

# Global Commission on Internet Governance

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## Communiqué

## Global Commission on Internet Governance issues a statement of support in advance of ITU meeting

**Seoul, South Korea – October 15, 2014** – The Global Commission on Internet Governance has concluded its meeting, hosted by the Maekyung Media Group, in Seoul, South Korea.

Chaired by former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, the Commission makes the following statement in advance of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) plenipotentiary meeting to be held October 20 – November 7, 2014 in Bussan, South Korea:

- Effective Internet governance lies in inclusive models in which the ITU has an important input to make to the multi-stakeholder governance of the Internet;
- The Global Commission on Internet Governance strongly supports the ITU's unique role in promoting and improving access to telecommunication technologies and services across the globe, as well as performing critical technical functions such as standards setting and spectrum management;
- The Commission hopes the meeting will allow a focus on shared global concerns relevant to that role;
- The Commission looks forward to hearing the outcome of the ITU's consideration of the need to move towards greater transparency and openness to the wider Internet community;
- The Commission would welcome an opportunity to meet with the ITU leadership to discuss these issues.

"A most productive meeting on a most important global issue," says Carl Bildt, Chair of the Global Commission on Internet Governance. "I am pleased that the ITU Plenipotentiary meeting will be held in Bussan, South Korea, and want to communicate the above thoughts to them."

The Global Commission is a two-year initiative launched in January 2014 by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and Chatham House, and will produce a comprehensive stand on the future of multi-stakeholder Internet governance.

The next meeting of the Global Commission on Internet Governance will be held in Ottawa, Canada, from November 24 to 25, 2014. Over the course of the Commission, a series of research papers will be issued and publicly posted on its open website [www.ourinternet.org](http://www.ourinternet.org).

Members of the Global Commission on Internet Governance in attendance in Seoul included:

- Carl Bildt
- Gordon Smith
- Pablo Bello
- Pascal Cagni

- Moez Chakchouk
- Dae-Whan Chang
- Michael Chertoff
- Anriette Esterhuysen
- Dorothy Gordon
- Dame Wendy Hall
- Fen Osler Hampson
- Patricia Lewis
- Sir David Omand
- Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi
- Nii Quaynor
- Latha Reddy
- Toby Simon
- Paul Twomey
- Pindar Wong

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