



BRIDGING DIGITAL INCLUSION



YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNET
GOVERNANCE FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA

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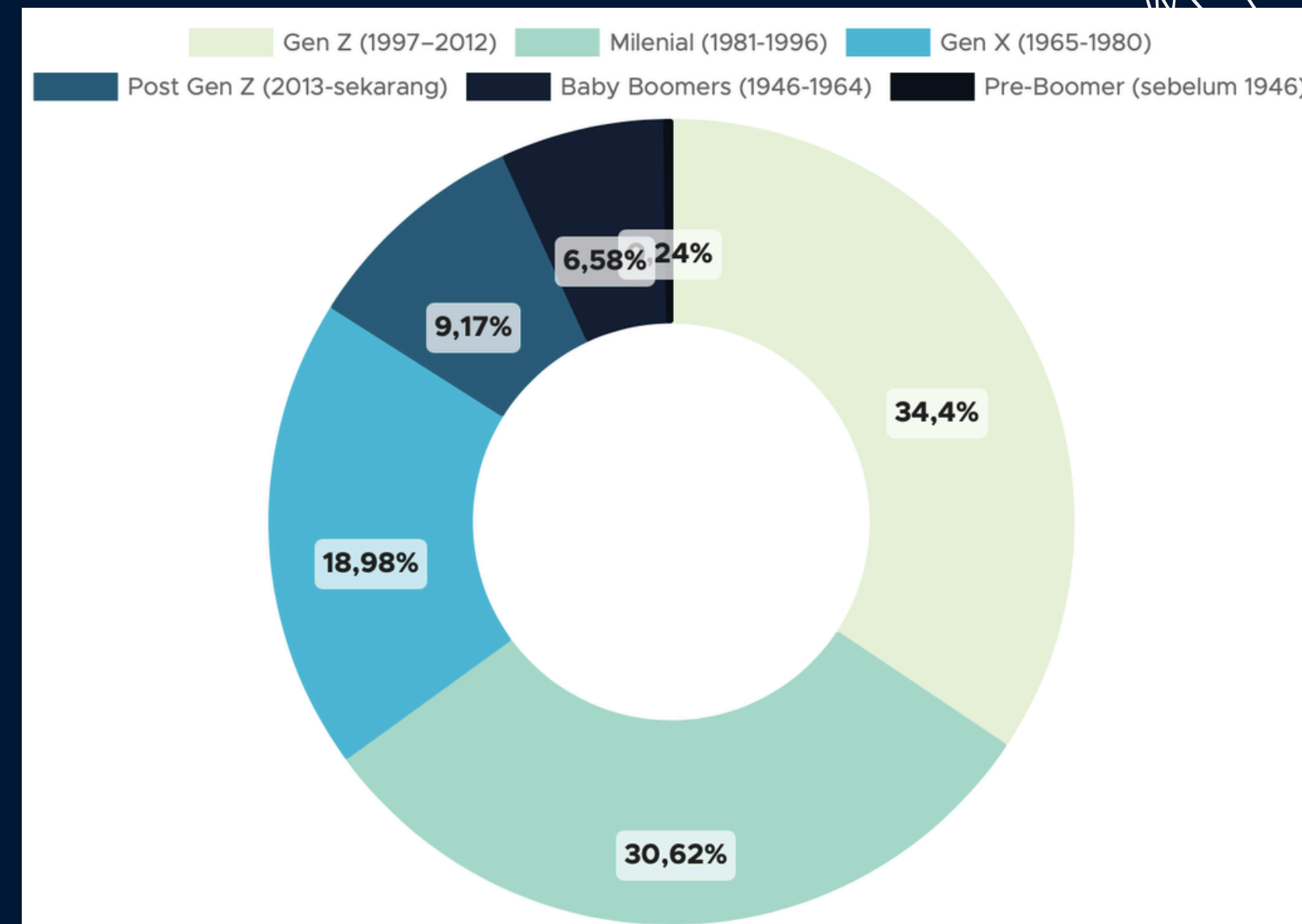
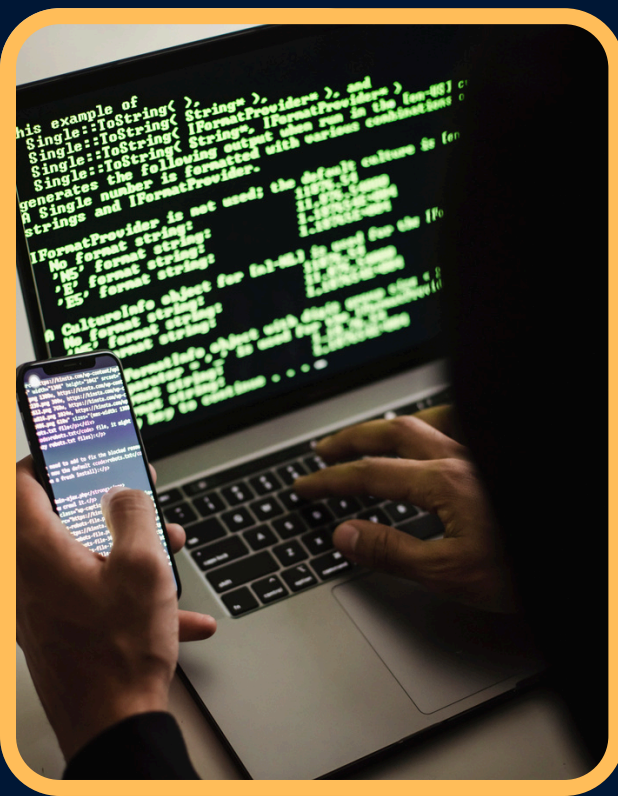


