



Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

CCAOI Newsletter

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August 2017 At a Glance

The month of August, was highlighted by growing concern against fake news. The UK government [announced](#) their intent to make universal access to broadband for all citizens in the country. Cyber security was also a much discussed topic. The European Union and India had discussions on [International Cyberspace laws](#) emphasising on the need to deliberate further on the applicability of international law to cyberspace and setting norms of responsible behaviour of states. During the [second Japan-India Cyber Dialogue](#), the emphasis was on issues related to cyber threats, mitigations, mechanisms of cooperation both bilateral or through other regional agencies. Further, [Russia](#) and [China](#) banned the use of virtual private networks (VPNs) softwares that allows users to circumvent; China set up an [Internet Court](#) to deal specifically with Internet-related cases and Nepal hosted their first Nepal Internet Governance Forum (npIGF)

In India, the month of August was marked by discussions on Privacy, including the historic decision of the Supreme Court that [Privacy is a Fundamental Right](#). It remains to be seen how this would be interpreted in different instances. TRAI released the paper on Privacy, security and ownership of data in telecom; the government creating a Committee of Experts to [deliberate on a data protection framework of India](#). With growing concerns of Internet Shutdown, the [government has issued specific process](#) and who can authorize Internet to be cut off. Further, the deadline for mandatory linking Aadhaar for welfare was extended to 31 December. This month also witnessed the growing concerns on the growth and addiction of harmful online games such as Blue Whale, which has been the cause of death of several youngsters in the country. This also implies the need to build awareness amongst parents, children and schools on how to protect children online.

ICANN Updates

During the month of August, ICANN issued request for proposals for [conducting an internal Human Rights Impact Assessment](#) and [ICANN Designated Agent for Registrar Data Escrow Services](#); [released the Second Version of Label Generation Rules](#) for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-2), which define a set of criteria for determining valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the DNS Root Zone and their variant labels; provided update on [Review of the Community Priority Evaluation Process](#); launched the [Registration Data Access Protocol \(RDAP\) Pilot Program](#), RDAP enables users to access current registration data and was created as a replacement for the WHOIS protocol; organized a webinar to share the "[Statistical Analysis of DNS Abuse in gTLDs](#)" (SADAG) Study and invited comments on the proposed [Changes to the NCUC Charter](#) and the [proposed renewal of .MUSEUM Sponsored Registry Agreement](#), till 3 October, 2017

Further, the [Keys for the Internet's Addressing System to be changed in October was being discussed](#). Last month, ICANN also released the [proposed dates for ICANN Public Meetings 2021–2023](#) and the [ICANN 2017 Nominating Committee announced the names](#) of the eight selected person for leadership positions within ICANN. They include ICANN Board of Directors: Avri Doria (North America), Sarah Deutsch (North America); At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC): Hadia Elminiawi (Africa), Kaili Kan (Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands), Richardo Holmquist (Latin America, Caribbean Islands); Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO): Marita Moll (North America); Council of the Generic Names Supporting

Organization (GNSO): Carlos Gutierrez (Latin America, Caribbean Islands); Syed Ismail Shah (Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands)

The ICANN Academy launched the new [Intercultural Awareness Program](#) to take Place at ICANN60 and to hold a first face-to-face meeting on 3 November 2017 in Abu Dhabi.

Upcoming APAC Web Conference

The APAC Hub is organizing a Web Conference on 19 September, 2017 on “CCT Review”..

Internet Society Updates

With the upcoming 25th year celebration (InterCommunity 2017) of Internet Society on 19 September, there are discussions on the proposed changes in the ISOC Mission statement; the [Cybersecurity SIG](#), held a webinar on "Intrusion Supresion" and the appointment of a new Chapter Development Manager for the Asia-Pacific - Subhashish Panigrahi

Further,Internet Society released the policy papers on [Digital Accessibility](#) ; [Mapping Online Child Safety in Asia-Pacific](#) ;

The Internet Society [Survey on Policy Issues in Asia-Pacific 2017](#); [Policies and Regulations for the Digital Economy and Society](#) and [Gender](#) all of which would be discussed during the InterCommunity 2017 round tables.

