributed range** of people and interests.
  - There are **overlapping rights** and responsibilities across sectors and borders.
  - There is **interdependence** and shared resources.
  - **Different forms of expertise** are needed.
  - **Legitimacy and acceptance** of decisions directly impact implementation.



# Attributes of Successful Multistakeholder Governance

Without the global cooperation between **many stakeholders, in many countries, from many cultures**, we would not have the global digital society we have today. Several attributes contribute to ensuring multistakeholder governance is successful:

- Openness, inclusiveness, and transparency.
- Collaboration and shared responsibility.
- Effective decision-making and implementation.
- Consensus-driven.



# Core Abilities That The Internet Must Offer

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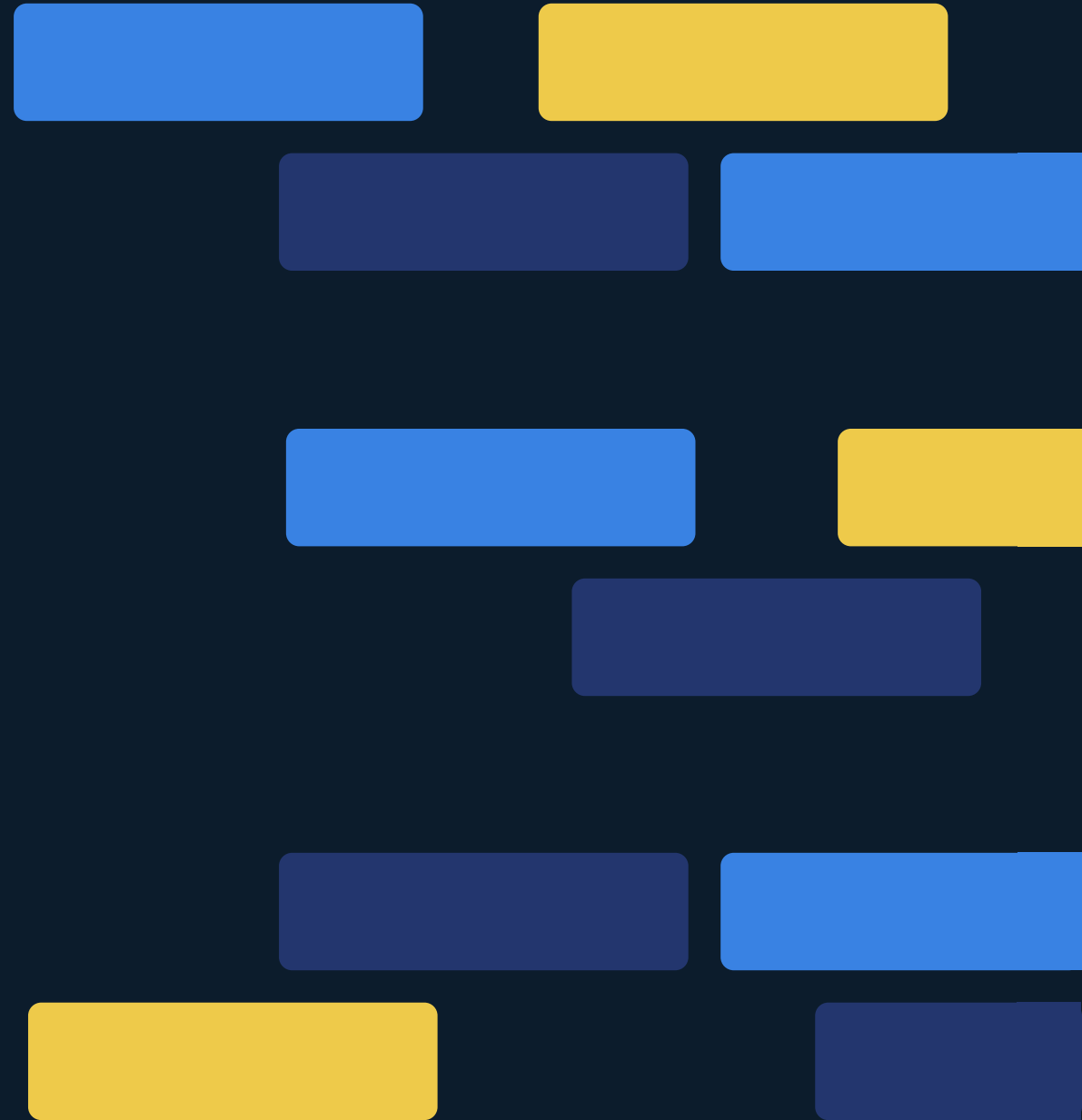
Our vision of an Internet for everyone is grounded in our belief that it **must empower people with fundamental abilities**. As we look to the future, **these must remain central** to the Internet experience for everyone, everywhere:

- The Ability to Connect
- The Ability to Communicate
- The Ability to Innovate
- The Ability to Share
- The Ability to Choose
- The Ability to Be Safe
- The Ability to Trust



# WSIS+20 Priorities

Securing and building our global digital future, together



# Key Priorities for the WSIS+20 Review

The original WSIS Plan of Action was designed to be flexible and technology-neutral, making it uniquely suited to address existing and emerging challenges.

## Foundational Principles

- Ensure the Internet continues to offer the core abilities for everyone.
- Protect and nurture the Internet's fundamental characteristics.
- Affirm the NETMundial+10 commitment that the Internet is a global resource.

## Mechanisms for Cooperation

- Re-commit to multistakeholder governance.
- Adhere to the 10 NETMundial principles for Internet governance.
- Renew the Internet Governance Forum's mandate with sustainable funding; make it evolve, and continue to grow its NRIs network.



## Our Core WSIS+20 Objectives

- Affirm and continue to implement the WSIS Action Lines.
- Ensure the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines is complemented and not duplicated by the Global Digital Compact.
- Commit to and use the Internet to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**The WSIS+20 Review is the time to secure and build our global digital future, together.**



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