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August 2018 Highlights

The month of August witnessed [China reporting 802 million Internet users](#) ; [Brazil signing the data protection bill](#) and continued discussions on privacy, data governance, data localisation, content regulation and cyber security.

In the ongoing case between ICANN and a European registrar, the German court ruled that ICANN [cannot stop the registrar](#) from registering domain names without collecting additional data necessary for the WHOIS service.

In India, the Personal Data Protection Bill 2018, for which the government is seeking [comments till 30 September, 2018](#) has generated mixed responses. While the majority have welcomed the step of framing a data protection bill, concerns have been raised by different stakeholders. [Industry bodies](#) and global internet organizations have expressed concern on storing data locally, citing it would impact startups, create trade barriers and raised concerns of restrictions on collection of data. Civil society activists raised concerns on users not having a complete right over their data and the power of the state and chances of surveillance. While privacy, security, law enforcement and potential economic and growth of the country have been cited as reasons for data localization, there are questions aired whether the proposed data localization will ensure the objectives stated in the bill.

Further, this month the [Malaysian government](#) repealed the 'Fake News' legislation; Facebook removed over 650 pages, groups and accounts linked to Russia and Iran meant to disrupt US election; Google faced criticism over [reports](#) of the organisation planning to launch a censored version of its search engine in China. In India, Netflix, Amazon and Hotstar in India are exploring a [voluntary censorship code](#) to counter hate speech, hate crimes, child pornography and other forms of inappropriate content.

The [Australian government](#) is seeking comments on the draft [Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment \(Assistance and Access\) Bill 2018](#) by 10 September, 2018

In terms of cybersecurity, Microsoft [released a white paper](#) “Cybersecurity Policy Framework”, as a resource for governments developing national cybersecurity policies; there were reports of that a [data leak from a Chinese hotel chain](#) could affect 130 million customers and in India an [advisory was released against](#) the Momo Challenge Game.

There were reports of [Google surveilling movement of users](#) without consent and the Indian [Central Bureau of Investigation \(CBI\) has started a preliminary inquiry](#) against Cambridge Analytica.

Further in a landmark decision the Supreme Court of India [decriminalized gay sex](#) by partially repealing the 150 year old Section 377 on consensual gay sex

ICANN Updates

This month, the [German appeal Court issued a decision](#) that it would not issue an injunction against EPAG, a Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar that is part of the Tucows Group; the ICANN board [reaffirmed](#) the “[Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#)”; published the [Comprehensive Guide](#) on What to

Expect During the Root KSK Rollover and the [second report](#) on on Global Legislative and Regulatory Developments; announced the [Registry System Testing \(RST\) Documentation Update](#) .

Besides ICANN requested comments on [the Modification of Domains Protected Marks List Service](#) by 24 September, 2018; the [Proposals for Kannada, Oriya and Telugu Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 24 September, 2018; [Study on Technical Use of Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 11 September, 2018; [called for SO/AC Nominations to the New ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee](#) and Guidance on Outreach Goals by 10 September, 2018.

Besides, [comments has been sought](#) on the Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4) by 5 September, 2018; [recommendations for managing Internationalized Domain Name \(IDN\) variant labels for top level domains \(TLDs\)](#) by 3 September, 2018; [Draft ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Version 3.0](#) by 10 September, 2018; [Proposals for Devanagari, Gurmukhi, and Gujarati Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 10 September, 2018.

Further applications for [ICANN64 Fellowship](#) were invited till 3 September, 2018 and [NextGen@ICANN64](#) by 5 October, 2018

APAC Space update

The APAC Space [organised](#) a web conference on 28 August, 2018 to discuss on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Initial Report which is open for public comments.

India Update:

- The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) organised the **ICANN 62 Readout** on 3 August, 2018. The updates were shared from the GAC, NomCom,ASO; ALAC, GNSO perspectives along with updates from NGBP and UASG.



