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July 2017 At a Glance

The month of July was marked by debates of Net neutrality in US; the US congress announcing to hold a hearing on net neutrality, on 7 September; the right to be forgotten being debated, with France referring he case between the French data protection authority(CNIL) vs Google (Alphabet) to the European Union Court of Justice (ECJ). It was also reported that Mobile broadband penetration reached 99% in OECD area and whatsapp has 230 million daily active users .The month was also marked by various meetings and capacity building initiatives which include events such as IETF 99, AprIGF; APSIG, EUROSIG, etc.

In India, the month of July was marked by the debate on whether "Right to Privacy" is a fundamental right; The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) formed a committee to look into data protection framework ; the Jio data leak; the internet population rising to 422.2 million; Uber announcing completing 500 million trips in India in 4 years and 5 million active weekly trips; the Department of Telecom (DoT) rejecting the pleas from the Indian Cellular Association (ICA), and sticking to its original deadline of January 1, 2018 for compulsory inclusion of GPS systems in all mobile phones. Further, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) reported that India witnessed around 27482 cyber security threat incidents and 37 incidents of ransomware attacks till June 2017. CERT-In and its Bangladeshi counterpart Bangladesh Government Computer Incident Response Team (BGD e-Gov CIRT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cyber security cooperation..

AprIGF 2017 Update

The Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) 2017 was held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok from 26 - 29 July 2017. The theme for this year was " Ensuring an Inclusive and Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific: A Regional Agenda for Internet Governance". The meeting was attended by 550 people, including a diverse group of 50 fellows and the conference program consisted of three parts: the "pre-event" meetings, the "core conference," and the "Youth IGF Camp."

During the closing ceremony Mr. Rajnesh Singh, who was appointed the MSG Chair (2017-2019), took charge from Paul Wilson, while Ms. Sylvia Cadena was appointed as MSG Vice-chair (2017-2019).

Comments were invited to the APrIGF 2017 Bangkok Synthesis Document, which aims to document the inputs of participants at the AprIGF, till 4 August 2017.

At the event CCAOI Director moderated a session "Universal Acceptance: An Elixir to Inclusive and Multilingual Internet."

Picture: AprIGF 2017 Fellows

APSIG 2017 Update

The Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG) 2017 was held from 22-26 July 2017 at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok. 51 onsite and remote participants from 22 countries attended the school this year. These include: 9 lecturers, 3 SIG Representatives, 4 Coordinator/ Session Chair, 2 APTLD Fellow, 25 General Participants, 2 Administrative Staff and 6 Remote Participants. All the lecture presentations are available online.

An All SIG meeting, which was attended in person and remotely by representatives of various national and regional SIGs and related organizations, was also organized on 22 July, 2017

Picture: All SIG Meeting

ICANN Updates

During the month of July, ICANN published the updated gTLD Marketplace Health Index, which presents statistics and trends related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs); announced a request for proposal (RFP) for conducting an independent assessment of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC); published the Findings of ICANN59 Community Feedback and the Numbers Reports; organized a webinar to review findings of the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System June 2017 Report published 12 June 2017; sought mentors for the Global Indigenous Ambassador Program.

The Registry System Testing (RST) Site went Live and the published information can be accessed from this link . 31 July, 2017 was the effective date of the Approved Amendment to the Base New gTLD Registry Agreement. The Security Framework Drafting Team announced to present the draft Framework for Registry Operators to Respond to Security Threats.

Further, the list of successful candidates for ICANN60 Fellowship and NextGen was announced. 60 individuals from 50 countries have been selected to participate in ICANN's Fellowship program, while Fifteen individuals

from various universities in the Asia-Pacific were selected for the NextGen program. The deadline has been extended for Request for Proposal for the SSAC Organizational Review to 21 Aug 2017

APAC update

The APAC Hub organized a Web Conference on 13 July, 2017 where representatives of the Data Privacy and Protection sub-group gave an introduction on the topic. The recording and notes from the discussion, presentation slides and other information are available at our community wiki page.

Internet Society Updates

This month Internet Society launched the reports on the fourth annual Internet Society Survey Report on Internet Policy Issues in Asia-Pacific, and impact of the Internet on societies ; invited applications for the 2017 Ambassadors to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and IETF100 till 6 August, 2017; announced the names of 4 awardees for the Internet Society (ISOC) Fellowship to the 2017 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17).

