

Sudan .SD Experience



Registry

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The .sd Experience

- **Historical Background**

- In 1996, the responsibility of .sd was delegated to Sudanese private company called Sudan On-Line, which was operated by a Sudanese citizen located at the United States.
- The domain was inactive since its delegation. Partially due to the lack of internet service and community then, and partly due to the presence of the operator in a foreign country away from the local Internet community.
- As the Internet service became more and more common to ordinary people, universities, enterprises and as the level of awareness increased, both, within the local community and the different government bodies and authorities. Number of bodies started showing interest in acquiring the .sd operations responsibilities.
- Early 2001, a non-profit, non-governmental a technical oriented professional body was formed. Called Sudan Internet Society [SiS].

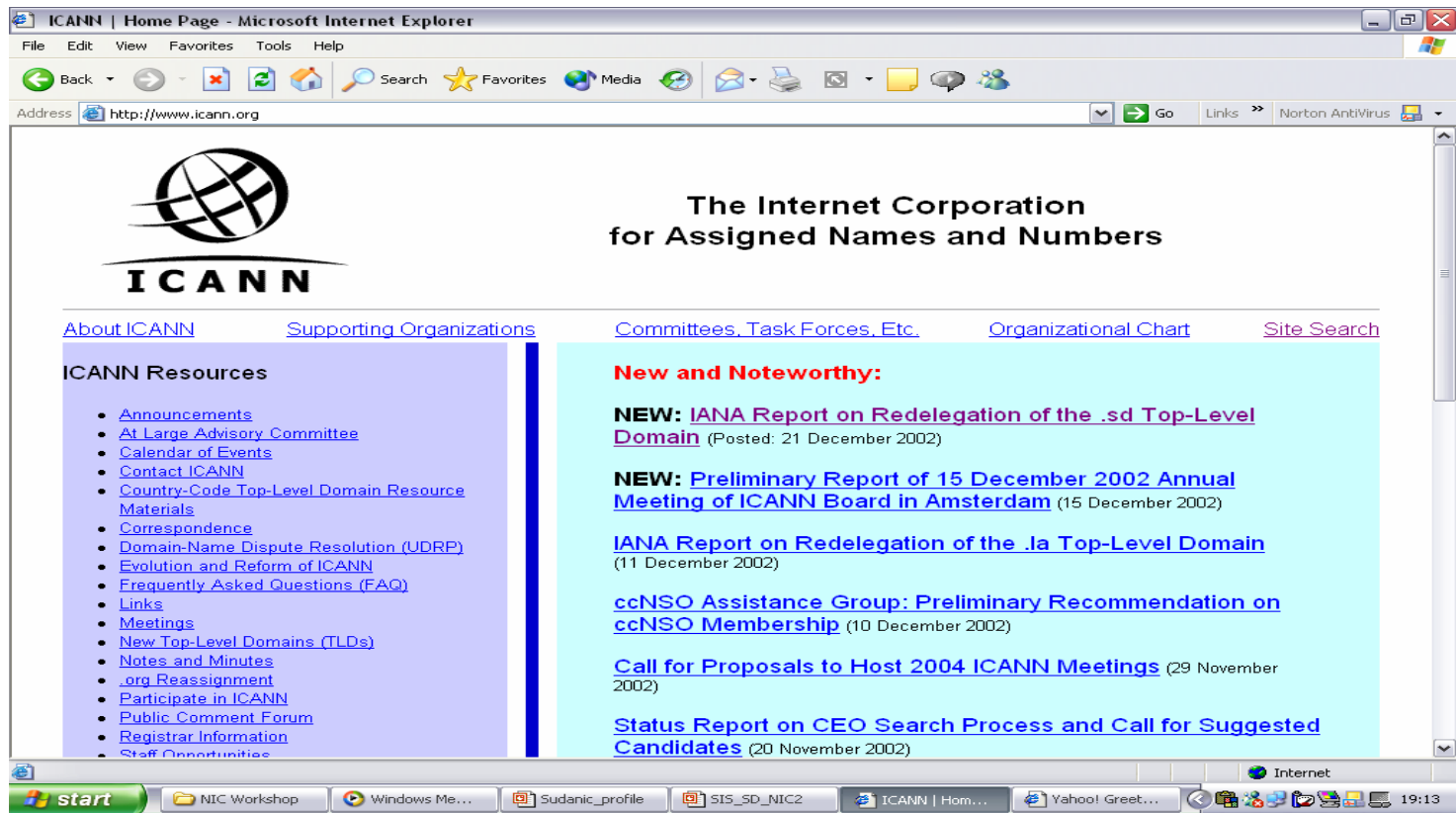


- **SUDAN INTERNET SOCIETY “SIS”**

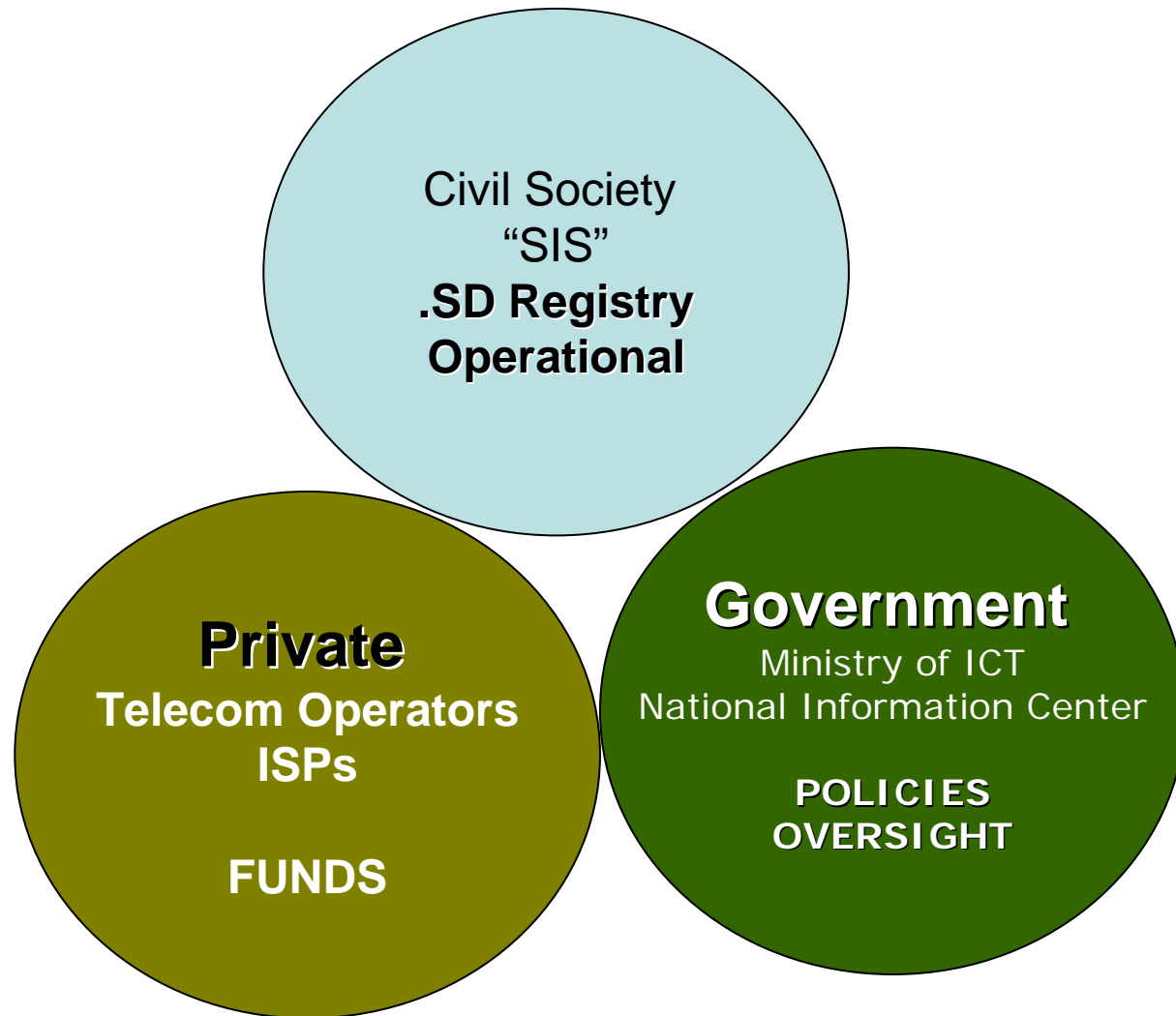
- The main objectives of SiS was to increase the Local Internet awareness, help develop policies, Internet technologies and suggest some regulations with respect to the Internet usage in the country.
- This organization was supported by the telecom operators, ISP’s, the regulatory, the government, as well as the local community.
- One of the SiS strategic objectives was the re-establishment of the .sd names space operation within the country.
- SIS Contacted ICANN in 2002 with the recognition and Support of Sudan Government to be Delegated the responsibility to operate .SD .

