

**Opening Remarks**  
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Thank you very much for your warm welcome. What a pleasure to be back in Russia!

I would like to thank our local host, the Coordination Center for .ru/.rf domains, and personally its CEO, our good colleague, Andrei Kolesnikov. I also want to thank the Ministry of Telecom and Mass communications, and last, but not least, the global Russian Internet Community for the great hospitality, and the organization of this meeting.

It is said that all roads lead to Moscow, and my road has happily led me here today - to join you at the end of a lengthy worldwide tour to raise awareness of a fundamental change that is coming to the Internet.