Pic: ICANN62 Readout

- Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) supported by ICANN organised a seminar to flag-off a joint venture for a year long nationwide awareness campaign about the opportunities of UA and the scope of adopting UA for Indic languages.



Pic: IAMA UASG Seminar

Internet Society Updates

August marked the end of the Tenure of CEO Kathy Brown.

This month, Internet Society [signed an MoU](#) with [GlobalScribes](#), a social network of youth aged between 8-25 years, who use the Internet to share their stories through creative writing, visual arts, and the collaboration of team passions. This partnership is to provide youth the opportunity to connect, collaborate and share stories on topics they care about thereby supporting the development and partnership of our Youth Community. Further, a coalition of more than 40 companies, Cybersecurity Tech Accord, announced that it has endorsed MANRS, Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security.

From the Policy perspective, inputs were invited on the Policy Paper on '[Innovations in Spectrum Management - Enabling Community Networks and Small Operators to Connect the Unconnected](#)'; on [the Routing Security](#) by 12 September. The Cybersecurity SIG organised a webinar on "Advanced Experiences in Cyber Policy and Practices".

Applications are invited for "[Chapter Small Grants](#)", for small projects and events, by 30 November, 2018 further a feedback survey was conducted for improving the Beyond the Net grantmaking support to Chapters.

APAC News:

The APAC Regional Bureau signed an MoU with Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) on routing security and MANRS; participated in AprIGF 2018; the 2nd Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Steering Committee Meeting and 2nd Session of the Committee on ICT, Science, Technology and Innovation and in Bangkok, Thailand.



Pic: Signing of ISOC ISPAI MoU

Opportunities:

Applications are invited to:

- [IETF Attendece Support Program](#) are invited to IETF Attendance Support Program for IETF 103, 3-9 November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand by 9 Spetember, 2018.
- Online course "[Shaping the Internet - History & Futures](#)" and "[Building Wireless Community Networks](#)" by 16 September, 2018

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in the First India NOG (INNOG 2018) in New Delhi, [32nd meeting](#) of the South Asian Network Operators Group ([SANOG 32](#)) and 9th meeting of the Bangladesh Network Operators Group ([bdNOG 9](#)) in Dhaka, Bangladesh.; [46th Asia Pacific Advanced Network meeting \(APAN 46\)](#) in Auckland, New Zealand.

For Improving support and sercices for members APNIC announced that they would be soon [launching](#) new features for a better [Autonomous System Number \(ASN\)](#) management and a new [Product Management Framework](#). Besides the online learning platform, the [APNIC Academy](#) has been refreshed with new Virtual Labs; Video-based learning content and self-paced tutorials; access to third-party resources to complement your learning, along with new features.

Updates Related to Upcoming APNIC 46

The [key themes](#) for the upcoming [APNIC 46](#) conference in Nouméa, New Caledonia, to be held for 6 to 13 September 2018 are Interconnectivity and network security in the Pacific. At the [Open Policy Meeting \(OPM\)](#) on 13 September four policy proposals are to be discussed: [prop-118](#); [prop-124](#); [prop-125](#); [prop-126](#). Further, the online voting for the [Number Resource Organization Number Council \(NRO NC\)](#) election is currently underway and closes 09:00 (UTC +11) on Tuesday, 11 September 2018.

TRAI Updates

In the month of August TRAI released the [Telecom Subscription Data as on 30 June, 2018 and the user-centric views of TRAI website and unified Mobile-apps](#) ; launched the availability of [TRAI Mobile Apps on UMANG](#)

[platform \(App\)](#); recommendations on [Promoting Local Telecom Equipment Manufacturing](#); 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](#).