Internet Society also collaborated with collaboration with Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), Ministry of Information Technology and Telecom (MoITT) and Higher Education Commission (HEC) organized "Pakistan Digital Forum 2017" (#PakDF2017) on 19 July, 2017.

Internet Society Chennai, organised an event on DNSSEC / KSK on 9 July, 2017, followed by a round table discussion on the policy aspects of DNS Security.

Internet Society also hosted the The APrIGF Bangkok 2017 Closing Social on 29 July, 2017.

Applications are now invited for the Beyond the Net funding medium and large grants. Last date to apply is 14 September 2017.

 Upcoming Event

- The Internet Society is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and plans to commemorate this milestone, with several programs including InterCommunity 2017 across chapters, on 19 September, for community dialogue on topics from the Internet Futures; brand **new Identity Toolkit** for Chapters, the **25 under 25 program; round table series** etc.

- Delhi Chapter would be hosting the InterCommunity 2017 event on 19 September, in New Delhi.

APNIC Highlights

This month, APNIC participated in various regional events such as the 3rd INTERPOL Global Cyber Crime Expert Group (IGCEG) meeting in Singapore from 5 -7 July 2017; the 20th Pacific Network Operators Group (PacNOG) meeting held in Suva, Fiji, from 3 - 7 July 2017; APSIG 2017 held in Bangkok between 22 -26 July, 2017; AprIGF 2017 held in Bangkok between 26-29 July, 2017. Besides APNIC delivered a three-day Internet Resource Management and Network Security workshop from 24 - 26 July 2017, in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

In July, APNIC and FIRST cemented their collaboration in security; the Australian Government provided an initial AUD 100,000 grant to the APNIC Foundation to continue the development of national CERTs in the Pacific.

Also, there was an invite for policy proposal for APNIC 44; the nomination period for the Number Resource Organization Number Council (NRO NC) election was open till 10 August; the Chairs of the Cooperation Special Interest Group issued a call for presenters on a security theme for its meeting at APNIC 44. Interested proposals can be sent to sig-cooperation-chair@apnic.net before 18 August, 2017.

Further, the 50 recipients of the APNIC 44 Fellowship was announced, the list includes 24 women and 26 men; and the APNIC Academy launched its their second course: 'Internet Resource Management', which is meant for anyone interested in managing their Internet number resources more effectively, familiarising themselves with the Internet ecosystem, and finding out new ways to engage with the Internet community.

Other updates:

- The upcoming APNIC courses can be viewed from this link

- APNIC will organize an Open Forum in Kathmandu, Nepal on 20 August, 2017

- APNIC will conduct a five-day Internet Resource Management, IPv6 and Network Security workshop from 21 to 25 August 2017, in South Tarawa, Kiribati.The topics will include IPV6, network security fundamentals and an introduction to APNIC.

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI released their recommendations on "Issues related to Closure of Access Services". TRAI also released the Yearly Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the Year, 2016. The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the Quarter ending March, 2017 released by TRAI, mentioned that the total number of Internet subscribers has increased from 391.50 million at the end of Dec-16 to 422.19 million at the end of Mar-17, registering a quarterly growth rate of 7.84%. Out of 422.19 million,Wired Internet subscribers are 21.58 million and Wireless Internet subscribers are 400.62 million.

Further, the authority extended the comment submission period for the consultation paper on Data speed under wireless broadband plans upto 3 August, 2017.

Further, in the month of August, TRAI and The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and are jointly organizing the "ITU-TRAI Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable" and the "ITU-TRAI International Training Program (ITP) 2017" during 21-22 August and 23-25 August 2017 respectively in New Delhi, India.

Open House Discussion (OHD)

OHD on Consultation Paper on "Introduction of UL (VNO) Access Service authorization for Category 'B' license with districts of a State as a Service Area" was held on 6 July, 2017 at 9:30 am at Hotel Conrad, Pune No.7 Mangaldas Road Sangamwadi Pune.

Upcoming Open House Discussion (OHD)

- OHD on Consultation Paper on 'Network testing before commercial launch of services' on 18 August, 2017, 10:00am at Tagore Chamber, Scope Convention Centre, SCOPE COMPLEX, Gate No.18, 7 Lodhi Road, New Delhi

- OHD on Consultation Paper on "Net Neutrality" on 30 August 2017 in New Delhi.

