Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values -

Report on the meeting on October 24 2013

Following the IGF Egypt Workshop on Fundamentals: Core Internet Values, chaired by Internet Society President Lynn St.Amour, the Dynamic Coalition on Core Internet Values was formed. Coalition meetings were held at Vilnius, Nairobi and Baku. The fourth meeting at Bali was chaired by George Sadowski.

Panelists and active participants included:

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Points Discussed:

The Core Internet Values broadly identified included end-to-end connectivity, interoperability, and openness.

The technical values give rise to and strengthen core social values such as privacy.

The Internet infrastructure must be flexible, scalable, interoperability, infrastructure friendly to whatever we need to build on top of it, even for unforeseen advances.

Internet architecture remains Open to innovations and its Governance continues to be decentralized so you don't have a central point of control

The meeting brought up surveillance concerns and cautioned against any temptation to modify these underlying core principles to deal with a particular challenge, a particular issue, a particular set of
Compromises are being made overriding Core Internet Values in view of practicality, for e.g. on matters concerning DRM. This is a challenge.

Law enforcement measures on the Internet have been primarily on content level, now moving to a Critical Internet resource level, for e.g. the methods favored by the CopyRight industry to take down a domain name. This is really against all the technical design value that has always been respected in Internet community. Law enforcement measures should be consistent with the core value of the Internet.

Threats from Government legislation (Surveillance legislation in some countries) as well as good Government measures (for e.g. arco, the civil framework in Brazil, which has a number of governance principles) were discussed.

Assertion by business in support of Core Internet Values was discussed: for e.g. Google and twitter’s challenges to Directives to take down and reveal user identity.

“core” could be defined as what is central, the part everything else is built on. The values inherent in technology would be the technical logical core, the thing that makes it possible to build new things.

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