## The Digital Policy Council (DPC)

The Digital Policy Council<sup>TM</sup> is a non-partisan, international think tank that aims to make "inclusive" governance, despite its form, democratic or otherwise, its platform. With the firm belief that citizens need to be included in the decision making process and the first priority of citizens is the quality of their life and that of their future generations, the DPC is a gathering of like minded individuals who believe that engagement with open information is a fundamental right of citizens and the tenet for good governance.

The DPC aims at achieving its objectives using a global audience that has already been captured by various social networking and information platforms such as Facebook, Xing, Twitter and many others to bring the debate on Policy and governance online, creating an online lobby for like-minded initiatives and interacting with policy makers. The DPC aims to be the collection of decision makers, academics, public officials, opinion leaders, business influentials and concerned citizens to create a "Society 2.0" one that is able to truly bring its priorities into everyday governance using the power of the Internet.

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Equally, the DPC hopes to encourage governments and decision makers to harness the power of the Internet to converse with its citizens, to engage citizens of the world in an attempt to create interactive foreign policy and support in civil society for its actions.

The simple mission is to promote good governance and prepare governments for 21st Century politics.

The Council is founded as a resource for World leaders in the public sectors to develop an informed understanding of the new media of the Internet. its impact on global governance and public policy, and the potential to create new public value.

The Council's flagship publication is 'The Ilham, A Journal of Contemporary Digital Policy'. A name that connotes 'inspiration and illumination', the publication is designed as the preeminent journal on digital policy providing government leaders the insights to leverage the Internet and create greater public value.

The DPC works with Governments, regulators, opinion leaders, academia, and government-linked groups such as political advocacy groups, trade associations, industry leaders, and non-profits to advocate and build support for new digital policies.