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CCAOI Newsletter

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### January 2017 At a Glance

The month of January was marked by tension globally owing to the new US travel restrictions along with concerns of jobs and employments. There was internet shutdown in some parts of Cameroon. The first capacity building program for African GAC members held this month also indicates the growing importance of GAC. The second WGEC meeting was also held this month where some of the recommendations of the Indian Government were, the need for empowerment of GAC, encouraging unrepresented communities to participate, more role of all stakeholders to participate in discussions and building capacity of developing nations.

This month also witnessed the call for nominations for various leadership positions at ICANN and APNIC. Further, various global, regional and national capacity building opportunities which include NextGen 59, APSIG 2017 fellowship, AfIGF were announced.

For India, the month was marked by the Telecom Regulator, TRAI releasing their consultation papers on Net Neutrality. This month too the Government was focussed on encouraging Digital transactions and also to make Aadhar mandatory to avail various services. There have been concerns raised by some on Aadhar. There were discussions on M2M, promoting the usage of Indian languages online and capacity building efforts on World Privacy Day.

### Update on WGEC Second Meeting

The Working Group on Enhanced Co-operation of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, met between 26-27 January, 2017 at Geneva.

The guiding questions for the discussions of this meeting were related to what are the high-level characteristics of enhanced cooperation and what kind of recommendations should be considered taking into consideration the work of the previous WGEC and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, particularly paragraphs 69-71.

While there were few different positions on what should be the mechanism for enhanced cooperation, most representatives felt that cooperation between different stakeholders is important. While there was an agreement that all stakeholders need to be involved in public policy processes, however, there were differences in views on the extent of involvement. Most representatives felt that the process for enhanced cooperation needs to be transparent and inclusive. To encourage more participation from developing countries and unrepresented groups, there were debates on whether to rely on existing or form new processes. Further, there was also a debate on whether there is need to move beyond the Tunis Agenda or not. Jurisdiction issues of ICANN were also discussed.

### Government of India (GOI)'s recommendations:

With regard to the relevant international Public policy issues, GOI recommended including, infrastructure and management of critical Internet resources, use of Internet including spam, network security and cybercrime, issues related to developmental aspects of Internet Governance, in particular capacity building in developing

countries and issues relating to interconnection costs, meaningful participation in global policy development, data access and jurisdiction, trade and e-commerce, cloud computing, big data mining and analytics, artificial intelligence and next-generation networks, within the ambit of public policy issues pertaining to the internet. Further recommendations included encouraging participation of stakeholders and initiating capacity building programs such as providing fellowships, remote participations, developing national capacity especially in developing countries via setting up of Centres of Excellence, R&D Centres, formal courses on IG and creation of online knowledge Repository Portal on Internet Governance.

Further, the creation of a centralized body under the aegis of UN was suggested which would essentially act as a bridge between the various national and international fora where enhanced cooperation efforts are being made, and coordinate the same for ease of discussion.

While the official communication from CSTD has still not been released, the individual recommendations can be viewed from this following [link](#).

## ICANN Updates

### **PTI Board Adopts FY18 Budget and Publishes Report of Public Comments**

The PTI Board has adopted its FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, following a seven-week Public Comment period on the draft. The PTI budget will be considered by the ICANN Board during ICANN58 meeting.

The report includes highlights of all PTI operations, an overview of the PTI Implementation Costs, PTI's FY18 budget and detailed FY18 operating plan. The budget plan can be viewed from the following [link](#)

### **IANA Functions Customer Survey Results Available**

The results of the IANA Functions survey results for the period between September 2015 to August 2016 has been published. This survey measures the satisfaction in relation to documentation quality, process quality, transparency, timeliness, accuracy, reporting and courtesy. In the 2016 survey, 99 percent of respondents reported being satisfied with the accuracy of their transactions. Customers also identified accuracy as the most important measure of performance for the fourth consecutive year. Notably, 94 percent of customers reported satisfaction in regard to transparency this year, however, there was a drop in satisfaction regarding process quality this year to 89 percent. The report can be viewed from this [link](#)

### **Three Indians inducted in RSSAC Caucus**

Three Indians, Anupam Agarwal, Anand Raje and Shailesh Gupta have been inducted into the DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Caucus. The RSSAC comprises of experts who work to produce RSSAC documents such as reports and advisories.

