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CCAOI Newsletter

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January 2018 Highlights

The month of January witnessed concerns over net neutrality, fake news security, and negotiations related to digital commerce. In the US, there were [legal challenges filed](#) against the FCC's Net Neutrality decision; UK announced plans to create a 'National Security Communications Unit' to combat fake news; there were reports of [critical vulnerabilities in the processor chips](#) of Intel, AMD, ARM and Qualcomm; the [European Commission launched the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum](#); the Global [Centre for Cybersecurity](#) was launched at the 48th World Economic Forum meeting in Davos; the [fifth](#) and final meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UN CSTD) ended without any consensus and Diplo Foundation released their [10 predictions for 2018](#)

In India, the Department of Telecom [announced](#) completion of phase 1 of National Optic Fiber Network now called Bharat Net connecting 1.1 lakh villages on 2.55 lakh kilometer high quality fiber that has been laid out; the government announced 100% FDI under automatic route for Single Brand Retail Trading; the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) [extended its investigation](#) of 'price-sensitive information' leak on WhatsApp groups to 40 listed companies; the Telecom Commission (TC) approved relaxing spectrum holding limits to aid mergers and acquisitions and spectrum sale; the legality of the 12-digit biometric identification number continues to be [debated](#) by a five-judge constitution bench at the Supreme Court; the UIDAI introduced [face authentication](#) for Aadhar users as another level of security; and the Committee of Experts who were seeking public comments on white paper on [Data Protection Framework for India](#) conducted public consultations in [New Delhi](#), [Bengaluru](#), [Hyderabad](#) and [Mumbai](#).

ICANN Updates

During the month of January, ICANN published [the IANA Services Customer Satisfaction Survey Report](#); opened an Internet and [DNS Engagement Center in Seoul](#); announced the successful [NextGen@ICANN61](#) candidates; mandated all ICANN generic top-level domain (gTLD) contracted parties to implement the new Consensus Policy concerning [the protection of certain specific names of intergovernmental organizations \(IGO\) and international nongovernmental organizations \(INGO\) identifiers in all gTLDs](#) by 1 Aug, 2018; disclosed that a [Potential Data Exposure in ICANN RFP System was resolved](#); [called for volunteers](#) to serve on the Implementation Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Strategic Plan [LAC Strategic Plan](#); [initiated to identify suppliers](#) to develop and conduct survey(s) to assess the use and effectiveness of Sunrise and Trademark Claims Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) by 9 Mar, 2018; extended the deadlines to submit comments for the [Operating Standards for ICANN's Specific Reviews](#) to 2 Feb, 2018, and the [new sections](#) of the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Team draft report of recommendations to 15 Jan, 2018; organized a [Data Protection/Privacy Update Webinar](#); and the Analysis Group, the independent examiner performing the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review, published its [assessment report](#).

Further, the ICANN Board also announced to hold [three public sessions and a Board Meeting](#) during their upcoming workshop in Los Angeles, California, between 1-5 Feb, 2018; the Nominating Committee (NomCom) [invited expression of interest](#) from candidates for ICANN's key leadership positions by 19 Mar, 2018.

Comments were invited on the [ICANN Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#) till 8 Mar, 2018; the [Proposal for Korean Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) till 17 Mar, 2018; [community review of a plan to roll the root KSK for the Domain Name System \(DNS\)](#) by 2 Apr, 2018 and the [version 3 of the Maximal Starting Repertoire \(MSR-3 HTML, XML\)](#) by 26 Feb, 2018 and [Nominations are open](#) for ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award till 19 Mar, 2018.