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- Dec 2002 - A triangular agreement was signed between, ICANN, the Sudanese Government represented by the Telecom Ministry and The Sudan Internet Society for the .sd operation.



Stakeholders & Governance Model:



- **.SD Registry Model**
 - **Open Registry**
 - **Restrictions on (.gov, .edu, .org) Domain Name Registrations**
 - **First Come, First Serve Basis**
 - **Government organizations could register under the .gov.sd name space through the National Information Center [NIC].**
 - **Online Registration (www.isoc.sd)**

.SD REGISTRY COMMUNITY ROLE



- **Social Awareness**
 - Increase awareness and hold technical, socio-developmental seminars and conferences on the applications and areas of use of the Internet to serve the development of the Sudanese society and the private sector's role in Sudan.
 - Provide Internet services to increase awareness about Sudan's culture, civilization, and services in different fields such as Tourism, Art, Science, Economy, trade, and others.
 - Increase awareness of Internet usage and applications throughout the Sudanese governorates.
- **Professional Development**
 - Encourage and develop national competence by holding contests in various application areas.
 - Encourage and establish training centers for skills development.
 - Encourage the establishment of specialized libraries for information and knowledge exchange.

Support content building on the Internet especially in Arabic and other Local languages (e.g Dinka) Specially for Post-Conflict Development .



Thank You

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