Policy expert engagement in IETF standardisation

draft-hoffmann-gendispatch-policy-stakeholders-00

1. IETF 115 Side Meeting
2. Problem statement
3. Relevant work
4. Next steps
IETF 115 - Policymaker engagement side meeting

- Joint delivery by ISOC and UK government, with participants across IETF, IRTF, IAB, and policymakers from around the world ([link](#))
- Discussed policymaker engagement - benefits and challenges
- Related work & ways forward (we’ll come to that)
Problem statement

- IETF benefits from incorporating policy expertise
  - Reinforcing open multi-stakeholder standards process → drawing on stakeholder expertise
  - Earlier detection of deployment issues → better global deployment
  - Strengthen the IETF internationally → address duplication and fragmentation
  - Keen to further explore ways in which the IETF community can benefit from collaboration with policy experts, as part of next steps

- Challenges and barriers to collaboration still remain
  - Bridging technical and policy discussions
  - Awareness and understanding of the IETF in wider communities
  - Policy experts, not just policymakers
  - No clear ‘landing point’ for policy experts
### Relevant work

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Improving communication</th>
<th>IAB, ISOC and others in their respective roles</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Education and upskilling</td>
<td>ISOC Policymaker Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Education, Mentoring and Outreach Directorate (EMODIR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>External resources from orgs like Article 19 and Centre for Democracy and Technology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Building community and culture</td>
<td>Research and Analysis of Standards-setting Process (RASP) Proposed Research Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Human Rights &amp; Protocol Considerations Research Group</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

These are helpful but a coherent approach is needed

- We engage government (& human rights), but what about others with policy expertise?
- We build awareness and capacity, but what is the next step?
- Are there other relevant initiatives we should be aware of?
Next steps

Going forward, where is the best place for us to develop this problem statement and gap analysis?

Proposal:

- Working Group - tightly scoped, time limited
- Would like more community input

Next step:

- To draft a charter for discussion