The Office of International Affairs (OIA) formulates and promotes national telecommunications and information policies for multilateral and international organization settings like the International Telecommunications Union. OIA advocates directly with foreign government counterparts to expand international markets for U.S. commercial interest and increase access to and use of American information and communications technologies.

Policy Efforts

The office promotes a wide range of policy goals and subject matter areas and offers key support to the Department of Commerce's Internet Policy Task Force. The task force focuses on cybersecurity, privacy, the free flow of information, and online copyright protection. OIA additionally deals with intellectual property, international trade, deployment and adoption of broadband-based technologies, Internet of Things (IoT), telecommunications, satellites, and submarine cables.

Internet Governance

OIA works on issues involving the Internet's domain name system (DNS) which is a critical aspect of Internet infrastructure. OIA facilitates NTIA's representation of the U.S. government in its interactions with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and management of the '.US' and '.EDU' top level domain names.

Expanding Access

In keeping with the Department of Commerce's overarching goal to help the American economy grow, OIA negotiates with foreign governments to increase access for American markets abroad. The office works with business, technical, academic, civil society, and interagency partners, as well as with like-minded nations, to advance U.S. policy priorities and achieve international consensus.

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- ❖ Advocating for a free and open Internet
- ❖ Improving market access for U.S. industry
- ❖ Protecting the security and stability of the Internet's core infrastructure
- ❖ Promoting the free flow of information and digital services on the Internet
- ❖ Advancing multistakeholder approaches to Internet policymaking, standards development, and governance
- ❖ Supporting U.S. foreign policy goals

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