Applications are now invited for the [Beyond the Net funding](#) medium and large grants. Last date to apply is 14 September 2017.

Upcoming Event

- The Internet Society is celebrating its [25th Anniversary](#) this year and plans to commemorate this milestone, with several programs including [InterCommunity 2017](#) across chapters, on 19 September, for community dialogue on topics from the Internet Futures; brand **new Identity Toolkit** for Chapters, the **25 under 25 program**; **round table series** etc.
- Delhi Chapter would be hosting the **InterCommunity 2017** event at **Vivanta Taj Hotel**, Khan Market, New Delhi, on **19 September at 9am** . Digital Divide would be the topic discussed during the round table.

APNIC Highlights

This month, APNIC conducted a five-day Internet Resource Management, IPv6 and Network Security workshop from 21 to 25 August 2017, in South Tarawa, Kiribati.The topics included were IPV6, network security fundamentals and an introduction to APNIC.

Besides, APNIC organized an **APNIC Open Forum at Kathmandu**, which was attended by over 35 community members belonging to Government, Telecom, ISP's, Banks and Technology companies. It was an interactive capacity building session meant for providing an overview on APNIC; recent technological advancements and implementations; APNIC's community capacity building initiatives, how community members from Nepal can participate in APNIC meetings and the policy sessions. At the session CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury reiterated the importance of the community to participate in Global policy discussions.



Picture: APNIC Open Forum

For the first time APNIC organized a **Pre APNIC44 Policy webinar** on 31 August. During the webinar, there was a discussion on policies expected to be discussed at the upcoming meeting in Taiwan. The Director General, Paul Wilson, Senior Internet Policy Analyst, Adam Gosling, Senior Internet Development Advisor and South Asia Liaison Officer Srinivas Chendi and Strategic Engagement Director Pablo Hinojosa participated in the discussion and interacted with the participants.

Other updates:

- APNIC 42 Fellow [Vashkar Bhattacharjee, wins prestigious WSIS award](#) for work with visually impaired
- The APNIC44 conference, is currently being held between 12-14 and can be viewed [remotely](#). [Six policy proposals](#) are expected to be discussed during this meeting.
- The upcoming APNIC courses can be viewed from this [link](#)

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI along with The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) [organised](#) the "ITU-TRAI Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable" and the "ITU-TRAI International Training Program (ITP) 2017" in New Delhi, India.

In the month of August, the regulator held two open house discussions (OHD) in New Delhi. One was on '[Network testing before commercial launch of services](#)' and the other was the second OHD on the [Consultation Paper on "Net Neutrality"](#), where opinion was sought from stakeholders on issues such as should broad or narrow approach of Traffic management practices (TMP) be adopted, should some services (specialized services, IOT, enterprise) be out of the scope, would there be exceptions

Further, TRAI also released "The [Standards of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service \(Wireline\) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service \(Fifth Amendment\) Regulations, 2017](#)"; recommendations on [Cloud Services](#); consultation Paper on [Auction of Spectrum](#) in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300-3400 MHz and 3400-3600 MHz bands, where the comments and counter

comments are 25 September and 3 October, 2017; the [draft Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability \(Seventh Amendment\) Regulations, 2017](#) is also open for consultation till 27 September, 2017.

TRAI also released a consultation paper on "[Privacy, Security and ownership of data in the telecom sector](#)", which is open for comments and counter comments till 8 October, 2017 and 24 October, 2017. The paper is seeking responses on twelve questions related to adequacy of existing data protection measures; whether changes are required in the definition of personal data; measures for data usage; rights and responsibilities of Data Controllers, use of technology enabled architecture to audit the use of personal data, and associated consent measures; sandbox; Data localization, creation of an anonymized data sets which can be used for the development of newer services; issues related to mechanism of collection and use of data; whether there should be parity in the data protection norms applicable to TSPs and other communication service providers offering comparable services; the legitimate exceptions to the data protection requirements ; checks and balances that need to be considered in the context of lawful surveillance and law enforcement requirements; and cross border data flow and jurisdiction challenges.

npIGF 2017 Update

Nepal organized the first Nepal Internet Governance Forum on 18 -19 August, 2017. The theme for this year was “Building Sustainable Internet Ecosystem in Nepal”. The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Women , Children and Social Welfare Ms. Asha Koirala. There were discussions on pertinent topics such as, access, IDNs, gender, internet and disability, youth, internet ecosystem, cyber security, bit coins, etc. The event was attended by more than 150 community members e from different stakeholder groups. There was also provision for remote participation.

