



## **CENTR comment on the continuation of the IGF**

The Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries, CENTR, has been participating actively in the IGF process since the early years of the WSIS summits.

Starting from the WSIS in Tunis in 2005, CENTR members have welcomed the opportunity to educate the various stakeholders on several matters related to the management of the domain name system within the Internet Governance Forum framework.

The three meetings of the IGF, held so far in Athens (2006), Rio de Janeiro (2007), and Hyderabad (2008), gave many communities the opportunity to participate on equal footing, to address many issues at multiple levels and to generate awareness. The IGF process contributed to expand the dialogue on internet matters and to improve the work other organizations have been doing by highlighting that only a truly open, transparent, bottom-up and structured approach is the key to the internet success.

During the IGF meetings in Rio de Janeiro and Hyderabad, CENTR organized workshops in partnership with other relevant bodies of the internet community, and participated as speaker in many seminars. The main objective of CENTR has been and will always be to inform any audience about the variety of the top level domain environment, about the different models of TLD management, about the best practices that are regularly shared among the members of one of the most active, collaborative and culturally valuable world community.

Therefore, CENTR fully support the continuation of the IGF and would like to present some recommendations:

- To maintain the IGF as a non-negotiating, discussion forum where to embrace internet related matters in a constructive and cooperative manner;
- To strengthen the educative, collaborative and informative principles;
- To enhance the follow up process after every yearly meeting so that the outcome of any dialogue is properly spread;
- To better enable remote participation and to ensure that all the various stakeholders are properly represented and their voice heard;
- To empower the Secretariat to present regular reports on the regional and national IGF initiatives and to share them via the official IGF site;



CENTR takes this opportunity to thank the work of the Secretariat which has been always attentive to accommodate the requests and wishes of our members.

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### ***About CENTR***

CENTR is the world's largest association of Internet domain name registries. CENTR has over 50 members which account for over 85% of the country code domain name registrations world wide. Each CENTR Full Member operates a country code top level domain such as .uk, .es or .be. In this capacity they play a pivotal role in the stability of the Domain Name System and the Internet.