South School on Internet Governance

IG training for Latin America and the Caribbean since 2007
Objectives and Mission of the South School on Internet Governance

• Increase the number of representatives from the Latin American and Caribbean Region in the Internet ecosystem
• Train the next leaders of Internet Governance in their countries and in the region
• Grant fellowships to all participants
South School on Internet Governance rotates among countries

2009 Buenos Aires
2010 Sao Paulo
2011 México
2012 Bogotá
2013 Panamá
2014 Trinidad & Tobago
2015 Costa Rica
• Full gender balance among fellows
• As much geographic diversity as possible
• Grant fellowship to all selected candidates
• Fellows selected by group of experts, organizers and host
• Full program has simultaneous translation English-Spanish
• Full program offers remote participation with video streaming and two audio channels in English and Spanish
• All interested in IG but not yet included in the ecosystem
• From all stakeholders as much balanced as possible
• There is special interest from governments and regulators
• Remote participants can make questions and comments
• Once selected fellows receive online material and training
• During the training they complete daily satisfaction survey
• After the training all participants complete a survey
• After the training fellows must send a report
Internet Governance topics

International scope with a local and regional focus

- Internet development and its global impact
- IANA Transition, present and future perspectives
- Communication services and Internet Governance
- Trust, cybersecurity and privacy challenges in the Internet
- Standards for ISPs and the Internet: Challenges and opportunities
- An open and accessible Internet: Freedom of expression in the web
- New paradigms in information security
- DNSSEC in Latin America
- Cloud computing and the regional challenges
- National Security, Legislation and Freedom of Expression in the Internet
- Internet Governance Forum: perspectives for the next 10 years
- Internet infrastructure, present and future
- Network neutrality and its impact in the web
- Internet and Universal Access
- Development of e-government in the Americas
- Present and future perspectives of domain names – New gTLDs
- Cyber: A balance of legal challenges
- Internet Fragmentation
- Security and Privacy Challenges in the web
- Multi-stakeholder model in cybersecurity
- Gender and Cyber Security
- Internet of things and smart cities
- Digital currencies and blockchain
More than 1500 fellowships granted to participants from these countries:

Argentina
Brazil
Belice
Canadá
Costa Rica
Colombia
Ecuador
Guatemala
México
Nicaragua
Perú
República Dominicana
Trinidad & Tobago
Panamá
Paraguay
Uruguay
Venezuela
España
Austria
Chile
Bolivia
Barbados
Grenada
Guyana
Jamaica
Montserrat
St. Kitts
Japan
USA
El Salvador
Portugal
Honduras
Ukraine
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La Octava Escuela del Sur de Gobernanza Internet SSIG 2016

Sigue la transmisión en vivo
Inicia el
Martes, 29 Marzo, 2016 (Todo el día)
Termina el
Viernes, 1 Abril, 2016 (Todo el día)

Declarada en Washington,
la octava edición de la Escuela del Sur de Gobernanza Internet se llevó a cabo del 29 de marzo al 1 de abril de 2016, con la participación de los participantes de los Estados Unidos y de 180 lugares en el mundo. Se discutió sobre la importancia de la Gobernanza de Internet en la actualidad.
ITC at the 8th South School on Internet Governance

Between March 29th and April 1st, 2016, was held at the OAS headquarters in Washington, United States, the 8th edition of the South Schools on Internet Governance. This event brought together more than 150 participants and sought to discuss the issues of Internet governance, focusing on the theme chosen for this edition, cybersecurity and privacy of information.

The event, which brings together distinguished figures on the theme, aims to work with Internet governance issues in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The Secretary General of the OAS, Luis Almagro, will be the guest of honor, alongside President of ICANN, and President of CCAT-LAT.

In the session "Trust, cybersecurity and privacy challenges in the Internet", Mr. Concert participated to discuss some of the legal aspects of the Internet.
Eighth South School on Internet Governance
Organization of American States Venue – Washington DC USA

260 participants
180 fellows, all received a fellowship to participate
80 faculty members
35 countries participating on site
25,000 remote participants
89 countries connected by video streaming and audio channels in English and Spanish
First Remote Hub in Barbados organized by ISOC Barbados Chapter

40 participants during the four activity days, from all stakeholders
Student testimonials

“It has been an unforgettable experience, the place, the group and the organization”
Matías Jackson, ISOC Uruguay.

“All sessions were interesting and diverse. Panels were excellent, it was great listen to the different points of view from faculty members”

“The SSIG was an enlightening experience as it provided me a space to exchange ideas with different people, as well as to enhance my knowledge on IG issues”
Kimberly Anastácio, Civil Society, Brazil.

“Excellent, it was a school that reviewed all Internet Governance issues, each one was addressed by the experts in a direct and personal way”
Jhon Caballero Martínez, Academia, Colombia.

“The program was great. All the panelists made quality presentation”
Blaise Arboulet, Civil Society, Canada.

“Having a technical background, I found the program very diverse, all the different point of views from all stakeholders made it very interesting and I have now the need to explore new Internet Governance related issues”
Jonathan Lopez Cisneros, Private Sector, Costa Rica.
Student testimonials

“Excellent experience to enter into the Internet Governance world, knowing all the major actors and debating about the most relevant issues”
Esteban Lescano, private sector, Argentina.

SSIG is an excellent opportunity to expand horizons and make very good friends, with the objective of connecting and acting now that there are several new important changes in Internet Governance, about the future of ICANN and our participation in this new scenario. This is essential for all Internet user”
Carlos Macher Bárcenas, International Organizations, Peru.

The experience was insightful. I made new friends, and expanded my definition of cybersecurity. I must point out that the variety of topics discussed has helped me make new connections with my personal research.
Oleksandr Tsaruk, Government, Ukraine

“Complete, entertaining, dynamic, interesting”
Angel Sevilla, Government, Honduras

SSIG is a very useful activity to debate about different IG issues, share opinions and experiences, network and learn”
Vivian Carolina González Cristancho, Government, Colombia
Student testimonials

“The activities were engaging and provoking, we received a comprehensive view into Internet governance. I was forced to reevaluate some of my most cherished beliefs about security on the virtual domain”

Germán Linares, Academy, United States

“I had the opportunity to know about projects from other countries that can be replicated in Puerto Rico. In the informal conversations with other fellows we could establish cooperative working groups to address shared concerns”

Alfredo Calderón Serrano, ISOC Puerto Rico.

Excellent content but also great networking opportunities

Bartlett Morgan, ISOC Barbados

“Es un foro de intercambio entre líderes de la región donde se aprende nuevos conceptos, se profundizan otros y lo más importante, invita al debate natural con personas que, desde distintas perspectivas, opinan sobre los temas expuestos en el evento”

Yoselin Vos Castro, Government, Panama

“Apart from the vast array of topics, I had the opportunity to meet like minded persons and learn from and share within a diverse community”

Andre M Edwards, Private Sector, Trinidad and Tobago.
Outcomes of the South School on Internet Governance

Several former fellows now highly involved in MAG, ISOC, ISOC Chapters, RIRs, regional organizations, governments. After organizing the school, government created a specific area to follow up and participate in the Internet Governance ecosystem. In some countries it was the trigger for organizing national dialogues or national IG fórums, ISOC chapters. Many fellows are selected for other fellowship programs: ICANN, ISOC, IETF, regional IGFs, etc.
Lessons learned

There is great value in the network created by the school
For both fellows and faculty
Rotation between countries is complicated but is worth the effort
Local partner is a relevant part of the success
Fellows are our best ambassadors
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