### **Call for Public comments or Participation:**

- There is a call for volunteers to join Cross-Community Working Group tasked to develop a proposal(s) for the mechanism that should be developed in order to allocate the New gTLD Auction Proceeds. To join the CCWG as an individual participant or mailing list observer, please fill in the sign up form using this [link](#) or send the Word document <https://community.icann.org/x/FpjDAw> filled in to the GNSO Secretariat. Following that you will receive further instructions on how to complete your Statement of Interest and Declaration of Intention. For more details refer this [link](#)

- The **proposed changes in the Charter of GNSO Business Constituency**, which have been approved by the Business Community members is now open for public comments till 15 February, 2017. The next step would be review and approval of the board. is now open for public comments. For more details visit this [link](#)
- GNSO is seeking comments from the community on the **Initial Report from the GNSO's Policy Development Process Working Group that is evaluating international governmental organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGO's)** access to curative rights protection mechanisms.

It may be mentioned that in 2014 the GNSO Council approved to initiate a Policy Development Process (PDP) for considering the specific needs and circumstances of IGOs and INGOs with respect to the existing curative rights protection mechanisms for new generic top level domains (gTLDs) and if there is a need for amendments or whether a separate narrowly-tailored dispute resolution procedure modeled on the existing curative rights protection mechanisms should be developed. A working group which was set up to work on the same, analyzed the questions outlined in their Charter, reviewed historical documentation related to the specific topic, sought community inputs, as well as input of an international legal expert to provide guidance on relevant legal instruments and applicable international law and formulated their initial report, which is now open for public comment. Post the public comment period, the working group would review the public comments received as part of its preparation of its Final Report for delivery to and vote by the GNSO Council. For more information visit this [link](#). View the initial draft from this [link](#).

### **NextGen Application Round for ICANN 59 Now Open**

The application round for the ICANN 59 meeting to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26–29 June 2017 is now open. Residents of Africa, between the ages of 18 and 30, and are interested in Internet governance are eligible to apply. Last date for application is 24 February 2017. For more details visit this [link](#)

### **Call for Nomination for the ICANN Leadership Positions**

The ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) is inviting nominations or recommendations of candidates from key leadership positions in ICANN . The current vacancies include,

- Two members of the ICANN Board of Directors
- Three representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) – one each from Africa, Asia/Australia/Pacific Islands and Latin America/Caribbean regions
- Two members of the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
- One member of the Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

Last date to send nomination is 21 March 2017. For more details visit this [link](#).

### **Events**

#### **APAC Webinar:**

The APRALO-APAC Hub organized a webinar on “Updates and take away from IGF 2016 and what it means for you in APAC” on 20 January, 2017.

During the meeting the APRALO Chair Satish Babu shared the APRALO plans for 2017. Adam Peake shared an overview of IGF 2016 followed by Satish sharing about the workshop on Asia and the Next Billion: Challenges in Digital Inclusion - Satish Babu. Maureen Hilyard shared the updates of the workshop on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Roundtable and Commonwealth IGF, while Ang Peng Hwa, Yannis Li shared their takeaways from the event.

At the end there was an open discussion where CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury asked whether ICANN/APRALO is looking to encourage and boost participation both of people at the event and workshops at IGF 2017. It could be in the form of mentoring community members while drafting workshops or even providing fellowship to attend IGF

### **First Capacity Building Workshop for African GAC members**

ICANN along with the Communication Authority and the Government of Kenya, held the First Capacity Building Workshop for African GAC Members in Nairobi, Kenya between 23-24 January 2017. The theme of the workshop was “Harnessing the Potential of the Africa GAC Members for better Participation in ICANN”. The discussions ranged from understanding the ICANN Ecosystem, the policy development process, overview of ICANN Africa Strategy, new gTLDs and the Role of GAC and understanding ccTLD Re-delegation. For more details on the agenda, visit this [link](#).

### **Upcoming Webinars**

- A Webinar on the GNSO’s Policy Development Process On Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms for International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations, will be held on 7 February 2017 at 14:00 UTC. To sign up for the event use this [link](#) or email to [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org)
- The ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Report (FY17 Q2) will be shared on 15 February at 15:00 UTC. The call will focus on how ICANN has implemented community policy for the quarter ending December 2016. To register use this [link](#) or write to [icann.communications@icann.org](mailto:icann.communications@icann.org)
- The APAC Space web conference will be held on 16 February 2017 at 03:00 to discuss on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP). To participate, write to [joyce.chen@icann.org](mailto:joyce.chen@icann.org)

## **Internet Society Update**

### **Internet Society CEO speaks against the US Travel Ban**

Kathy Brown, CEO of Internet Society has issued a statement against the US Travel ban, stating that this ban will place “an unwarranted burden on people in our organization, it is an anathema to the Internet Society, whose values rest firmly on a commitment to an open, globally connected community dedicated to the open, global Internet. We are encouraged by the countries who have rejected the U.S. action this weekend and by the human rights organizations that have stood in solidarity with countless refugees and travelers who were so abruptly halted in entering the U.S.”

