The Digital Infrastructure Netherlands (DINL) foundation invites you to participate in an Open Forum

**THE PUBLIC CORE OF THE INTERNET**

*towards a framework for sustainable interaction between governments and the internet ecosystem*

**Tuesday 10 November**

11.00-12.00

Workshop room 3

**About DINL**

The Digital Infrastructure Netherlands (DINL) foundation was set up to promote the strong and continuous development of the Netherlands as one of the major hubs within the global digital infrastructure. DINL’s founding fathers are the DDA (datacenter association), the DHPA and ISPconnect (representing the hosting sector), NLNet, SURFnet (the academic network), AMS-IX (one of the world’s largest Internet Exchange points) and SIDN (the ccTld registry for .nl). DINL works closely with government, politics, industry, NGO’s and press.

In this open forum we wish to discuss the increase in government engagement with “the internet” to protect their citizens against crime and abuse and to protect economic interests and critical infrastructures. The fact that the traditional benign neglect of states towards the internet is increasingly replaced with political interest has positive and negative effects. We are particularly concerned with those state interventions – often for reasons of national security or economic interest - that impact on the technical and logical ‘core’ of the internet ecosystem – such as interventions in the DNS - and in the impact on organizations and businesses that are traditionally thought of as ‘technical’ and whose roles are in danger of being politicized, such as ISPs, CERTs and hard- and software developers. There is a growing need to separate out the legitimate interests of states from political overreach into the technical and logical core of the internet.

A cooperative or constructive approach towards interaction, founded in firm principles, may strengthen the balance and lead to a sustainable protection of Internet values. In this open forum we will present ideas about an agenda for the international protection of “the public core of the internet” and seek to collect and discuss ideas for the formulation of norms and principles and for the identification of practical steps towards that goal. More specifically we aim to discuss:

A definition of a public core of the internet:

this would comprise the core protocols and infrastructure of the internet which all governments should consider as a global public good, governed by the Internet community and protected from direct activities and involvement by any government.

Definitions of proper interfaces:

outlining norms and mutual expectations that should govern the relations between governments and various central actors in the technical and economic internet ecosystem, such as ISPs, CERTs and hard- and software developers when it comes to fighting cybercrime, retrieve information, mandate takedowns, request information and more.

**Speakers**

In this IGF open forum DINL wants to explore these ideas and discuss them with thought leaders from other countries.

Speakers include:

- **Bastiaan Goslings** (AMS-IX, NL)
- **Jyoti Panday** (CIS, India)
- **Marilia Maciel** (FGV, Brasil)
- **Dennis Broeders** (NL Scientific Council for Government Policy)

and will be chaired by **Michiel Steltman** (DINL), but aims to broaden the debate on this issue with those present.