



IPv6 and the ITU, an update for UKNOF

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Flick the switch...



International Telecommunication Union

- Agency of UN, headquartered in Geneva
- 191 member states, 700+ sector members
- Radio frequencies, satellite orbits, telecoms infrastructure in developing countries, standards
 - ITU-R: Radiocommunication
 - ITU-T: Standards
 - ITU-D: Development
- ITU membership mix is unusual for UN agency
 - Member States are decision-makers
 - Sector Members (non-government) can also play roles

The ITU Role in Internet Standards and Governance

- The current ITU role in Internet Standards and Governance is defined by:
 - WSIS Outcomes
 - Key Resolutions and Decisions of past ITU Conferences, Assemblies and Council
- The International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) also provide for the establishment of Special Arrangements (Article 9) to:

“facilitate the establishment, operation, interconnection, and use of special telecommunication networks, systems and services, in order to meet specialized international telecommunication needs within and/or between the territories of the Members concerned”

What's all this about IPv6?

- IPv6 workshop, September 2008
 - Chaired by Nabil Kisrawi, Syrian delegation
 - Report of the meeting doesn't identify any issue with IPv6 address allocation
 - Referenced by Resolution 64 of World Telecommunications Standardisation Assembly (WTSA), 2008

WTSA Resolution 64

- Joint TSB/BDT project to assist developing countries with IPv6 deployment
- Establish a website
- To promote awareness of the importance of IPv6 deployment, joint training
- ... oh, and instructs director of TSB to ‘study the question of IPv6 address allocation and registration’ – to report to Council 2009
 - TSB commissioned 2 studies:

TSB Study: NAV6

- Studies proposal to create parallel CIR (Country based Internet Registry) structure
- Concludes model is both technically and operationally viable
- Full report:
http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/oth/3B/02/T3B020000020

TSB study: Milton Mueller

- Proposes market-oriented allocation mechanism
- Blocks transferable, fees related to size of the block
- No needs assessment, limits on deaggregation
- Proposes ITU could develop a model framework
- Full report:
http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/oth/3B/02/T3B020000020

TSB recommendations for WTSA resolution 64

- Create a Cross-Sectoral group between ITU-T and ITU-D members to:
 - draft a global policy proposal for the reservation of a large IPv6 block
 - study ways to ensure 'equitable access' to IPv6 resource by countries
 - study the possibility for ITU to become another Internet Registry
 - propose policies and procedures for ITU to manage an IPv6 block
 - study the feasibility and advisability of implementing the CIR model
- Adopted and created by the ITU Council in 2009

Everything old is new again

- Houlin Zhao's paper on Internet governance, 2004
 - <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/tsb-director/itut-wsis/files/zhao-netgov/>

*"I have discussed with some industry experts my idea that, **in addition to the current arrangements for allocation of IPv6 address by the RIRs, one could reserve a portion of the large IPv6 space for country-based assignments**, that is, assign a block to a country at no cost, and let the country itself manage this kind of address in IPv6."*

- Houlin Zhao is now Deputy Secretary General of ITU and the likely next Secretary General of ITU.

That round led to:

- NRO Response to ITU Comments on the Management of Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses
 - <http://www.nro.org/documents/nro17.html>
- Paul Wilson: The Geography of Internet Addressing
 - http://www.circleid.com/posts/the_geography_of_internet_addressing
- Geoff Huston: Possible Responses...
 - <http://www.ripe.net/info/internet-management/possible-responses.html>
- All referenced in ISOC's more recent briefing:
 - 'A Fine Balance: Internet number resource distribution and de-centralisation'
 - https://www.isoc.org/pubpolpillar/docs/address-allocation_200906.p

ITU IPv6 Group

- 1st meeting, 15-16 March 2010, Geneva
 - Syria, on behalf of 'several Arab states' tried to motivate creation of ITU IPv6 registry along CIR lines
 - Several other national delegations, plus Internet technical community couldn't understand what the problem with the current model was
 - Created 2 CGs (mailing lists)
 - One to discuss capacity-building project
 - Other to discuss identifying problems with existing RIR model

CG2

- Terms of Reference:
 - to identify concerns and issues with the current IP address management system, in particular those highlighted by developing countries,
 - to study the extent of impact of the identified concerns/issues on the developing countries, and
 - to seek and identify solutions within the current IP address management system.
- Majority of inputs supported current RIR model
- No consensus that any of the concerns raised had any validity or basis in fact

IPv6 Group redux

- 2nd meeting, 1-2 Sept 2010, Geneva
- Outcomes
 - CG1 (Capacity Building) continues
 - CG2 goes 'dormant'
 - Liaisons sent to ICANN, IAB, NRO and ACSIS on
 - Public policy regarding IPv4
 - Syrian concerns
 - CIR model
 - Next meeting scheduled for 7-8 April, 2011, Geneva

In the meantime...

ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2010 (PP-10)
Guadalajara, Mexico
October 4-22, 2010



- Top policy-making body of the ITU.
- Held every four years
- Sets the ITU's general policies
- Adopts the ITU's four-year strategic and financial plans
- Elects Members of the ITU Council and the Radio Regulations Board
- Determines the ITU's role in the development of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and networks, including the Internet

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Thanks for your attention!

Questions?



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