Critical To Developing Countries

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

Development Initiatives and Activities

- **National**
  - Nearly 100 countries and territories
- **Bilateral**
  - France
  - Italy
  - USA
- **Regional**
  - Nordic
  - CEC
  - APEC
  - Caribbean

- **Industry**
  - Product vendors
  - Service providers
  - Carriers
  - Network owners
- **Foundations**
  - Soros
- **International**
  - ISOC
  - U.N.
  - Specialized agencies
  - Other international organizations

Internet Society Role and Initiatives

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