APAC News:

The ICANN APAC hub organized a web conference on the [Introduction to Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace Whois Policy Development Process \(PDP\)](#)

Internet Society Updates

This month, Kathy Brown shared [preview of Internet society's 2018 plans](#); comments were invited on the [policy paper IoT Security for Policymakers](#) by 15 Jan, 2018; there was a call for [nominations](#) by the PIR Nominating committee for the Director roles till 1 Feb, 2018; a new Special Interest Group (SIG) called the Internet Society Community Networks SIG (CNSIG) was set up and the leadership team announced; the Cybersecurity SIG organized a webinar on "Improving the Effectiveness of CSIRT"; and nominations are now open for the 2018 ISOC Board of Trustees elections, The candidates for Chapters Election (one seat available) are Walid Al-Saqaf; Matthew Rantanen and Roberto Zambrana; while the candidates for Organizations Election (one seat available) are Tejal Bedi; Róbert Kisteleki and Robert Pepper. Last date for submitting [nominations](#) is 16 Feb, 2018.

APAC News:

- Internet Society Nepal Chapter organized the first Nepal School of Internet Governance ([npSIG 2018](#)) on 19-20 Jan, 2017. The event was co-organised by Forum for Digital Equality (FDE) and supported by Department of Information (DOIT), Nepal Telecommunication Authority, APNIC, ISOC, APASA, ISPAN, CAN Federation, SICT, ITS, nPIX, NPNOG, Tribhuvan University of Engineering; and CIT, Nepal. The two day event was attended by over 45 participants belonging to different stakeholder communities in person and several remote participants.

The various topics discussed include, IG Principles and Perspectives; Concept and Development of IG, Internet Ecosystem, Internet Core Values and Principles, Privacy, data protection and Cybersecurity; Inclusive internet, IG Ecosystem in Nepal; IoT, Blockchain, Crypto currency and Digital Economy. Besides there were role plays which included role play on the numbering system by APNIC and lighting talks. Ccaci Director Amrita Choudhury, participated in the school and conducted a workshop on participating in IG platforms, which also had remote participation.

At the end of the session, ISOC Nepal and npIX awarded two participants fellowship to attend the upcoming APRICOT 2018/ APNIC 45 in Kathmandu.



Picture from npSIG 2018

- Internet Society Bangladesh Dhaka Chapter became a registered trustee organization in Bangladesh .
- Internet Society Delhi Chapter submitted their comments on the Data Protection Framework for India.

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in various events including the Nepal School of Internet Governance (npSIG) where Srinivas Chendi explained the Numbering Process through a Role Play and also highlighted the importance of community participation and initiatives of APNIC to encourage participation. The Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC) has elected Aftab Siddiqui, the APNIC community representative, as the Chair of the ASO AC / Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC) for 2018 for a period of one year.

There was an announcement that nominations are being accepted for the [APNIC EC](#) till 12 Feb, 2018; [Policy SIG Co-Chair](#) and [Cooperation SIG Co-Chair](#) till 23 Feb, 2018.

Volunteers are being invited to participate in ASO Review Working Group (WG). Interested Volunteers for the WG can email their interest to secretariat@apnic.net by 14th February 2018 and join the [WG mailing list](#).

The [APNIC Academy](#) now offers courses on Internet Resource Management and Introduction to Cyber Security and the APNIC elearning courses can be viewed from this [link](#).

Upcoming events:

- APNIC would be organizing a [Facebook Webinar](#) to explain more about the ASO Review process and its implications for the community on 7 Feb. 2018 1400 Brisbane time (UTC+10)
- The [APRICOT 2018 Conference](#) and APNIC 45 meeting will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, between 19-28 Feb, 2017. Registration to the conference and workshop is now open.
- A two-and-a-half-day Internet Exchange Point (IXP) workshop will be held from 6 to 8 Feb, 2018, in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

- Registration are now open for the [three-day Software Defined Network workshop](#) conducted by APNIC and HKNOG from 5- 7 Mar, 2018 in Hong Kong.

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI announced that as per the Telecom Subscription Data of Nov, 2018 India has 1,006.3 million active mobile connections. In January, TRAI also released "The [Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability Per Port Transaction Charge and Dipping Charge \(Amendment\) Regulations, 2018](#)"; the Recommendations on '[In-Flight Connectivity](#)'.

