



Internet Society Joins Commemoration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Highlights paper that offers guidance on how to increase use of the Internet by persons with disabilities

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – 03 December 2012] – Today, the Internet Society joins the global commemoration of “International Day of Persons with Disabilities.” This year's theme is: Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all.

The Internet Society’s guiding principle is the "Internet is for everyone," which includes the estimated one billion people with disabilities across the world. As communities celebrate achievements of people with disabilities, the Internet Society is highlighting its paper on "Internet use by persons with disabilities: Moving forwards." The paper is available on the Internet Society website, <http://www.internetsociety.org/doc/internet-accessibility-internet-use-persons-disabilities-moving-forward> .

Through this paper, the Internet Society highlights the work of many across the Internet community to improve Internet access for persons with disabilities. The paper explains what accessibility means for Internet use; what is being done by international bodies, governments, companies, the technical community, and civil society; and actions that we all can take to improve accessibility.

Markus Kummer, Vice President of Public Policy for the Internet Society, commented, “Many Internet Society Chapters and leaders have been active in Internet accessibility. As one example, the Australian Chapter has been awarded a Community Grant to run capacity-building workshops on Internet accessibility policy development in the Pacific as well as disability-awareness training for Chapter leaders.”

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership from around the world. With its principled vision and substantial technological foundation, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, visit www.internetsociety.org.

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