



Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

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World Development Report 2016: Digital Dividends

The World Bank Group has released their annual “World Development Report 2016: Digital dividends.

This study reviewed cases of 23 ICT-enabled voice platforms from Global south, which includes 3 platforms from India, where evidence of institutional response was available.

The report concludes that digital development strategies need to be broader than ICT strategies. Connectivity for all remains an important goal and a tremendous challenge. But countries also need to create favorable conditions for technology to be effective. When the analog complements are absent, the development impact will be disappointing. But when countries build a strong analog foundation, they will reap ample digital dividends—in faster growth, more jobs, and better services. The detailed report can be viewed [here](#).

TRAI Open House on Differential Pricing of Data Services

TRAI had organized an Open House on Differential Pricing of Data services on 21st January, 2016.

On 9th of December, 2015, TRAI released their consultation paper on Differential Pricing of data services, seeking community inputs on four questions – whether differential pricing should be allowed; if allowed what measures should be adopted to ensure that the principles of non discrimination, transparency, affordable internet access, competition and market entry and innovation are addressed; what are the alternatives available; any other issue to be considered. The last date for submitting comments was extended to 7th January 2016 and counter comments to 14th January, 2016. The consultation paper can be viewed [here](#).

The key officials present on the occasion included the Chairman, Mr. R.S.Sharma, the Secretary, Mr. Sudhir Gupta, Member, Dr. Vijaylakshmi Gupta, Member Mr. Anil Kaushal, Principal Advisor Mr. S. K. Mishra and senior officials from F& EA Division.

The event was moderated by Mr. S.K. Mishra, who asked stakeholders, who had submitted comments on the consultation paper to articulate additional points, related to the questions, which they had not shared. Only one representative of a stakeholder community was allowed to speak. Initial comments were made TSPs, followed by Organizations, Representatives of Communities, Civil Societies, Associations and finally Individuals. The OHD was attended by almost all TSPs, Associations, Civil society members, Activists and Journalists. Amongst industry bodies Nasscom was absent.

Views both for and against differential plans were shared during the open house.

CCAIOI, during their intervention shared that as an association representing the views of public internet access points, their users and potential new users coming to them, support differential pricing for data usage of different services. Despite all efforts and initiatives of the government, the internet penetration today is dismal and the association believes that the chief priority of the regulator should be to address the access issue and achieve the digital India dream. As an association who has always advocated free, CCAIOI firmly believes Free

internet would help in the adoption of the internet in the country and therefore free internet should be promoted rather than stopped.

Further, we as a small subset of the 16% of internet users in India do not have the right to decide the faith of 74% unconnected Indians from availing the benefits of internet. Moreover, the concern raised by people of the walled garden is completely unfounded. Firstly, there is no empirical evidence to prove that any harm has occurred. Secondly, are we to assume that Indian consumers are so gullible that they will not raise their concerns even with the authorities as they do in telecom? Or will not Trai not keep a check?

CCAOI further added that if we want to achieve our dream of connecting each Indian and realize our digital India dream, rather than stopping existing free services which can connect consumers, they should be **encouraged. Additionally, more and more such services should be encouraged**, so that more people can be connected. Else our dream will just remain a dream

To address concerns related to Zero rated packs, and lack of supporting data, CCAOI suggested that for a more nuanced understanding, TRAI should conduct a more detailed study on the Zero rated services not only from a global perspective but also Indian context. This will help the authority get a better understanding of the myths being raised of walled garden and consumers being gullible.

Trai is expected to come up with their regulation by the 1st week of February.

IANA Transition & ICANN Accountability

The **Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN’s Accountability** (CCWG-Accountability) is currently to prepare a consensus proposal based on the public comments, the feedbacks provided by the six Chartering Organizations and also the ICANN Board on the CCWG third draft proposal on work stream 1.

This proposal suggests creating an Empowered Community who is granted the status of a Designator (a recognized role in law), that is based on a simple legal vehicle and will act on the instructions of ICANN stakeholder groups to exercise the Community Powers. For further details on the third draft proposal, refer to our [previous report](#).

In their comments, the ICANN Board has raised their concerns, especially related to the right of the Sole Designator to inspect corporate records, the Mission Statement and limitations on ICANN powers contained therein and the language used for human rights.

The table below shared the present status of each Work Stream 1 recommendations:

Recommendation No.	What it deals with	Main Discussion Points	Status
Recommendation 1	Establishing an Empowered Community for Enforcing Community Powers	Inspection rights of Empowered community and the role of GAC	Finalized.
Recommendation 2	Empowering the Community Through Consensus: Engagement, Escalation, Enforcement	Timelines and steps in the Escalation process; Measurement of mediation	Final comments by CCWG-Accountability by 5 th Feb.
Recommendation 3	Redefining ICANN’s Bylaws as ‘Standard Bylaws’ and ‘Fundamental Bylaws	What should be Fundamental Bylaw; escalation and enforcement process as a Fundamental Bylaw	Finalized.

