

## International Telecommunications Society Webinar – The Future of the Internet

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**Length:** 60 minutes

**Date:** April 12, 9:00 – 10:00 AM ET

**Structure:** 30-40-minute presentation followed by Q&A

**Summary:** The future of the internet is the future of humanity. What was once a tool, is now an inescapable part of our lives and livelihoods. It is ever more ubiquitous and complex, consistently creating challenges for which there are no easy answers. From fake news and deepfakes to privacy and data protection, the internet has created wicked problems alongside its immense potential to continue transforming humanity.

Where once the job of an internet evangelist may have been to persuade people of the value of getting online, now their job is to persuade us that the torrent of online challenges is not only surmountable, but that the answer is more connectivity, not less.

In this presentation Vint Cerf, an American Internet pioneer recognized as one of "the fathers of the Internet", will review the policy issues that have arisen with the growth of the Internet and its new applications, looking ahead to the future impact and implications of the online world.

**Speaker:** Vint Cerf is responsible for key decisions in the development of the internet and is one of the most notable internet evangelists over the past decade as vice president and chief Internet evangelist for Google. Through his work at the United States Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), he played a key role in leading the development of Internet and Internet-related data packet and security technologies and is co-inventor of TCP/IP. He has received honorary degrees and awards that include the National Medal of Technology, the Turing Award the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Marconi Prize and membership in the National Academy of Engineering.

As vice president and chief Internet evangelist for Google since 2005, Cerf is responsible for identifying new enabling technologies to support the development of advanced, Internet-based products and services and is the active public face for Google in the Internet world.