Update on AprIGF2018

The [APrIGF 2018](#) conference was held in Port Vila, Vanuatu between 13-16 August, 2018. The theme this year was Empowering communities in Asia Pacific to build an affordable, inclusive, open and secure Internet. The sub themes were [Cybersecurity](#), [Online Privacy and Protection](#), [Access and Empowerment](#), [Digital Economy and Emerging Internet Technologies](#), [Diversity](#) and [Multi-stakeholder Participation in Internet Governance](#). Each day there were Townhall sessions to take feedback on the Synthesis Document. It was attended by over 311 participants in person out of which 32% were women. Nearly 20 speakers participated remotely. The Youth IGF was attended by 32 participants. Day0 was dedicated to capacity building, expectation setting of Fellows and YIGF participants.

At the sidelines of AprIGF, PICISOC hosted the [Pacific IGF](#) which discussed topics such as the importance of Multi stakeholder Practices in Internet Governance, participation from Pacific Islands; Contemporary Internet Governance Issues in the Pacific.

Inputs are invited on the APrIGF 2018 [Synthesis Document](#) till 18 September and the document is expected to be finalized and published in the beginning of October.

Other Updates

Reports & Articles:

- A report '[Unlocking Digital for Bharat: \\$50 Billion Opportunity](#)', released by Bain & Company, Google and Omidyar Network, projects that India has the potential for a \$50 billion eCommerce market.

Events:

- The First edition of the [Indian Network Operators Group](#) (INNOG) was organised between 27– 30th August 2018 in New Delhi. The event comprised of several workshops (ipv6 Routing, MPLS, Network Security) and conference on 30 August comprised of technical discussions and peering.



Pic: INNOG 2018

- Medianama hosted a discussion on the Draft Privacy Bill of India on 23 August, in Delhi. The subjects discussed were user rights, data portability and erasure, data processing; Data localisation, sovereignty, cross border data flows; Data Protection Authority and compliance; Governance of government data and surveillance.
- [SANOG 32](#) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh between 2-10 August, 2018
- Asia Pacific Advanced Network ([APAN 46](#)) was held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 5 - 9 August, 2018
- 5th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG) took place in Cairo, Egypt on 5-9 August 2018.
- [1st INNOG](#) (Indian Network Operator Group) was held from 27th -30th August 2018 in New Delhi.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events:

- [Pakistan School on Internet Governance \(pkSIG\) 2018](#) is being between 3-6 September 2018 in Karachi.
- The [Third Summit on Community Networks in Africa](#) will be held in Eastern Cape, South Africa, from 2-7 September, 2018.
- The 39th session of the [United Nations Human Rights Council \(UNHRC\)](#) will be held on 10–28 September 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland
- The 2018 annual [Global Forum on Cyber Expertise \(GFCE\)](#) meeting will be held on 19–20 September, 2018 in Singapore.
- The [Cybersecurity and Cyberconflict: State of the Art Research Conference](#) will be held between 27–29 September 2018, in Zurich, Switzerland
- The [First Youth IGF India](#) will be held on 12 October, 2018 at the IGDTUW College, New Delhi.
- Third Edition of [India School of Internet Governance \(inSIG 2018\)](#) will be held between 13-15 October, 2018 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- ICANN63 Annual general Meeting will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October
- [ITU Plenipotentiary Conference \(PP-18\)](#) between 29 October-16 November, 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- [IETF 103](#) will be held between 3–9 November 2018, in Bangkok, Thailand

Inputs Sought:

- [India Internet Foundation \(IIFON\)](#) invites comments what would take India to become a software product developing country from a software services country and the changes required from the policy perspective. The comments can be mailed to info@iifon.org by 15 September, 2018.
- Inputs are invited on the [APrIGF 2018 Synthesis Document](#) till 18 September, 2018
- [BPF Gender and Access](#) invited you to participate in the survey [Alternative Models of Connectivity: UN-IGF BPF Gender & Access Survey 2018](#) by 30 September, 2018.

Opportunities:

- IGF invites [applications](#) for the 2019 MAG by 12 September, 2019. For more details visit the [General Guidance](#) for the process.
- There is [a call for Papers](#) for the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARC) Fellows Biennial Conference by 12 September, 2018
- There is a [call to set up remote Hubs](#) for IGF 2018 by 15 October, 2018.

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