REGIONAL CONTEXT

Southeast Asia → One of the fastest-growing Internet regions (World Economic Forum, 2023)

The majority of users are young (over 60% in Indonesia; GoodStats, 2025)

But participation in governance remains limited (Based on document of Asia Pacific Youth Internet Governance / Youth IGF, 2024)





INTERNET GOVERNANCE & ICANN

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

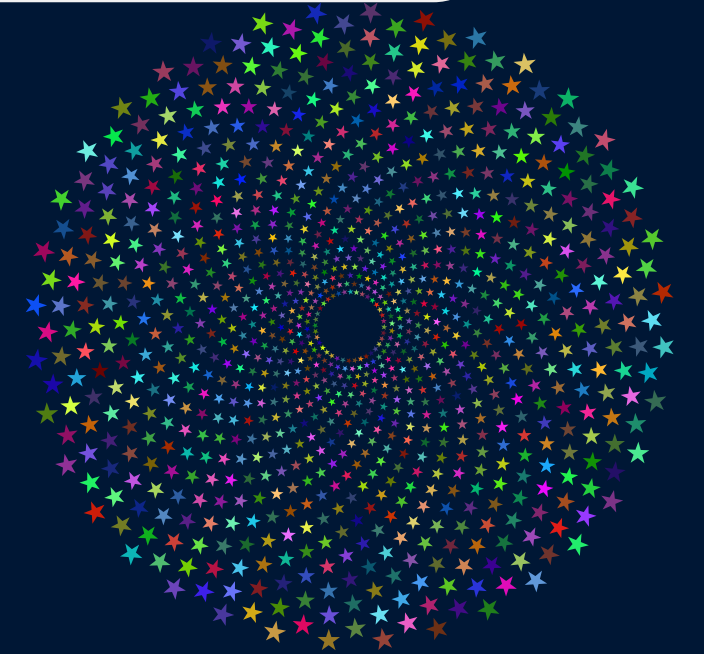
Global coordination of policies + systems



ICANN'S ROLE

- DNS coordination worldwide
- Multistakeholder model thrives on
 Government ,  Private Sector ,  Civil society
,  Academia

PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL



YOUTH PARTICIPATION GAP

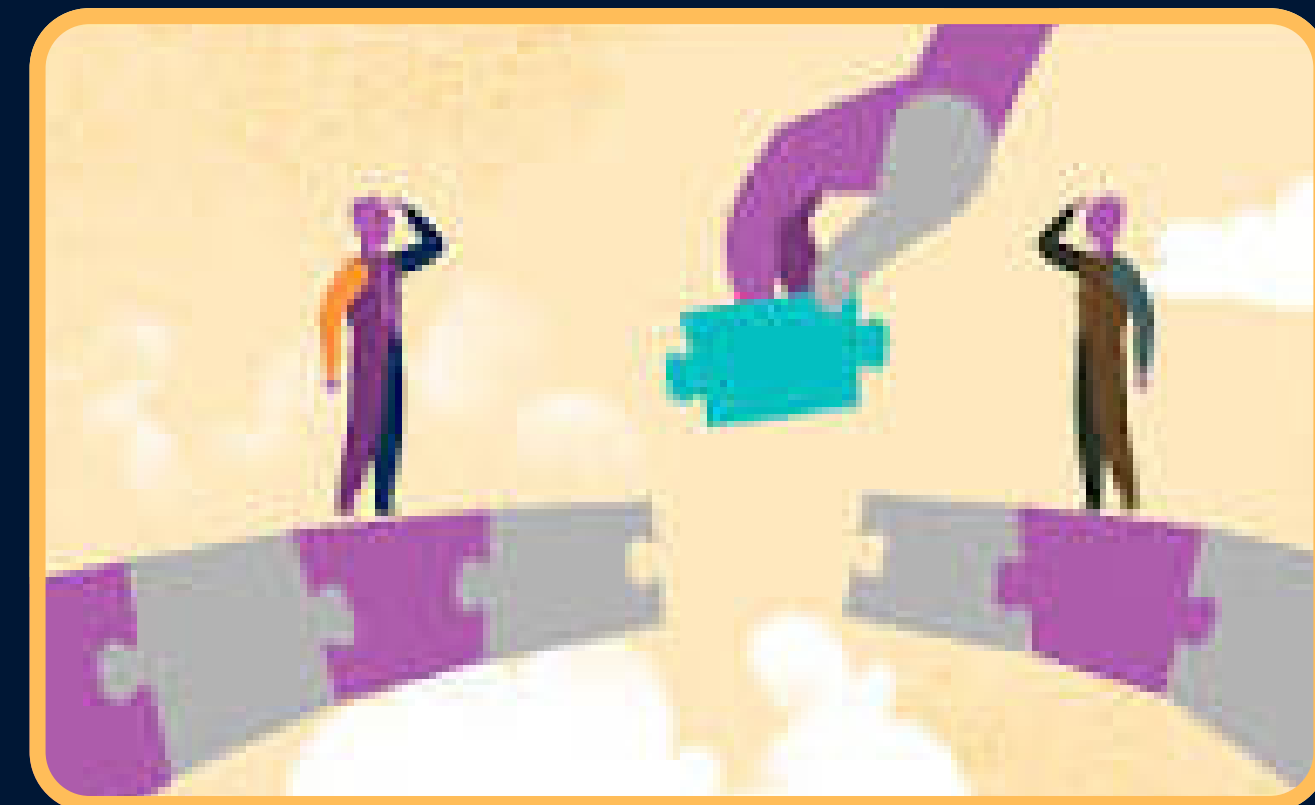
Youth = 60%+ of Internet Users
Digital Natives

But...

Underrepresented in Governance



Usage ≠ Representation





KEY CHALLENGES

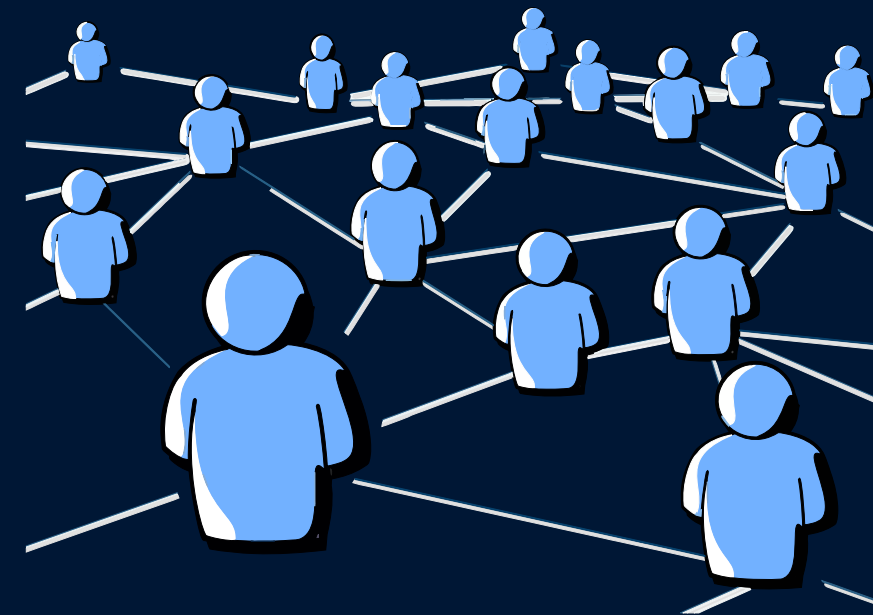
BARRIERS TO MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Uneven connectivity 

Affordability Constraints 

Digital Literacy Gaps 

Limited Governance Awareness ?



IMPLICATIONS FOR ICANN

DOMAIN NAME ACCESSIBILITY

→ Enhancing access through inclusive domain systems

LOCAL LANGUAGES & IDN

→ Enabling participation using local scripts

CAPACITY BUILDING

→ Expanding outreach through universities and youth networks

POLICY PARTICIPATION

→ Inclusion in working groups and decision-making

TURNING INCLUSION INTO PRACTICE

Key Lesson:

Access + Awareness = ↑ in Participation



MOBILE ICANN
LEARN (LOCALIZED)



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