

# OMAC Roundtable #1

## Meeting Summary

8 June 2021



We need all OMAC Members on these Roundtables!

Promote events well and send reminders!

[Register and save the date for OMAC Members Roundtable #2](#)

## What is the background and purpose of the OMAC roundtables?

- Designed for members and Internet Society to keep a finger on the pulse of Internet issues we all care about.
- Its purpose is to distill advice from the Organization Member Advisory Council (OMAC) to the Internet Society Board & Leadership and create opportunities for members to network, learn, and engage with each other around Internet industry matters.
- The participants will choose topics of discussions, and the OMAC co-chairs will moderate the meetings.



## What are the agreements reached during the 1<sup>st</sup> OMAC roundtable?

The 1<sup>st</sup> OMAC roundtable took place on 18 May 2021. The meeting which was attended by 10 participants from 9 Member Organizations, was held to set the stage for the next monthly meetings, while ensuring the creation of an environment of mutual trust and participation among all members.

The roundtable participants agreed:

- To use Chatham House of rules - participants can share the information received, but do not reveal the identity of who said it.
- To use the OMAC email list for follow-up discussions and general communications among roundtable participants: [org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org](mailto:org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org)
- For the Organization Membership team to draft key takeaways from every roundtable meeting and share them through the OMAC using the same email list: [org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org](mailto:org-members-advisory-council@elists.isoc.org).
- Topics that are identified for deeper discussions to be explored further in the OMAC and organization member events.
- The key learning(s) from the roundtable discussions to be shared with OMAC and translated into advice from the OMAC to the Internet Society board and leadership. This advice will be shared by the OMAC co-chairs as a report at Internet Society board meetings.

## Discussion topics identified at the first roundtable

The following are proposed topics for discussion for future meetings:

- What public policy issues are we talking to our respective governments about at the moment, and what positions are we taking?
  - Discussion points: Can we create a network of policy people who know each other well enough to reach out for help or perspectives? Folks who have traveled for their roles may already have this, but for those of us who don't it's really hard to meet our equivalents. It's even harder for everyone in the current environment. This network will give us all ideas for things we should be engaging on domestically that we are currently not doing.
- Internet abuses and its impact of new policy and regulations on our community of organization members.
  - Discussion points: What are the key abuses, what are their impacts on organizations and how could Internet Society play a bigger role in addressing them? Internet Society has worked effectively in its advocacy around the first principles of the Internet -

accessibility, being open and unblocked. A practical example shared was around the FCC recent report on how Internet abuse has increased tremendously (more victims of abuse, more money lost). Many organizations are, as a result, subject to pressure from a regulatory perspective.

- The impact of new technologies on the Internet.
  - Discussion points: impacts of blockchain and state actors on the Internet ecosystem and organization members. What role can Internet Society play in assessing those impacts? What does emerging tech mean for the Internet going forward?
- Internet Fragmentation from regional perspectives.
  - Discussion points: Inadequate Internet regulation can lead to greater Internet fragmentation. What are the key issues in our regions and what role can the OMAC and Internet Society play to addressing them?
- Overview of Internet Society's Internet Grow and Internet Strong projects.
  - Discussion points: OMAC co-chairs would like to invite [Jane Coffin](#), Senior Vice President, [Internet Growth](#) and [Joseph Lorenzo Hall](#), Senior Vice President for a [Strong Internet](#) to the next members roundtable to give a brief overview on Internet Society's Internet Grow and Internet Strong projects that seek to address the impacts of new technologies and policy which are key issues to Organization Members. This will also be an opportunity for OMAC members to discuss and have their say on [the backgrounds of Internet Society's 2022 Action plan](#) and together look at opportunities where the Internet Society might amplify work the community is already doing, to become more effective to grow the Internet and to make it stronger.

## What are the next steps?

- OMAC co-chairs will reach out to [board members that were elected by organization members](#) to participate in roundtables.
- As communicated previously, the 2nd OMAC roundtable was scheduled to take place on 15 June 2021. However, OMAC co-chairs had to adapt the date to avoid having the meeting during the ICANN week. In light of this, the next roundtable is planned to take place on 13 July 2021 from 14:00-14:45 UTC.
- YOU are all encouraged to use the opportunity to share your thoughts on Internet Society's plans and priorities through the [Action Plan 2022 Consultations Survey](#).