### **Beyond the Net Medium and Large Grants now seeking applications**

Applications from Chapters or Chapter Members for Beyond the Net Medium and Large grants of Internet Society.

Projects which promote an open Internet, help implement best practices for the use of open standards or increased security and contribute to a local, regional or global discussion of policy issues that affect the open

Internet would be considered. Applications to be submitted by 23 March 2017. Additional details about the program can be viewed from this [link](#).

## IGF 2016 Output Documents Released

The IGF secretariat has published the output resource documents of its intersessional activities conducted in 2016, which includes

- BPF Gender: [Outcome resource 2016](#) (access and gender) & [recommendations roadmap](#) (online abuse and gender-based violence);
- BPF on [Internet exchange points \(IXPs\)](#);
- [BPF on commercial and economic incentives to deploy IPv6](#);
- [BPF Cybersecurity](#) ('Building Confidence and Security in the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) through Enhanced Cooperation and Collaboration'); and
- [Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion\(s\)](#) (Phase II).

It may be mentioned that these resources have been created from bottom-up, inclusive, and community-driven activities of the IGF that took place over the course of 2016 and are living documents. During the first Open Consultations and IGF MAG meeting in March 2017, stakeholders are expected to discuss potential themes for the next cohort of intersessional activities, including what will happen with the 2016 BPFs and their outputs.

## TRAI Updates

### Consultation paper

- **Net Neutrality (NN)**

TRAI is seeking comments of stakeholders on their consultation paper on Net Neutrality (NN). Apart from sharing a background including the sequence leading to this consultation paper, the regulator shares a framework for analysis, information on Traffic Management, including need of managing the traffic, the different approaches, exceptions have been discussed in details. Also, information is shared on what should be the core Principle of NN, approaches adopted by different nations, what should constitute transparency obligations, various forms of disclosure, options etc. along with the various policy or regulatory approaches which India may want to review.

Some of the issues under consultation in the Indian context, include principles for ensuring non discriminatory access to content on the Internet, understanding Internet Traffic and providers of Internet service in NN context, should specialised services, enterprise solutions, Internet of Things, etc be excluded, treatment of content delivery networks and direct interconnection arrangements, type of approach (broad or narrow) to be adopted towards TMP, exceptions if any, definition, tests thresholds and technical tools to be adopted to detect blocking, throttling, preferential treatment; type of transparency model to be adopted, effective legal/policy instrument for monitoring, detecting and implementing a NN framework in India along with challenges in monitoring for violations, option of a multistakeholder group managing the operational aspects of NN framework, mechanism to ensure the NN policy/regulatory framework may be updated on account of evolution of technology and use cases and How to ensure quality of Internet experienced in the NN context

It may be mentioned that over the last two years, both DoT and TRAI has undertaken various activities in this subject. The DoT Committee on NN, created in Jan, 2015 came up with their report in May 2015. TRAI on its part released a consultation on regulatory framework for over-the-top (OTT) services in March 2015. This was followed by a consultation on differential pricing for data services in December 2015 and the regulation on prohibition of discriminatory tariffs for data services was issued in Feb 2016. Further in March 2016, DoT

sought TRAI's recommendations on NN. This led TRAI to release in May 2016 a consultation paper on Free Data and a Pre-consultation on NN. The recommendations on the provisioning of free data was issued in Dec 2016

Last date to send comments is 15 February, 2017 and counter-comments by 28 February, 2017. The consultation paper is available from this [link](#)

- **Approach towards Sustainable Telecommunications**

TRAI has released a consultation paper on Approach towards Sustainable Telecommunications. Some of the issues raised in the paper include methodology for calculation of Carbon footprint, issues related to energy efficiency in Telecom networks, renewable Energy targets for Telecom networks, etc.

The last date to submit comments is 13 February 2017 and counter comments is 27th February, 2017. The consultation paper can be viewed from the following [link](#)

### **Extension of Consultation Paper**

- TRAI has issued an [extension](#) in the date to submit comments on the Consultation Paper on Closure of Access Service released to 6 February, 2017 and counter comments to 13 February, 2017. The consultation paper can be viewed from this [link](#).

### **Open House Discussion (OHD)**

- TRAI organized an OHD on the Consultation paper on Internet Telephony (VoIP) in New Delhi on 12 Jan, 2017. T12th Jan 2017. The event was webcast live.

## **APNIC News**

### **Nominations Open for the APNIC Executive Council**

Nominations are now open for four positions on the APNIC Executive Council (EC) election at APNIC 43 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, 2 March 2017. The APNIC EC represents the APNIC membership. Nominations must be made by 14 February 2017, using the online nomination form available from this [link](#). Further election information can be viewed from this [link](#).

