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Internet Governance Panel

Public Policy Questions for Internet Governance

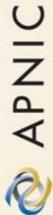
Today's Global Communications Sector

Industry Deregulation

- Competitive suppliers operating in an open market
- Reserve national regulatory powers to ensure open market behaviour and fairness outcomes consistent with national objectives

• Private Sector activities

- Market dynamics of providers and consumers
- Moderation of the market through competitive supply disciplines
- Demand determines supply
- Few international regulatory levers
- Public Sector activities
 - Balancing of national interests in a common framework
 - International Agencies
 - Inter-Governmental Treaties
 - Coordinated Regulatory Recommendations



The BIG Public Policy Questions

• Do the institutions and roles that already populate this public intergovernmental space collectively form the best vehicle to support this international public policy setting role going forward?

or

• Is there sufficient momentum and interest to consider fundamental changes to this model that more accurately reflect the evolving roles and aspirations of both the public and private sectors?

or

 Should we stop looking for instant answers and continue to work within a framework of many players with intersecting interests for some time yet?

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On the Road To Tunis ...

- What are the spectrum of expectations related to the outcomes from WSIS?
- What expectations represent achievable outcomes?
- What is the most appropriate way to balance local or national requirements and expectations against conflicting expectations and broader common constraints?
- What is "fairness" and "balance" in this context?
- What are the risks and opportunities when considering changes to the current structures, institutions and behaviours?

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