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February 2018 Highlights

The month of February witnessed further discussions on net neutrality, such as the [vote by the FCC](#) to repeal the existing net neutrality protections and allow ISPs to regulate themselves; Internet Associations such as Google Amazon, Facebook, and Twitter expressing [support to reverse the net neutrality rules](#); while the French Regulator published a report on '[Open Internet and devices](#)', arguing for neutrality of all devices including intermediaries.

Security was another much discussed topic: [UK's Government Websites being Infected by Cryptocurrency Mining Malware](#); reports revealing that the Equifax Inc. [breach accessed more of consumers' personal information than the company disclosed publicly last year](#); a growing trend of online child abuse substantiated by the [The State of the World's Children 2017: Children in a digital world Worldwide](#) report.

Further, in a fight against fake news, Unilever, [threatened](#) to pull investment from platforms that fail to tackle fake news; [ICANN cancelled the .CORP, .HOME, and .MAIL TLDs Indefinitely Due to Collision Concerns](#); ICANN CEO to facilitate negotiations on .amazon; and the labour tribunal in France [ruled](#) that Uber drivers are self employed.

In India, Google was fined Rs. 136 crore for '[search bias](#)' and '[abusing dominant position](#)'; [The Cellular Operators Association of India \(COAI\) sought telco-like regulation for all communication service providers](#); Ministry of Electronics and IT created [four committees for Artificial Intelligence](#): Citizen Centric Services; Data platforms; Skilling, reskilling and R&D; Legal regulatory and Cybersecurity with plans to set up the [first artificial intelligence \(AI\) institute](#).

ICANN Updates

During the month of February ICANN [signed a Memorandum of Understanding](#) with GSMA at GSMA Mobile World Congress to enhance collaboration and raise awareness about Internet governance issues that are of common interest to both organizations and their communities; the ICANN Board passed a resolution of [not delegating the .mail, .home and .corp strings](#) and another [resolution](#) whereby ICANN CEO will facilitate negotiations on .amazon.

The [First Capacity Development Workshop for Asia GAC Members](#) was also held during the APRICOT2018 where the GAC representatives of countries for South Asia and East Asia participated. India was represented by Mr. Sanjay Rakesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India.

Besides ICANN published the [assessment report](#) of the second review of the ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) conducted by Interisle Consulting Group and the FY18 Q2 Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 December 2017 and organized a question and answer call on 22 February; released the [New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group newsletter](#); [called for Experts](#) to Study the Application of Root Zone Label Generation Rules; contracted [Analysis Group](#) to conduct an independent review of the [Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review](#); hosted a webinar on the [Replenishment Strategy for the ICANN Reserve Fund](#) and a [Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open House](#); sought comments on a [draft procedure](#) for

ICANN to consider changes to Specification 12 of Community Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) Registry Agreements by 2 April, 2018.



Pic: GAC Workshop@APRICOT 2018

The [Nominations are open](#) for ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award till 19 Mar,2018.

APAC News:

The ICANN APAC hub organized a web conference to discuss on the [Introduction to Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace Whois Policy Development Process \(PDP\)](#) and ICANN staff and community members participated in APRICOT2018

Few Session Updates @ICANN61

- [ICANN61 Meeting](#) is being held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 10-15 March, 2018.
- The ICANN Board will hold [Two Public Sessions](#) at ICANN61. The first one related to Board Technical Committee and another on Revised IDN Implementation Guidelines focused on Second Level Domains.
- A [session](#) on the Assessment Report of the second review of the ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) is being organized at ICANN61 where community members can share their feedback.
- APAC Space@ICANN61 will be held on 14 March, 2018, 12:30 local time.

Internet Society Updates

This month, Internet Society added two new Chapters – Botswana and Republic of Guinea; the ISOC New York Chapter won an honourable mention in the Mozilla and the National Science Foundation ‘Wireless Challenges’ under [category 2](#) for their Beyond the Net project ‘[NYC Mesh Community Network](#)’; published the report on [the Future Thinking edition](#) with interviews on the future of cyber threats; organized a webinar on the GDPR: Novelties, Challenges and Opportunities; invited comments on the draft for the [Internet Society submission](#) to the International Telecommunications Union Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (ITU-T) Study Group 17 Security Questionnaire on Countering Spam; [invited](#) applications for the online course

"Shaping the Internet - History & Futures" by 28 February, 2018 and organised a call with regards to the recently launched [Collaborative Governance Project](#). Additionally, the Internet Society Chapterthon - [Digital Schools](#) was declared among the 90 [WSIS Champions for 2018](#).