[IETF 99](#) was held in Prague, Czech Republic between 16-21 July, 2017. The meeting was attended by 1230 participants and around 506 remote participants. 6 individuals from India participated in person and 38 remotely.

The Indian delegation to the meeting was lead by Mr. T. Santhosh,Scientist "E", MeitY. The other Indian representatives at the meeting include IIREF Fellows Harish Chowdhary and Balaji; Internet Society Fellows Mohit Batra and Abhijaan Bhattacharya and Sunil Abraham from The Centre for Internet and Society. In the Internet research Lab (IRL), National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) presented an [Internet draft](#) describing the initiatives been taken to set up an experimental internet research lab in India

Further for encouraging more participation at IETF from India, IIESOC supported by Council of Information Security (CIS) organized an IETF India Community dinner, which was attended by 25 members.

Picture: IETF India Community Dinner

Other Updates

Reports:
- Pew Research Centre released their report on "[Online Harassment 2017](#)"
- ITU released the [Global ICT Regulatory Outlook](#).
- UN publishes report on [leveraging ICT for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- The [RIR Comparative Policy Overview](#) 2017 has been published by the Number Resource Organization.
- IAMAI released their report on "[Indian Mobile Phone market: Emerging Opportunities for fulfilling India's Digital Economy Dream](#)"

Events
- Policy Perspectives Foundation (PPF) and Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) organised "Securing Cyber Space" (SCS'17), a two-day conclave comprising of a cluster of seminars/round table discussions at the India International Centre (IIC), Lodhi Estate, New Delhi on 14-15 July,2017. CCAOI Director, participated in the panel discussion on "
- Consultation with Civil Society on net neutrality and Internet shutdowns" The annual [G20 Leaders' Summit](#) was held in Hamburg, Germany.

- The 17th edition of the [Global Symposium for Regulators](#) (GSR) was held in Nassau, Bahamas.

- The 11th edition of the [European Summer School on Internet Governance](#) (EuroSSIG) 2017 was organised between 16–22 July 2017, in Meissen, Germany..

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Events

- The third [Pakistan School on Internet Governance](#) (pkSIG 2017) will be held between 16-19 August, 2017 at Peshawar.

- [Nepal IGF](#) will be held in Kathmandu between 18-19 August, 2017

- The [13th Caribbean Internet Governance Forum](#) (CIGF) will be held from 21-23 August 2017, at the Government's Training Division, Bettito Frett Building, Wickham's Cay 1 in Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

- [ITU TU Telecom World 2017](#) will be held on 25-28 September, in Busan, South Korea. The theme of the meeting is 'Smart digital transformation, global opportunities'

- [India Mobile Congress](#) will be held between 27-29 September, 2017 at Pragati Maidan New Delhi.

- [CyFy 2017](#): The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance will be held from 3-4 October, 2017 at New Delhi

- ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) is taking place in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 9-20 October, 2017

- ICANN60 will be held at Abu Dhabi from 28 Oct- 3 November, 2017

- A [PreIETF100 Forum](#) would be held in India between 8-9 November, 2017

- India to host Global Cyber Security Conference 2017 (GCSC 2017) between 23-24 November at New Delhi

- 26th Convergence India 2018 expo which will be held from 07-09 March 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Opportunities

- Applications are invited till the 15 August 2017, for the [2017 Youth@IGF program](#), which supports a crucial leadership development opportunity for young adults aged 18-25 from all around the world, with an emphasis on youth from Europe, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Middle-East.

- Applications for the [ISIF Asia grants and award for 2017 are now open](#). The grants are open to research focused on Internet operations, infrastructure and related protocols, such as network measurement and analysis, IPv6, BGP routing, network security, as well as peering and interconnection. Last day for applying is 30 August 2017.

- The ICANN61 [Fellowship Application Round](#) is now [open](#) and available till 15 September 2017.

- The High Commissioner for Human Rights on is calling form inputs   on "[Civil society space in multilateral institutions](#)" till 30 September 2017.

- [IETF 100 Singapore Fellowship](#) is now open.

- [Applications to attend OpenCon 2017](#) between 11-13 Novembe in Berlin, Germany are now open till 1 August 2017.