

Chapter Application – Internet Society Mongolia Chapter

A. Proposed Name of the Chapter

Internet Society Mongolia Chapter (ISOC Mongolia)

Интернэт Нийгэмлэгийн Монгол дахь Салбар

B. Community of Interest the Chapter Will Serve

The Internet Society Mongolia Chapter will serve the entire country of Mongolia, with a special focus on educational institutions, underserved communities, and organizations promoting digital literacy. The Chapter will actively engage with schools, universities, government agencies, non-profits, and private sector stakeholders to advance internet accessibility and digital inclusion in Mongolia.

C. Purpose and Scope of the Chapter

We are in significant need of high-quality internet in educational institutions.

Our Chapter will address these issues by:

Promoting digital literacy and internet governance awareness across educational institutions.

Supporting equal access to the internet and digital resources, particularly in rural areas.

Encouraging safe and responsible online engagement.

Bridging the digital divide through community-based projects and policy advocacy.

Despite Mongolia's high internet penetration rate of 83.9%, approximately 16.1% of the population remains offline, primarily in rural areas. Many students must travel long distances to access the internet, while low-income households depend on costly and often inadequate mobile connections. The COVID-19 pandemic underscored these challenges, highlighting barriers to remote learning due to high data costs (1GB at approximately 9 USD, over 2% of many families' monthly income). Addressing these disparities is crucial for promoting educational and economic opportunities.

Establishing an Internet Society Chapter in Mongolia provides the necessary structure and support to implement these initiatives effectively.

D. Key Priorities for the First Year

Objective	Activity
Establish ISOC Mongolia and promote its mission	Register ISOC Mongolia as an official legal entity in Mongolia.
	Participate in IT community events like mnNOG conferences and APRICOT
	Define internal roles and responsibilities and document chapter governance.
	Create and maintain social media channels and an official website.
	Apply for funding support from the Internet Society and other partners.
	Conduct quarterly internal reviews to assess progress and adjust priorities.
	Hold regular chapter meetings to coordinate efforts and engage members.
Build partnerships with key stakeholders	Identify and map key stakeholders in the Internet community.
	Organize an introductory roundtable to present ISOC Mongolia's mission.
	Invite stakeholders to participate in ISOC-led initiatives.
	Establish partnerships through MoUs or letters of collaboration.
	Involve partners as co-hosts in at least two public events.
Promote digital literacy and cybersecurity awareness	Develop and deliver cybersecurity training for students and teachers.
	Publish cybersecurity tips and guides on social media and website.
	Launch an online resource warehouse with free tools.
	Host a 'Digital Safety Week' at participating schools.
	Train volunteer mentors to support awareness campaigns.
Define internet accessibility benchmarks for schools and improve the connectivity for planned schools	Assess current internet infrastructure in pilot schools.
	Research global best practices on school connectivity.
	Draft Mongolian-specific benchmark standards.
	Implement internet upgrades in pilot schools.
	Promote the benchmark through education authorities.
Advocate for digital inclusion and safer school communication	Conduct a mini-survey on digital safety practices.
	Create awareness about risks of using social media for school communication.
	Develop a guide for secure communication practices.
	Organize a policy roundtable for digital inclusion.
	Prepare and share a policy brief with recommendations.

E. Proposed Activities

Summarized in section D.

