



# Unrelated Announcement

It's a daughter for Olaf and Leidi: Geerthe, born 7am this morning, mother and child are doing fine.

More details from Olaf later,

Henk



# World Summit on the Information Society

RIR activities 2003-2005

# WSIS – So Far...



- Involvement since early 2003
- Visited various PrepComs and intersessionals over the year
- During September PrepCom teamed up with
  - International Chamber of Commerce’s “Co-ordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors”, representing Business at PrepComs
  - Internet Society
  - CENTR
  - Contacts with Civil Society representatives
- RIRs represented at Geneva summit



# WSIS – Tentative Assessment

- We focus on “Internet Management”
- Outcome could have been worse
- Two year break until Tunis to examine the issues
- What are the driving factors?
  - Governments wanting to assert crucial resources?
  - ITU looking for a New Life?
  - Countering perceived American influence?



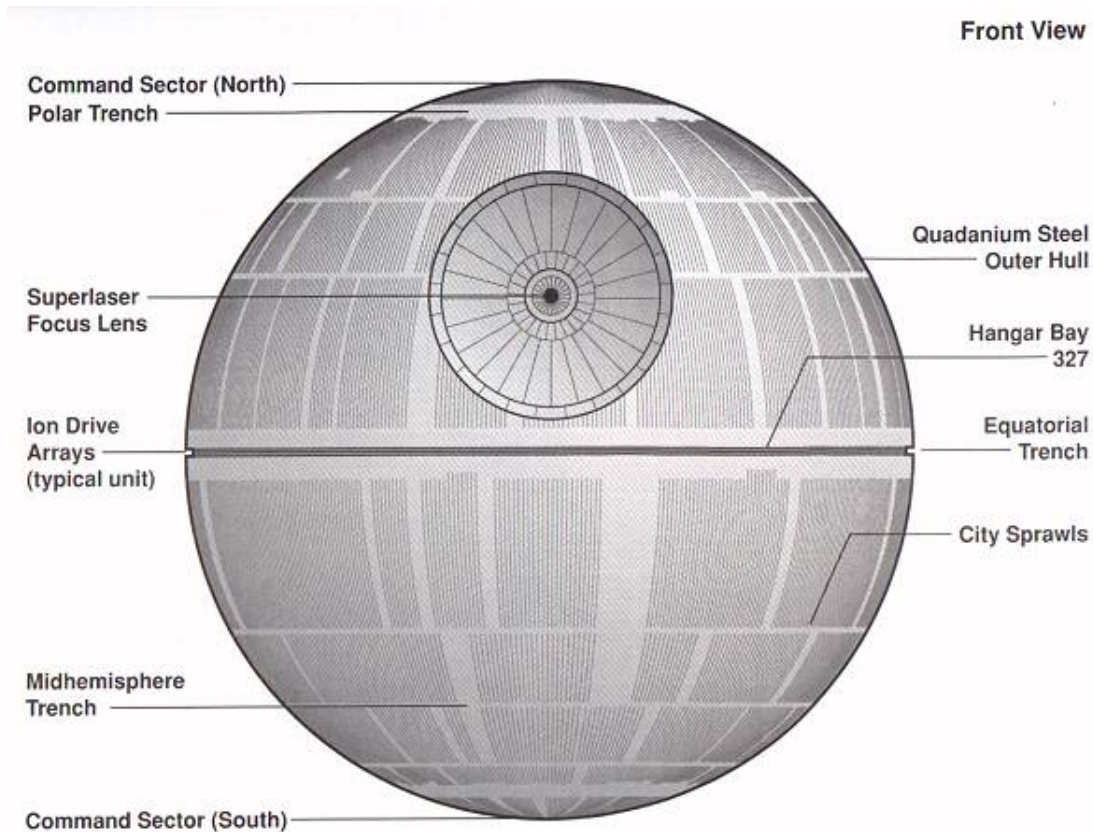
# WSIS – What now?

- This is important, and has the potential to upset long operating, stable processes.
- We must participate.
- We cannot drive this alone, need partners!
- We need YOU!
  - Become active locally
  - Counter false perceptions
  - Influence and support your governments
  - Inform us of local issues

# WSIS – What we will do

- Continue to co-ordinate with ISOC and the ICC
- Attend the February ITU workshop in Geneva
- Participate in UN-ICT Task Force meeting in New York, March
- Ensure recognised presence during pre-Tunis phase
- PR: Use Information Services activities to counter common misinformation.
  - Again...
  - And again...

# Should we be doing this?



# Questions and Answers

