



# The IGF, today and the future

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# International Chamber of Commerce

- ICC is very active in, and supportive of, the IGF
- Specifically the multistakeholder process
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# We Move into the Third Phase of the Internet

1980–1995

Era of deregulation and competition,  
Internet arrives

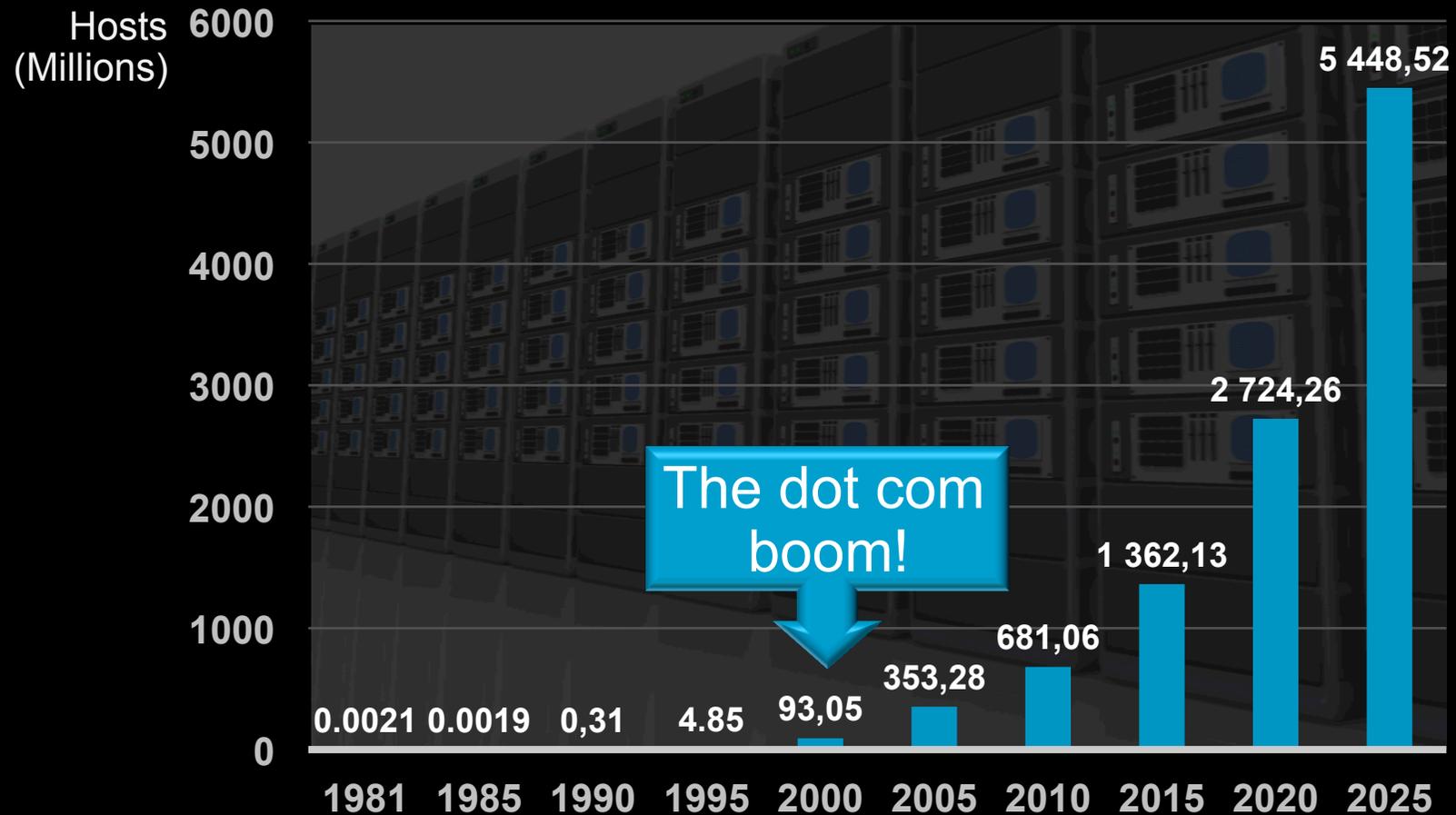
1995–2010

Early days of Internet, service providers,  
social networking, mobile Internet

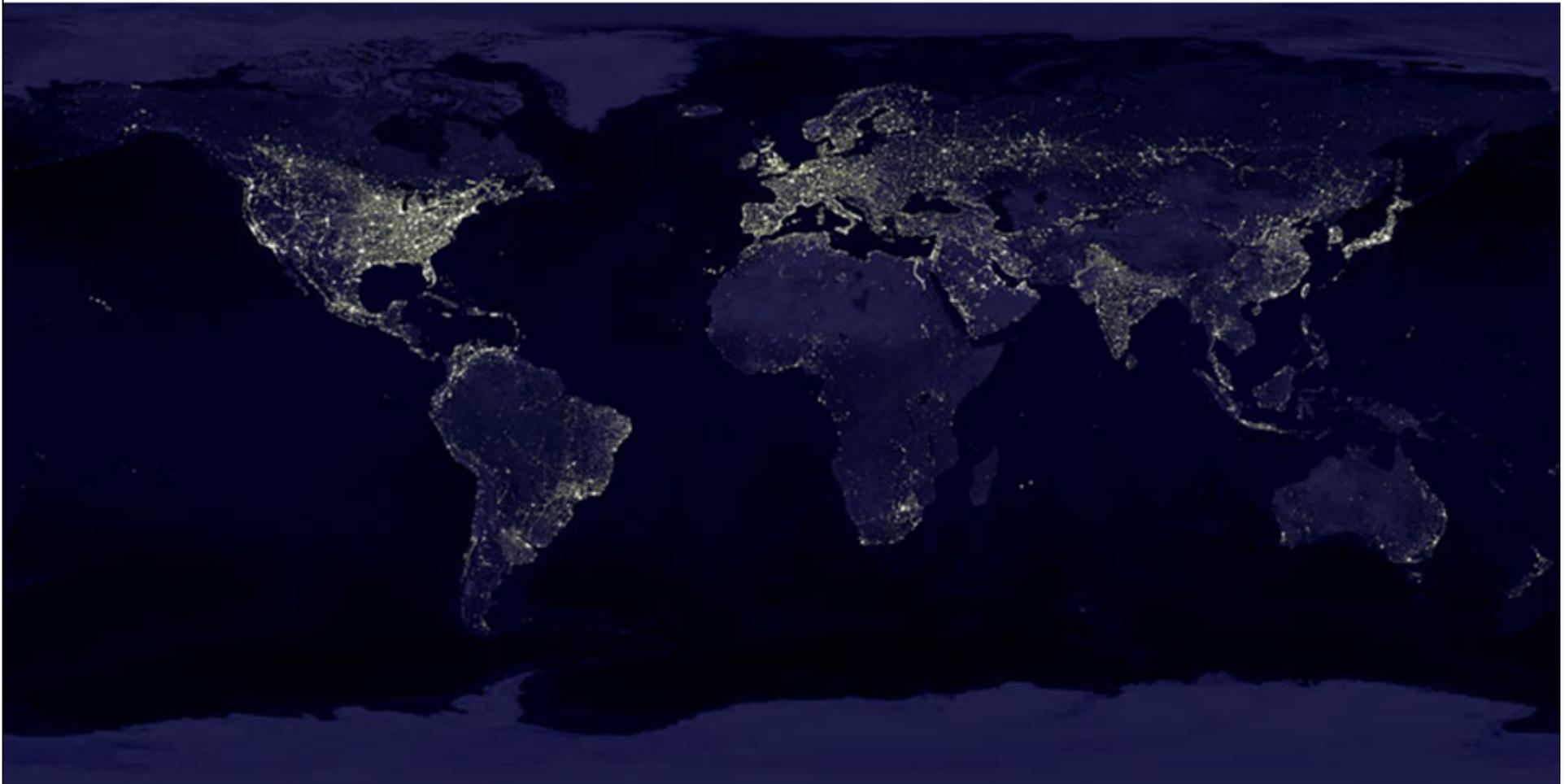
2010–2025

Internet takes off...