TRAI also released their consultation Paper on [Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy - 2018](#). CCAOI made their submission on the paper. Based on the inputs received TRAI, [released the Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy - 2018](#) .

Further, the date to submit comments and counter comments on the consultation paper on [making ICT Accessible for Persons with Disability](#), was [extended](#) to to 12 Feb, 2018 and 26 Feb, 2018

Additionally, TRAI organized Open house discussions (OHD) on the Consultation Paper on “Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy – 2018” in [New Delhi](#) and [Bengaluru](#); and on "[Privacy, Security and Ownership of the Data in the Telecom Sector](#)".

Other Updates

Reports:

- ITU launched the report on [Achieving universal and affordable Internet in the least developed countries](#), which highlights some encouraging progress being made by LDCs, such as the launch of third generation (3G) mobile telephony and data services in all 47 countries and coverage of over 60 per cent of the population by a 3G network. The concerns include issues related to limited capacity in information and communication technology skills, and socio-economic issues such as education levels and gender equality.
- The [UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development](#) launched the report on [2025 Targets: connecting the other half](#) at the World Economic Forum, in Davos.
- [The 2017 Norton Cyber Security Insights Report](#) reveals that over 20,000 consumers in 20 countries found that 978 million people were affected by cybercrime in 2017 and have lost \$172 billion.
- The [World Report on Internationalised Domain Names 2018](#) reveals that the Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) now comprise 3% of the world's domains.

Events:

- The [ITU CWG-Internet – 6th Physical Open Consultation Meeting](#) was held on 22 Jan, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland.
- The annual meeting of the [World Economic Forum](#) (WEF) was held on 23–26 January 2018, in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland.
- The second physical meeting of the Open Consultation Process for the [WSIS Forum 2018](#) was held on 24 Jan, 2018, at the ITU Headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland.

- The [Trinidad and Tobago Internet Governance Forum](#) (TTIGF 2018) was held on 26 Jan, 2018.
- The [5th and final meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation \(WGEC\) of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development \(CSTD\)](#) was held on 29–31 Jan, 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) organized the [12th Digital India Summit](#) on 17-18 Jan, 2018 in New Delhi. The Theme for this year was “ Digital India: A Trillion Dollar Economy by 2020” The sessions were related to: Policy Matters, Cryptocurrency; Entertainment Tech; Designcast; Leadercast; Adtech, Government & CEO Conference and Digital Transformation.



Picture: From the 12th Digital India Summit

- MediaNama organised a full day discussion on the [Data Protection Framework for India](#) on 19 Jan, 2018 in New Delhi.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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- [APRICOT 2018 Conference](#) will be held in Kathmandu between 19-28 Feb, 2018
- [GSMA Mobile World Conference 2018](#) will be held in Barcelona between 26 Feb -1 Mar, 2018
- [26th Convergence India 2018](#) expo, will be held from 07-09 Mar, 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- [ICANN 61 meeting](#) will take place on 10–15 Mar, 2018, in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- [IETF 101](#) will be held in London from 17-23 Mar, 2018.
- 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.

Opportunities

- Proposals are now invited by the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) by 10 Feb, 2018 . View the [RFP Guidelines](#) and proposals can be submitted to msg@aprigf.asia.
- The IGF Community Public Consultation invites inputs on Taking stock of the 2017 work programme and 12th IGF and suggestions for 2018 and 13th IGF by 11 Feb, 2018. View this [link](#) on how to make your contribution.
- The Digital Freedom Fund is looking for a [consultant](#) to help identify the most critical threats on the horizon to digital rights by 14 Feb, 2018.

- Applications are invited for the [Article 19](#) Internet of Rights Fellowship 2018 till 23 Feb, 2018.
- Applications to [EuroSSIG are now open](#) till 31 Mar, 2018
- The job opportunities in Internet Society can be viewed using this [link](#).

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