APAC News:

The APAC Regional Bureau participated in APRICOT2018 and organized the ISOC@APRICOT2018 for ISOC members present in Kathmandu; to discuss policy related issues and other topics of interest with the members. It was an interactive session, where, Bikram Shrestha, Nepal Chapter gave a brief presentation on their Chapters activities; Aftab Siddiqui shared an overview of the ISOC MANRS Campaign, while Naveed Haq and Rajnesh Singh gave an update on the objectives and activities of ISOC APAC Bureau. The event was attended by representatives of more than nine ISOC chapters...

The ISOC APAC Bureau also had an exclusive meeting with the ISOC Nepal Chapter and discussed the various projects undertaken by the Chapter and plans for the the year.

Chapter Updates:

The Internet Society India **Delhi Chapter** organised an online meeting on 12 February, 2018, which was attended by **36 participants**, belonging to various Chapters of South Asia, including Chapter Leaders and ISOC APAC Bureau staff. The recording can be viewed [here](#).

Subhashish Panigrahi, ISOC APAC Bureau shared on the [Action Plan 2018](#); Dr Govind, Delhi Chapter, shared the feedback on the recently conducted Chapter survey and areas of focus in 2018; a pre-recorded interview with Pablo Hinojosa and Srinivas Chendi from APNIC on APRICOT 2018 and APNIC 45 meeting and ways for the community to engage, was played; chapter member Col. Interject Barara gave a presentation on "Block Chain-The foundation Technology of Future".

Next Chapter leaders including Anupam Agrawal, Kolkata Chapter, spoke on the L&J server, which the Chapter is managing; Bikram Shrestha, Nepal Chapter highlighted the recent initiatives undertaken by their Chapter; Maheeshwara Kirindigoda, Sri Lanka Chapter highlighted the study being conducted on Internet Addiction; Prateek Pathak Mumbai Chapter outlined the various capacity building and outreach programs of the chapter; Srinivasan R highlighted the activities of the Trivandrum Chapter while Satish Babu gave an overview of the various schools of Internet governance; Waqas Hassan, Islamabad Chapter shared the events conducted by the chapter and plans for the future and Jahangir Hossain shared about the technical and outreach activities of the Bangladesh Chapter.

The session was moderated by Amrita Choudhury.

Upcoming Events:

Internet Society Islamabad Chapter is organizing a webinar on **Digital Empowerment of Women in South Asia**, at 0900 UTC, on 15 March, 2018. Use this [link](#) to attend the webinar.

APNIC Highlights

The [APRICOT 2018 Conference](#) and APNIC 45 meeting was held in Kathmandu, Nepal, between 19-28 Feb, 2017, which was [attended by](#) over 750 participants from Asia Pacific region. Apart from technical workshops and sessions, a [Hackathon](#) was organized for the first time, five teams comprising participants of participants from eight economies of Asia participated.



Pic: Participants of APNIC Hackathon

From the Policy perspective there was a session on the [ASO review consultation](#); the [Cooperation SIG session](#) discussed the "Whois Accuracy : Present Status and its Challenges"; at the Policy SIG [sessions](#) the [proposals under discussion](#) were: prop-123 to modify 103/8 IPv4 transfer policy; prop-120 on Final /8 pool exhaustion plan; prop-119 contemporary transfers and prop-119on Temporary transfers. During the meeting, APNIC also held their AGM and the [EC elections](#), where new EC members were elected.

Besides early in February APNIC, organized a Facebook webinar on the [ASO Review process](#) and its implications for the community and invited interested community members to join the [WG mailing list](#); a [Facebook webinar on the Policies](#) to be discussed during APRICOT 2018; released the [2017 APNIC Annual Report](#); participated in two-and-a-half-day Internet Exchange Point (IXP) workshop in Port Vila, Vanuatu; comments were invited by the IANA Numbering Services Review Committee report by 11 March 2017 on the [IANA Performance Matrix Summary Report](#) (for the period of March - December 2017); [ISIF Asia was selected](#) as one of the 90 WSIS Champions for 2018 in the category International Cooperation category

There is a call for grants proposals and award nominations for the ISIF Asia Grants and Awards program 2017 by 30 April, 2018.

Upcoming events:

- A [three-day Software Defined Network workshop](#) would be conducted by APNIC and HKNOG from 5-7 Mar, 2018 in Hong Kong.
- A three day workshop in IPv6 will be held at New Caledonia from 9 to 11 April 2018, [Registration is now open](#) for it.