# 1980–2025 Hosts

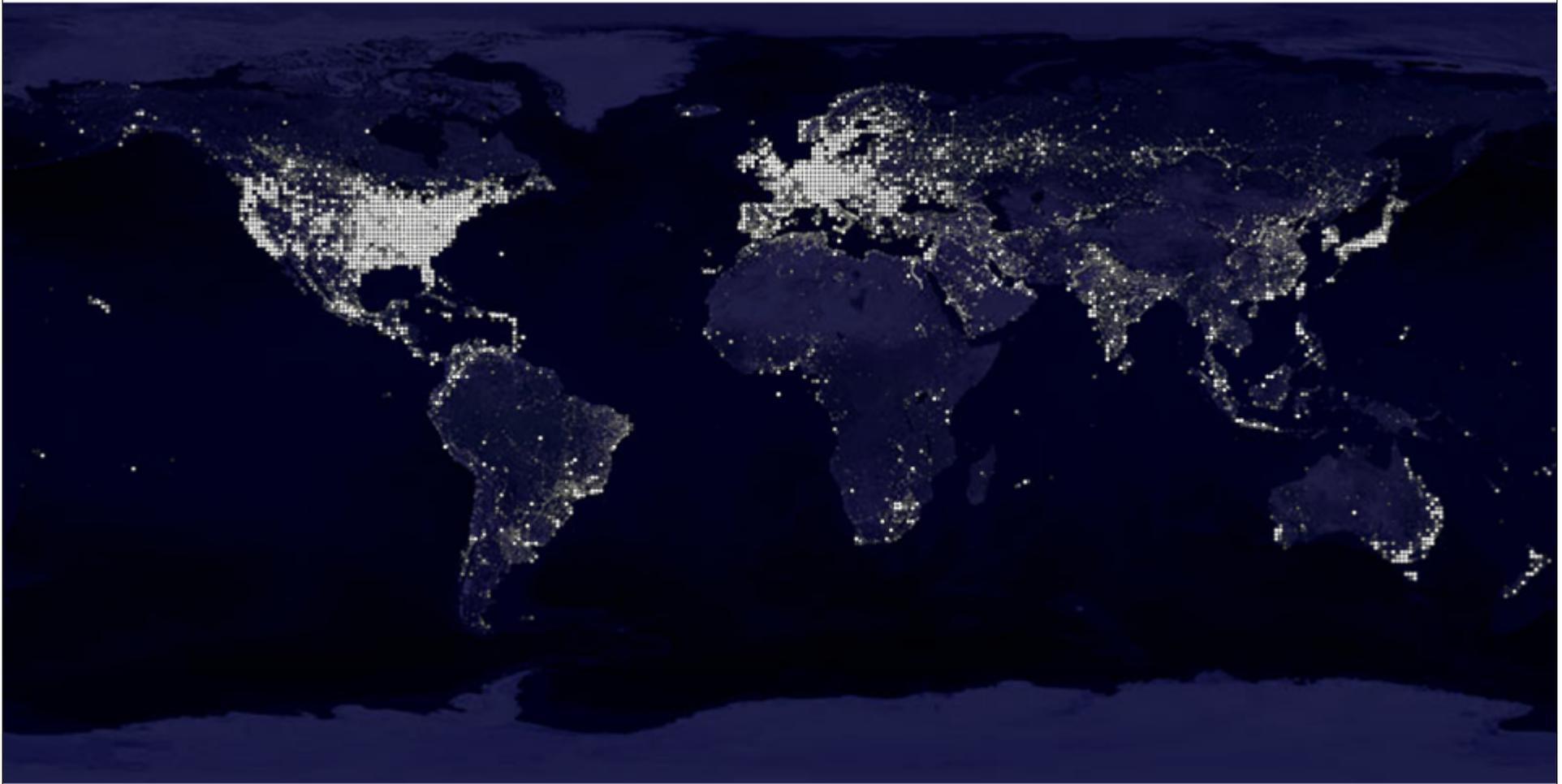


# Where Is Electricity Today?



Source: NASA "Earth at Night," August 2006

# Where Are IP Addresses Today?



Source: Overlay, Internet Map, [chrisharrison.net](http://chrisharrison.net)  
Source: NASA "Earth at Night," August 2006

