



The Office of International Affairs (OIA) plays a leading role in the strategic development, promotion, and execution of policies to support the global Internet and broader digital economy.

OIA develops policies to promote innovation and emerging technologies, and enhance American competitiveness.

OIA staff promote these objectives through development of U.S. positions on a wide variety of topics related to Internet policymaking, infrastructure development, standards development and governance, including cybersecurity, privacy, free flow, intellectual property, trade, uptake and usage of broadband-based technologies, Internet of Things, telecommunications, satellites, and submarine cables.

OIA draws on its extensive policy and technical expertise and works with business, technical, academic civil society, interagency partners and like-minded nations to advance U.S. policy priorities and achieve international consensus in bilateral, multilateral, and other international negotiations and fora.

OIA leads on issues relating to the Internet's domain name system (DNS), a critical aspect of the Internet infrastructure. OIA represents the U.S. government in its interactions with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and oversees the management of the .US and .EDU top level domain names.



OIA uses its expertise to:

- ❖ Improve market access for U.S. industry;
- ❖ Advocate for a free and open Internet;
- ❖ Advance multistakeholder approaches to Internet policymaking, standards development and governance;
- ❖ Protect the free flow of information and digital services on the Internet;
- ❖ Promote the security and stability of the Internet's core infrastructure;
- ❖ Encourage access to and use of emerging technologies by U.S. commercial interests around the globe; and,
- ❖ Support U.S. foreign policy goals.

