



Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

CCAOI Newsletter

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April 2018 Highlights

Security of data and privacy online continued to be a much discussed topic even in April. In the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal, Mark Zuckerberg, CEO, Facebook, had to testify before the US Senate. Some of the key highlights of his testimony include the acknowledgement of the inevitability of data protection regulation, however, in what way and form it would be regulated was a question. He also pointed to the challenges of the existing business model of internet companies and hinted at the possibility of a new model. Further on issues related to managing hate speech and fake news on Facebook, he reiterated Facebook's reliance on using algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI).

Cybersecurity was also discussed in the global arena. More than thirty global companies such as Microsoft, Facebook, Cisco, HP, Oracle, etc. signed the Cybersecurity Tech Accord committing to protect users online; while the Heads of Commonwealth Governments adopted the Commonwealth Cyber Declaration. Telegram app was banned in Russia after a court order and also in Iran.

eCommerce was another discussed topic this month, especially in the fourth UNCTAD E-Commerce Week meeting, the second session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy themed Fostering Development Gains from Domestic and Cross-border E-commerce in Developing Countries. Further, at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11), seventy one World Trade Organization (WTO) member states signed the Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce.

In terms of emerging technology, twenty five European countries adopted a Declaration of Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence (AI), while the European Commission outlined a European approach to boost investment and set ethical guidelines on AI.

In India the draft National Digital Communication Policy 2018 is released for public comments; the Telecom Commission approved the telecom regulator's recommendations for offering voice and data services in domestic flights; the government also released the Chief Information Security Officer's (CISO) Top Best Practices for a safe & secure Cyber environment. Further the government plans to draft a framework for regulating eCommerce companies. In another instance, a committee has been formed to frame a regulatory framework for online companies.

ICANN Updates

During the month of April the Middle East Domain Name System (DNS) Forum was held in Ankara, Turkey on 25-26 April and marked the fifth anniversary of the forum. Besides, on 10 April, 2018, ICANN organized a Webinar on the Draft Final Report of the NomCom2 Review; announced the NextGen participant list for ICANN62 from Latin American universities; published the Staff Report of Public Comments on ICANN's Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget, and an associated update to the Five-Year Operating Plan. ICANN is also seeking a provider to conduct an independent assessment of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO).

Further, public comments were invited on the ICANN Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment Strategy by 25 April 2018; Initial Report on Review of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Charter by 1 June, 2018; the second review of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) survey by 18 May, 2018; draft Final

Report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee Review (RSSAC2) by 10 June, 2018. Community members were also invited to participate in the ICANN organizational reviews; specific reviews and NomCom2 Review Draft Final Report; Besides comment period is open on the various sets of recommendations within the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability's (CCWG-Accountability) final report from its Work Stream 2 (WS2) by 11 May 2018; and independent examiner's Draft Final Report on the second Nominating Committee Organizational Review (NomCom2) by 7 May, 2018

APAC Space Update:

- ICANN India organized ICANN61 readout on 19 April 2018 which was hosted by International Institute of Information Technology - Bangalore (IIIT-B), Bangalore. Besides the highlights of ICANN 61, during the readout APRALO Chair Satish Babu gave an update on the discussions held by the At Large Advisory Committee, while Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI, presented an update on the ICANNFY19 Operating Plan and Budget. The other topics which were discussed include NomCom, GDPR and WHOIS Compliance; Universal Acceptance and Neo Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP).
- ICANN along with Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) organized the Face 2 Face meeting of the Neo Brahmi Generation Panel, in New Delhi, India between 23- 25 April, 2018. The inaugural meeting was presided by Mr. Sanjay Rakesh, Joint Secretary Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India.



Pic: From F2F NBGP Meeting in New Delhi

- The date for responding to the ongoing APAC Space Survey 2018 had been extended to 30 April 2018.
- The next APAC Space Web Conference will on 8 May 2018 at 3:00 UTC.

Internet Society Updates

In the month of April, Internet announced the names of the Board of Trustees elected in 2018. They include Walid Al-Saqaf who was re-elected to the board by Chapters, Robert Pepper, who was elected by Organization members; Gonzalo Camarillo and John Levine who was reelected to the board by the IAB and IETF.

Further this month ISOC released the Background Paper on Plenipotentiary 2018 (PP-18) ; policy paper on IOT security for Policy Makers. The Beyond Medium the Net Medium and Large grants proposal period was extended to 29 May, 2018. To more Ilda Simao at beyondthenet@isoc.org; or beyondthenet@isoc.org can be contacted.

Applications are invited for the online courses "Shaping the Internet - History & Futures" and "Building Wireless Community Networks" by 11 May. The links to the applications for "Shaping the Internet" course are : English: <https://bit.ly/2KsKrNL>; Spanish: <https://bit.ly/2rd403Z>; French: <https://bit.ly/2I1bSQz>; while the links to apply for the "Building Wireless Community Networks" are English: <https://bit.ly/2HGyTbZ> and Spanish: <https://bit.ly/2HJTM5W>.

Women SIG Update:

The Women's Special Interest Group of the Internet Society in coordination with the Wikimedia Foundation, organized the 1st Global Editathon "Girls in ICT" on 28 April, 2018. Various Chapters and groups participated in this event.

On this occasion, women from various South Asian chapters, participated and collaborated online in this editathon both in English and in local languages.