F. Expected Outcomes

Activity	Outcomes
Register ISOC Mongolia as an official legal entity in Mongolia.	Chapter legally registered with defined governance structure.
Define internal roles and responsibilities and document chapter governance.	Website and social media channels launched and active.
Create and maintain social media channels and an official website.	Funding secured and 4 quarterly progress reviews completed.
Apply for funding support from the Internet Society and other partners.	
Conduct quarterly internal reviews to assess progress and adjust priorities.	
Hold regular chapter meetings to coordinate efforts and engage members.	
Identify and map key stakeholders in the Internet community.	Stakeholder map developed and 3+ partnerships formalized.
Organize an introductory roundtable to present ISOC Mongolia's mission.	2+ joint activities or events held with key partners.
Invite stakeholders to participate in ISOC-led initiatives.	
Establish partnerships through MoUs or letters of collaboration.	
Involve partners as co-hosts in at least two public events.	
Develop and deliver cybersecurity training for students and teachers.	Cybersecurity sessions delivered in 3+ schools.
Publish cybersecurity tips and guides on social media and website.	Digital resource hub launched with guides and tools.
Launch an online resource warehouse with free tools.	Digital Safety Week organized; 5+ mentors trained.
Host a 'Digital Safety Week' at participating schools.	
Train volunteer mentors to support awareness campaigns.	
Assess current internet infrastructure in pilot schools.	Internet assessments completed in 3–5 pilot schools.
Research global best practices on school connectivity.	National benchmark document drafted and shared.
Draft Mongolian-specific benchmark standards.	Improvements implemented and promoted in pilot schools.
Implement internet upgrades in pilot schools.	
Promote the benchmark through education authorities.	

Conduct a mini-survey on digital safety practices.	Survey conducted on parent/teacher practices and risks.
Create awareness about risks of using social media for school communication.	Awareness campaign and guide on safe communication launched.
Develop a guide for secure communication practices.	Policy brief shared and roundtable held with stakeholders.
Organize a policy roundtable for digital inclusion.	
Prepare and share a policy brief with recommendations.	

G. Founding Members of the Chapter

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H. List of Supporters and Partner Organizations

Our Chapter has strong support from the Erdmiin Undraa Complex School, including High School 77, Secondary School 78, and Secondary School 54 in Bayangol District, Ulaanbaatar.

Additional supporters and partner organizations include:

Volunteer Center of Mongolia (VCM)

Governor house of Bayangol

Khas Bank

Progress Gateway NGO

The local technical community was already invited to collaborate with the chapter initiative. We are having positive exchanges with actors of several IT organizations such as ErdemNet, GemNet, MobiCom, DataCom, APNIC, APNOG, APRICOT and the SICT (School of Information and Communication Technology).

I. Membership Strategy

ISOC Mongolia recognizes that its most valuable asset is its members. The Chapter will grow, engage, and retain an active and inclusive membership by implementing a member-centered strategy aligned with ISOC's global standards:

- **Member Engagement and Inclusion:** Foster an engaged and diverse community by organizing regular in-person and online events—such as digital literacy workshops, internet governance webinars, and cybersecurity roundtables—that align with local interests and global priorities.
- **Skill Development and Empowerment:** Offer opportunities for members to contribute their talents by organizing working groups, leading community initiatives, or participating in training. Members will be encouraged to share their skills and learn new ones through mentorship programs and hands-on project participation.
- **Member Value and Services:** Deliver value by providing access to learning resources, networking events, and recognition opportunities. Members will receive regular newsletters and updates and be encouraged to participate in decision-making processes.

- **Strategic Recruitment:** Collaborate with educational institutions, NGOs, and local tech companies to recruit young professionals, students, and community leaders who are passionate about an open and inclusive internet.
- **Retention through Leadership Pathways:** Promote internal leadership development by cultivating future leaders, creating a leadership ladder within the chapter, and maintaining open, inclusive, and transparent succession practices.
- **Membership Records and Transparency:** Maintain an up-to-date and accurate membership database. Implement clear and accessible membership policies, including free or voluntary dues, based on local capacity and legal requirements.

This strategy ensures that ISOC Mongolia will not only grow in size but also build a vibrant, mission-driven membership base that actively contributes to the Chapter's success and sustainability.

J. Legal and Regulatory Requirements

After consultation with local authorities and with the advice of our legal help, we have already created a non-profit organization to operate the activities of the chapter nationwide. This entity ensures compliance with Mongolia's legal and regulatory framework for non-profit organizations and professional associations. We have also opened a bank account for the organization to manage funds transparently and support our activities.

K. Additional Information

The Mongolia chapter of ISOC will play a crucial role in fostering a more inclusive and accessible digital society in Mongolia. In protecting internet users, we will actively collaborate with key actors of the technical community and other organizations of Mongolian civil society.

L. Contact Information

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