Recommendation 4	Recommendation #4: Ensuring Community Engagement in ICANN Decision-making: Seven New Community Powers	Board removal process; waiver and indemnification.	Edits to reflect input on PTI budget (CWG-Stewardship) and indemnification language for removal of Directors by the Empowered Community.
Recommendation 5	Changing Aspects of ICANN's Mission, Commitments and Core Values	Language of the draft especially core values, scope of ICANN's agreements, etc.	Still under discussion by the CCWG-Accountability.
Recommendation 6	Reaffirming ICANN's Commitment to Respect Internationally Recognized Human Rights as it Carries Out its Mission	Language used in human rights and its implication	Final comments by CCWG-Accountability by 5 th Feb.
Recommendation 7	Strengthening ICANN's Independent Review Process	Scope of IRP; Implementation oversight	Edits to reflect input on applicability to PTI.
Recommendation 8	Improving ICANN's Request for Reconsideration Process	Ombudsman process; transparency of the process.	Final comments by CCWG-Accountability by 5 th Feb.
Recommendation 9	Incorporating the Affirmation of Commitments in ICANN's Bylaws	Definition of diversity; application of consensus; composition and number of seats of chartering organizations	Still under discussion by the CCWG-Accountability.
Recommendation 10	Enhancing the Accountability of Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees	Independent review process, review of GAC; points to deliberate in work stream-II	Final draft to be reviewed by lawyers before final comments by CCWG-Accountability by 5 th Feb.
Recommendation 11	Board Obligations with regards to Governmental Advisory Committee Advice (Stress Test 18)	Treatment of GAC Advice, for example rejection criteria	Still under discussion by the CCWG-Accountability.
Recommendation 12	Committing to Further Accountability Work in Work Stream 2	Accountability topics where timelines extend beyond Transition such as ICANN diversity, Accountability ASO/OC, Improving transparency, Ombudsman and function, Framework for human rights etc.	Finalized.

Post reaching rough consensus, the CCWG-Accountability will develop a “supplemental” report of the Work Stream 1 Recommendations. The team plans to distribute the supplemental report to the Chartering Organizations at ICANN55 in Marrakech.

(Source: <https://community.icann.org/display/acctcrosscomm/Final+Report>)

The **IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG)** on the other hand, has finalized the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal, with one exception, the names proposal, which is dependent on the ICANN Accountability, whose proposal, is being drafted by the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG) is yet to be finalized.

The ICG plans to send the finalized proposal to NTIA, via the ICANN Board, after getting a confirmation from the Cross Community Working Group on IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions (CWG), that its accountability requirements have been met. For more details refer our [earlier article](#).

DSCI Data Privacy Day 2016

For the sixth year, on the occasion of Data Privacy Day(DPD), DSCI organized various initiatives including spreading awareness on the significance of privacy. There were Meetings with the chapter communities in major cities - Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Pune, and Hyderabad where over 200 professionals participated.

The organization also conducted privacy quiz and Privacy slogan contest for the infosec community. Nearly 100 privacy practitioners participated in the quiz and 10 shortlisted privacy slogans were posted on DSCI twitter channel. Apart from this, DSCI also disseminated a message centered on privacy encouraging organizations to adopt Wallpaper theme created by DSCI, which was adopted by over 150 organizations that included government.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- 18th Asian Security Conference: 2016, being organised by the Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA). The theme for this year's conference is "Securing Cyberspace: Asian and International Perspectives". The conference will be held from 9-11 February 2016 at IDSA.
- The Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) which would be held from 15th February - 26th March 2016, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Nominations for three positions on the APNIC Executive Council are now open. Nominations are due by 8 February 2016. For more information on the role of the EC and election information, please visit: <https://2016.apricot.net/elections>
- The Secretariat of APriIGF, is inviting submission of workshop proposals for APriIGF 2016. Last date for submission is 16th Feb 2016. Submissions can be made from following link: <http://2016.aprigf.asia/program/>
- The NextGen@ICANN and Fellowship Programs to participate in ICANN56 in Panama City, in June 2016 is open till 19th February 2016. For more details visit [Fellowship program](#) and [NextGen@ICANN program](#)

- Fellowship Application to APriGF 2016 is open, till 29th Feb 2016. Application details can be found in here: <http://2016.aprigf.asia/fellowship/>.
- Stakeholders are invited to make official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat for the Open Consultation Process on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format. Submissions can be made till 8th February, 2016. Please visit: <http://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/OCP/Submissions>

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