# This Is Where We Want Internet Tomorrow!



# Internet Governance Forum

- Mandate is according to paragraph 79 in Tunis Agenda:
- *We ask the UN Secretary-General, in an open and inclusive process, to convene, by the second quarter of 2006, a meeting of the new forum for multi-stakeholder policy dialogue—called the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).*

# Budget, secretariat etc

- IGF is a process where the chair of the IGF reports to the UN Secretary General
- The secretariat is self funded, by donations
  - IGF costs about \$1M/year plus cost for meeting
- The UN Secretary General is to report, and suggest potential continuation, to the UN

# What happens now?

- 5<sup>th</sup> and last meeting fall 2010 in Vilnius, Lithuania
- Review of the IGF is currently ongoing
- Report on these matters is normally discussed and accepted in Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD, in Geneva), that is part of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC, in New York)
- ECOSOC accepts the report, and the final report and suggestions go to UN General Assembly
- Suggestion on potential continuation is taken by decision in the UN General Assembly

# What IGF has changed

- We have local IGF meetings
  - EuroDIG in Europe
  - Even more local country by country
  - Changed processes
- All share the same goals
  - Multistakeholder
  - Exchange of information

# Why is this so important?

- Added competition, deregulation etc
- Moved from having one incumbent managing telecommunication, to a situation where many parties are involved, specifically private sector
- Each party bring certain things to the table
- Each party is responsible for those things, always
- We need to share experiences, because we make decisions in this shared environment
- We must limit the number of surprises

# Does this imply changed process?

- In some cases, yes, but no changes needed so far in the actual decision making process
- Example: RGIG in Sweden

Regulator together with Government run mailing list and host quarterly meetings

Participants share their views on topics brought up in various processes (IGF, EU, ITU-T, RIPE, ICANN etc)

Specifically, the Government gather information so that a Swedish view can be compiled

This was specifically important during the Swedish Presidency of the EU during fall of 2009



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## Press release: Presidency message at international conference on Internet Governance in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

Today the EU Presidency, represented by Minister for Communications Ms Åsa Torstensson, conveyed a message on the importance of an open Internet as a tool for democracy and growth in her speech at the IGF (Internet Governance Forum) in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt today.



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Swedish minister for Communications, Åsa Torstensson, giving her keynote

Documents

[Speech by Asa Torstensson, Minister for Communication](#)

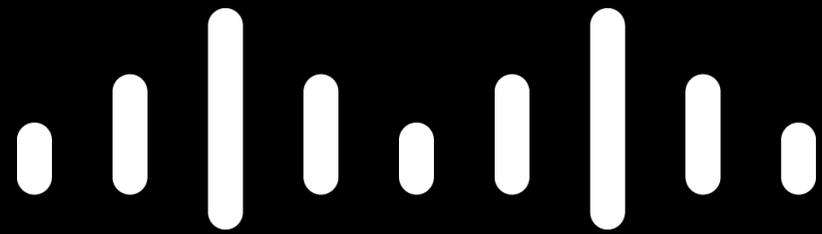
# Outstanding questions

- Will UN Secretary General let the report be discussed in CSTD and ECOSOC as normal?
- If there is a continuation, where will the secretariat be hosted?
- How is IGF (specifically secretariat) to be funded?
- Will future IGF meetings be more successful?
  - Can working groups be coordinated better?
  - Will there be some kind of messages from IGF?
  - How to compose the MAG in the future?
  - How to connect local IGF with the UN IGF process?

# The Goal...

- Continue the growth of the Internet and its services
- We have lots of innovation in front of us
- Multi-stakeholder policy and regulatory environment
- Stimulate competition

Continue the growth of the Internet with maximized application options and minimized long-term operational and capital cost.



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