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI announced that as per the [Telecom Subscription Data as of Dec, 2017](#) India has 1167.4 million active mobile connections. In February, TRAI also released inputs on [National telecom Policy \(NTP\) 2018](#); the [Telecommunication Tariff \(63rd Amendment\) Order, 2018](#) ; a white paper on [Measurement of Wireless Data Speeds](#) ; recommendations on [Ease of Doing Business in Broadcasting Sector](#);

TRAI also released their consultation Paper on '[Method of allocation of spectrum for Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service \(PMRTS\), including auction, as a transparent mechanism](#)' the last day to submit comments is 22 March, 2018; and on [Voice Services to LTE users \(including VoLTE and CS Fallback\)](#) where that last date to submit comments is 16 march 2018 and counter comments is 23 March, 2018

Additionally, TRAI organized Open house discussions (OHD) on the Consultation Paper on '[Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief \(PPDR\) communication networks](#)' and on "[Privacy, Security and Ownership of the Data in the Telecom Sector](#)"; and a Seminar on "[Big Data Analysis and Cyber Security](#)".

Besides, TRAI issued directions to [M/s RCL and M/s RTL, all access service providers and MNP Service Providers](#) regarding extension of the validity period of UPCs and allow porting of their mobile numbers till 20 March, 2018 and to [M/s Aircel Ltd. and M/s Dishnet Wireless Ltd.](#) regarding provision of additional codes for UPC generation.

Upcoming OHD

TRAI would be organizing OHD on the [Consultation Paper on Promoting Local Telecom Equipment Manufacturing](#) on 13 March, 2018, 14:00 hours at the TRAI Conference Hall, New Delhi-110002

Other Highlight: Rajesh Chharia re-elected APNIC EC

In the recently held APNIC [EC election](#) Rajesh Chharia, President ISPAI has been reelected as the APNIC Executive Council member and Secretary for a period of two years. This year the election was for three seats. The other elected members are Kams Yeung and Benyamin Naibaho. The APNIC EC comprises of 7 elected members and 1 ex officio member and the current EC members come from 8 economies of APAC region.



Pic: Rajesh Chharia

Other Updates

Reports:

- The Final output of the 2017 Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity is now [available](#).
- The [report on 'The malicious use of artificial intelligence: forecasting, prevention, and mitigation](#) are now available.
- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), in partnership with McAfee, has released a global report [Economic Impact of Cybercrime – No Slowing Down](#), focusing on the significant impact that cybercrime has on economies worldwide.
- Kaspersky Lab has published the [2017 spam and phishing report](#) reporting the share of spam in mail traffic decreased by 1.68% to 56.63%, against 2016. However, the anti-phishing systems have identified

nearly 58% increase of phishing attempts. The report informs about a significant increase of scam pages migrating to HTTPS making it harder for users to reveal fraud.

- Amnesty International released the [2017/2018 Human Rights Report](#).

Events:

- [GSMA Mobile World Conference 2018](#) was held in Barcelona between 26 Feb -1 Mar, 2018
- [26th Convergence India 2018](#) expo, was held from 07-09 Mar, 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events

- [ICANN 61 meeting](#) is taking place on 10–15 Mar, 2018, in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- [IETF 101](#) will be held in London from 17-23 Mar, 2018.
- [Huddle 2018](#) is being organized between 6 - 7 April, 2018 at The Leela Kovalam, Trivandrum, India
- UNCTAD will host the [eCommerce Week](#) on 16–20 Apr, 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- [WSIS Forum](#) will be held on 19–23 Mar, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland on the theme ‘Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’.

Opportunities

- APrIGF is organizing a webinar "Call for Workshop & Community Collaboration Discussions" on 14 March, 2018 at 4:00 - 5:00 UTC (Time zone converter: <http://igf.asia/2FrYPWQ>). To join the webinar use this [link](#).
- Applications to [EuroSSIG are now open](#) till 31 Mar, 2018
- Proposals are now invited by the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) by 2 April, 2018 . View the [RFP Guidelines](#) and proposals can be submitted to msg@aprigf.asia.
- There is an invitation to become a Resource Person for APrIGF 2018 using this [link](#).
- Application is [invited](#) for the Open Internet Leaders Program till 5 April, 2018.
- RIPE 76 –is [inviting applications](#) for the RIPE Fellowship at in Marseille from 14-18 May 2018.
- There is a call for Applications: from the Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. For more details visit this [link](#). Last date to submit application is 16 April, 2018.

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