Pic: Women from South Asia who participated in the Editathon

APAC News:

The APAC Regional Bureau organised a series of webinars this month, which include: strengthening the global routing system; community powered networks; securing the internet of things; and collaborative governance.

The APAC Regional Bureau would be organizing the Regional Chapters Meeting for Asia-Pacific and Middle East between 11-12 May, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in the ARIN meeting in Miami, the 2018 Philippine Cable Television Association Convention (PCTA 2018) in Manila, Philippines. APNIC representatives travelled to the world's smallest economy, Tokelau, to assist with developing in-country capacity to deploy IPv6.

Besides, there is call for technical presentations and papers, relevant to Internet operations and technologies, for APNIC 46 in Noumea, New Caledonia; call for Papers for MyNOG-7 Conference 2018 which will be held on 24th July, 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

From the policy perspective, the Co-Chairs of the ASO Review WG are inviting comments from the community by 31 May, 2018 on how to coordinate with other RIR regions. The community is encouraged to share their feedback on suggested process and coordination; whether a global mailing list or setting a coordination team would help and if there are any other feedbacks and suggestions on improving the coordination with other regions.

For capacity building, the Fellowship applications for APNIC 46 is now open till 8 June, 2018; APNIC would be delivering several Network Security and Software Defined Networking tutorials, workshops and presentations in Thailand in May, 2018 and along with ITU deliver a five-day Internet and IPv6 Infrastructure Security workshop from 14 to 18 May 2018, in Nonthaburi, Thailand. Additionally, the APNIC Academy launched a

new course on ‘Routing Basics’ which teaches basic routing concepts to anyone wanting to learn about routers and routing protocols without getting too technical.

Upcoming events:

- Registration is now open for APNIC 46 to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia from 6-13 September, 2018

TRAI Updates

In the month of April, TRAI released the Yearly Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the Year, 2017; telecom subscription data as of February, 2018; report on Public Wi-Fi Open Pilot Project and Report on Independent Drive Tests (IDTs) conducted on Highways and Rail Routes.

Comments were invited on the consultation paper, the review of mobile number portability (MNP) process by 3 May, 2018 and counter comments by 17 May, 2018. Further in April, TRAI organized open house on the consultation paper on Making ICT Accessible for Persons with Disabilities on 5 April, 2018 in New Delhi and Empanelment of Auditors for Digital Addressable Systems on 12 April, 2018 at New Delhi;

Upcoming Open House Discussion (OHD)

The OHD on the consultation paper on issues relating to Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India has been rescheduled to 16 May, 2018 at New Delhi.

Other Updates

Reports:

- The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) launched the report “The Anatomy of an Internet Blackout: Measuring the Economic Impact of Internet Shutdowns in India” on 25 April, 2018 in New Delhi, India
- The report of Ranking Digital Rights 2018 Corporate Accountability Index, which evaluates 22 of the world’s most powerful internet, mobile, and telecommunications companies on their disclosed commitments and policies affecting freedom of expression and privacy reveals that most of the companies fall short on privacy and security of user data. The only Indian company in the list Bharati Airtel was scored 15% overall.
- The Automation Readiness Index “Who is ready for the coming wave of automation?” has ranked South Korea, Germany, and Singapore as the countries most prepared for automation and AI.
- Mozilla Foundation has released the Internet Health Report 2018
- The Web Foundation has published a study looking into the way Facebook distributes the news.

Events:

- The UNCTAD eCommerce Week was held between 16–20 Apr, 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland. The theme of the meeting was “Development Dimensions of Digital Platforms”,
- The Middle East DNS Forum was held in Ankara, Turkey from 25-26 April, 2018.
- Huddle 2018 was organized by IAMAI between 6 - 7 April, 2018 at The Leela Kovalam, Trivandrum, India

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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- Afghanistan School on Internet Governance was held in Kabul between 29 April to 1 May, 2018.
- Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan was held in Kabul between 2-3 May, 2018.
- The AFRINIC 28 is being held in Dakar, Senegal from 5–11 May 2018. The Africa Internet Summit (AIS) 2018 and the African Network Operators' Group (AfNOG) 2018 workshop, will also be held alongside.
- India Software Symposium 2018 - In the world of Software in Everything, was held on 7 May, 2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India. Further BIS is hosting the plenary meeting of SC7 from 6-11 May, 2018.
- 'CyFu Africa: the Conference on Technology, Innovation and Society' will be held on 10–12 May 2018 in Tangier, Morocco.
- 21st session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will be held between 14–18 May 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The RightsCon Toronto will be held on 16–18 May 2018.
- ICANN62 will be held in Panama city between 25–28 June 2018.

Opportunities

- Last day to submit nominations for the ISIF Asia 2018 Awards and Grants has been extended to 15 May 2018.
- Application for the APSIG/Amazon Fellowships are invited by 15 June, 2018.
- The IGF Secretariat has announced a call for Workshop Proposals for IGF 2018, by 27 May 2018.
- The European Digital Rights (EDRi) is looking for an Executive Director. Last date to apply is 3 June 2018.
- Applications are invited for SANOG 32 Fellowship which will be held in Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh from 2nd August to 10th August, 2018. Last date to apply is 30 May, 2018
- Applications are invited from the MEAC region, for the 5th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG) which will take place in Cairo, Egypt on 5-9 August 2018. Last date to apply is 13 May 2018
- Fellowship to Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2018 is now open. Anyone from APAC region aged between 18-35 can apply. For more details visit this link.

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