CCAOI Director Amrita Choudhury participated in the event and spoke on the issues related to multistakeholder model ; gender issues; participation and importance of capacity building within the region.



Picture: From npIGF

pkSIG 2017 Update

The third Pakistan school of Internet Governance ([pkSIG](#)) was organized between 16-19 August, 2017 at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board, Peshawar Pakistan. It was attended by seventeen participants from different stakeholder communities of Pakistan



Picture: From pkSIG 2017

Other Updates

- **inSIG 2017**

The Second India School of Internet Governance (inSIG 2017) will be organized during 24-26 October 2017 at Technopark, Trivandrum, Kerala, India. The list of inSIG2017 Fellows have been [announced](#).

- **Report on Internet access and use in Great Britain, 2017**

The 2017 [report](#) on “Internet access and use in Great Britain”, published by the UK Office for National Statistics states that 90% households of UK have Internet access and about 73% of adults access internet over the mobile.

- **Third Erotics Global Surey launched**

The Association for Progressive Communications Women’s Rights Programme (APC WRP) has launched their [third EROTICS Global Survey](#) which aims to collect data and map trends concerning both threats to and enhancement of sexual expression online, and how this impacts on the rights of target communities.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events

- The [5th Korean National Internet Governance Forum \(KrIGF\)](#) will be held on 15 September, 2017 at Sejong University, Seoul, South Korea
- [ITU TU Telecom World 2017](#) will be held on 25-28 September, in Busan, South Korea. The theme of the meeting is 'Smart digital transformation, global opportunities'
- [India Mobile Congress](#) will be held between 27-29 September, 2017 at Pragati Maidan New Delhi.
- [31st meeting of the International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\) Council Working Group on WSIS: Implementation of Outcomes \(WG-WSIS\)](#) will be held on 19–20 September 2017, at the ITU Headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting is open to ITU members.
- [Internet of Things World Asia](#) will be held on 3-4 October, 2107 at Singapore
- [CyFy 2017](#): The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance will be held from 3-4 October, 2017 at New Delhi

- [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC-17\)](#) will be held on 9-20 October at Buenos Aires
- inSIG 2017 will be organized during 24-26 October 2017 at Technopark, Trivandrum
- ICANN60 will be held at Abu Dhabi from 28 Oct- 3 November, 2017
- A [PreIETF100 Forum](#) would be held in India between 8-9 November, 2017
- [IETF 100](#) will be held on 11-17 November, 2017 at Singapore
- [BD NOG](#) will be held on 18-22 November, 2017 in Bangladesh
- India to host Global Cyber Security Conference 2017 (GCSC 2017) between 23-24 November at New Delhi
- 26th Convergence India 2018 expo, which will be held from 07-09 March 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Opportunities

- Applications for the [ISIF Asia grants and award for 2017 are now open](#). The grants are open to research focused on Internet operations, infrastructure and related protocols, such as network measurement and analysis, IPv6, BGP routing, network security, as well as peering and interconnection. Last day for applying is 15 September 2017.
- The ICANN61 [Fellowship Application Round](#) is now [open](#) and available till 15 September 2017.
- There is an [open call for contributions](#) from the [IGF 2017 BPF on Cybersecurity](#) to submit contributions outlining best practices and case studies by 15 September, 2017.
- Applications are now invited from [Civil Society representatives for the Internet Society Ambassadors to IGF](#) program. Last date to apply is September 24, 2017.
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- The High Commissioner for Human Rights on is calling form inputs on "[Civil society space in multilateral institutions](#)" till 30 September 2017.

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