### **Nominations open for APNIC Policy SIG and APNIC Cooperation SIG**

The APNIC Secretariat is now seeking nominations for the Chair and Co-Chair of the APNIC Policy SIG and APNIC Cooperation SIG by 22 February 2017. The responsibilities for all the positions can be viewed from this [link](#).

Nominations will be accepted using this [link](#) for Policy SIG and [this](#) link for Cooperation SIG

### **APNIC eLearning Tutorials**

Each Wednesday, APNIC conducts learning tutorials. The list of tutorials for the month of February can be viewed from this [link](#)

## **Other Highlights**

### **Events**

- FICCI had organized a meeting to discuss on M2M on 17 January 2017. Speaking on the occasion Mr.

DDG DoT laid out the background and significance of the subject as it is expected that all regulatory and consultation proceedings will be completed within the next few months and the DoT will notify policy / guidelines, which is expected to lead to the proliferation of M2M in India. Comments were taken from the audience by EY (knowledge partner) who is preparing a special report on M2M / IOT in India in collaboration with FICCI.

- An open house session #NAMAindic on the Future of Indic Languages, Gulmohar was held in Delhi on 18 January, 2017 by Medianama. The discussion was centered on Advertising in Indic languages, Ecommerce in Indic languages and the Indic language content & technology issues.
- Data Security Council of India on the occasion of World Privacy Day had initiated various activities including quiz contests, twitter campaigns to promote awareness of data security and privacy.

## Reports

- Digital rights Foundation Pakistan, released their two study report. The first report is on the Telecoms Privacy & Data Protection Policies in Pakistan. This report looks at the extent to which Telecom providers in Pakistan provide privacy and protect their customers and areas of concern. The report can be viewed from following [link](#)

The second report is on Surveillance of Female Journalists in Pakistan. The report examines the experiences of female journalists, the forms of surveillance, its impact on both their personal and professional lives. The report can be viewed from the following [link](#)

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Events

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) will hold a Round Table Discussion on “IETF Capacity Building in India” on 7 February, 2017, 3:00 -5:00 PM at Electronics Niketan, CGO, Complex, Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), New Delhi
- The Exhibitions India Group will organize the first Internet of Things India 2017 expo (IoT India expo) from 8 – 10 February 2017. For more details visit this [link](#).
- The 2<sup>5th</sup> Convergence India 2017 conference will be held between 8-10 February, 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. For more details visit this [link](#).
- APRICOT 2017 will be held at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 27 February to 2 March 2017. More details visit this [link](#).
- 58<sup>th</sup> ICANN meeting from 11-15 March, 2017 at Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2nd Convergence Africa World 2017 " Connecting Africa" Conference will be held in Nairobi, Kenya between 5-7 April, 2017. For more details visit this [link](#).
- Municipalika + CAPEX 2017, 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Exhibition on Smart City Solutions is being organized in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra from 18 - 20 of May 2017. For more details visit this [website](#).
- The International Mobile Technology Expo is from 19 - 20 May 2017, Mumbai, India.
- India to host Global Cyber Security Conference in 2017

## Opportunities

- There is a call for Workshop Proposals for the Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan (IGFA) 2017. Last date of submission is 5 February, 2017. For more details visit this [link](#).
- Application for the Legislative Assistants to Members of Parliament (LAMP) Fellowship 2017-18 is now open. This Fellowship provides an opportunity for young Indians to be mentored by a Member of Parliament for a period of 10-11 months, subject to the Parliamentary calendar. The last date for submission is 12 February, 2017. For more details visit [here](#)
- Application for participation and Fellowship for APSIG 2017, to be held from 22 – 26 July in Bangkok, Thailand is now open. Last date to apply is 28 February, 2017. For more details visit the following link <https://sites.google.com/site/apsigasia/2017-apsig/application>
- UNESCO calls for proposals to develop and finalize an elaborated set of Internet Universality Indicators through a global multi-stakeholder consultation online and offline within a one-year time frame from April 2017 to April 2018. Interested researchers, institutions, research consortiums, entities, and organizations are requested to submit their proposals, according to the General Terms of Reference by email to [internetstudy@unesco.org](mailto:internetstudy@unesco.org). The deadline for submitting is 28 February 2017. For further inquiries, visit, [http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/resources/news-and-in-focus-articles/all-news/news/unesco\\_call\\_for\\_proposals\\_defining\\_internet\\_universality\\_in/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/resources/news-and-in-focus-articles/all-news/news/unesco_call_for_proposals_defining_internet_universality_in/)

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