

# Critical To Developing Countries

- u Internet technologies and costs gracefully scale and are extremely robust
- u Provides “leapfrog” capabilities - countries not held back by poor existing infrastructure
- u Supports other infrastructure development
- u Provides very low-cost, instant access to resources
  - People
  - Information
  - Institutions
- u Promotes development of critical skills
- u Supports business and market-oriented economy
- u Multiple sources of funds and assistance
- u Highly motivated people involved

# Development Initiatives and Activities

## U National

- Nearly 100 countries and territories

## U Bilateral

- France
- Italy
- USA

## U Regional

- Nordic
- CEC
- APEC
- Caribbean

## U Industry

- Product vendors
- Service providers
- Carriers
- Network owners

## U Foundations

- Soros

## U International

- ISOC
- U.N.
- Specialized agencies
- Other international organizations

# Internet Society Role and Initiatives

- U Focus on technologically developing countries
- U Emphasize and demonstrate critical nature of internetworking to development and national information infrastructure
- U Promote and publicize initiatives
  - ISOC News Magazine
  - INET Proceedings
  - Network based information
  - Global Connectivity Table
- U Host INET conferences and associated workshops; solicit funds for developing country participants
- U Provide direct liaison to other international organizations and support at various levels for all initiatives
- U Identify sources of funds and support
- U Emphasize development requisites
  - Access to cost-based underlying transport
  - Computer networking culture and skills
  - Minimal governmental constraints