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### July 2018 Highlights

The month of July witnessed the [UNESCO welcoming](#) the new revision of UNHRC [Resolution A/HRC/38/L.10/Rev.1](#) for promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet', particular the online human rights pertaining to freedom of expression to be applicable both online as well as offline. A new UN [High Level Panel Digital Cooperation](#) (HLPDC) was created with Ambassador Amandeep Gill and Jovan Khurbalija being appointed as the Executive Directors of the Secretariat. This 20 member panel is expected to identify policy, research and information gaps, and make proposals to strengthen international cooperation in the digital space. Further the 29 member nation North Atlantic Council issued the [Brussels Summit Declaration](#) on how to integrate sovereign cyber effects, provided voluntarily by Allies, into Alliance operations and missions in the framework of strong political oversight.

The [EU Parliament rejected](#) the [proposal of copyright reforms](#) which included the controversial Article 13; post the Cambridge Analytica row, Facebook has been [fined £500,000](#) by the UK Information Commissioner's Office; the European Commission slapped Google with a [fine of \\$5 billion](#) for violating anti-trust laws.

In a bid to curb Fake news Facebook [shut down](#) a disinformation network of 32 accounts and pages; Twitter [removed 70 million accounts](#). In India, [whatsapp is testing features](#) which includes limiting the number of forwards to five. This is in the wake of reports of mob violence and lynching due to misinformation being shared over whatsapp and the Government asking clarification from the organization.

Further, Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and Twitter [announced](#) an open-source collaboration called the '[Data Transfer Project](#)' (DTP). aimed to help 'all individuals across the web to easily move their data between online service providers whenever they want'.

In Singapore, over [1.5 million patient records were stolen from SingHealth](#), [Reddit reported](#) a data breach. In India [there were reports](#) that details of thousands of applicants who took the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) in 2018 was leaked however officials denied this report.

In India, the month of July, net neutrality, privacy, data protection, fakes news and hate speech were much discussed topics. The Telecom Commission (TC) of the Department of Telecom [approved](#) the new Net Neutrality rules and the new telecom policy; the Indian cabinet approved the [country's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty](#) (the WIPO internet treaties); Competition Commission of India (CCI) dismissed [allegations](#) of unfair business practices made against Google with respect to its advertising platform AdWords.

This month, the Justice BN Srikrishna Committee on Data protection submitted the [draft Personal Data Protection Bill 2018](#). Some of the salient features of the draft include defining Personal data as data; classifying certain information as sensitive personal data; consent required for processing personal data; providing certain rights to data principals such as right to be forgotten; confirmation and access, right to data portability etc; extending the law to data fiduciaries who may be located overseas but processing Indian data; need for platforms to adhere to certain accountability and transparency measures such a privacy by design, record keeping, appointing a data protection officer, etc.; setting up an independent authority called the Data

Protection Authority of India to oversee the enforcement of the bill and financial penalties for non compliance. Some of the most discussed aspects of the Bill include the mandate of maintaining a copy of all personal data locally, not giving users ownership of their data and the role and authority of the state to process personal data without consent, etc. Anonymised data is not regulated by this bill. As a next step the draft which has been submitted to Ministry of Electronics and IT may be further deliberated upon and then placed in the Parliament for further deliberation.

Further, a task force of the Union Commerce Ministry has submitted the [draft National Policy on Electronic Commerce](#), which is now being studied by a 70-member think tank. The draft proposes a single national regulator to oversee the entire industry for ease of doing business. However the suggestions related to data localization, restriction on discounts and Foreign direct investment and the India first approach are being much debated along with its impact on FDI and the digital economy in the long term.

## ICANN Updates

This month, the Regional Court in Bonn, Germany [decided to refer to the injunction](#) proceedings ICANN initiated against EPAG, a Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar, to the Higher Regional Court in Cologne, Germany; the ICANN Board of Directors [submitted comments](#) regarding the NTIA's Notice of Inquiry on International Internet Policy Priorities; ICANN participated in the sixth [Africa DNS Forum](#) in Cotonou, Benin where the was “Building a Sustainable Domain Name Industry in Africa”

Further this month, ICANN published the [Domain Abuse Activity Reporting methodology paper](#) and two reviews ([Marcus Ranum's review](#) and [John Bambenek's review](#)) of that methodology, an update [blog](#) on the KSK Rollover and the [final report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee \(RSSAC\) Review](#) conducted by Interisle Consulting Group, LLC; announced the 45 individuals from 39 countries that have been selected to participate in the [ICANN Fellowship Program](#) and the 12 participants and 3 ambassadors of [NextGen](#) at ICANN63. The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) [Council initiated the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#).

Further the ICANN 2018 Nominating Committee [announced the selection for eight leadership positions](#) within ICANN which includes: Rafael “Lito” Ibarra, Tripti Sinha and Lousewies van der Laan as ICANN Board Directors; Joanna Kulesza and Javier Rúa-Jovet to the At Large Advisory Committee; Laura Margolis and Ajay Data to the CCNSO Council and Erika Mann to the GNSO Council. .

Besides [expressions of Interest were sought](#) by 13 July, 2018 for Chair of GNSO EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data and [comments sought](#) on the Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4) by 5 September, 2018; [recommendations for managing Internationalized Domain Name \(IDN\) variant labels for top level domains \(TLDs\)](#) by 3 September, 2018; [Draft ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Version 3.0](#) by 10 September, 2018; [Proposals for Devanagari, Gurmukhi, and Gujarati Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 10 September, 2018. Besides comments can be submitted on the CCWG Accountability WS2 Jurisdiction Subgroup [Draft Recommendation](#) on the Time for Filing rule by 10 August, 2018.

### APAC Space update

This month the APAC Space organised a web conference on [Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) and the recording can be accessed [here](#) ; published the [APAC Space Survey 2018 Results](#) and a blogpost [Improving APAC Space for a Maturing APAC Space Community](#) highlighting the survey results.

In the month of July, Internet Society announced the selection of Steven G. Huter for the [Johnathan B. Postel Service Award](#) this year, recognizing his leadership and personal contributions at Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC). ISOC released a new report “[Meeting the Internet Connectivity Challenge – The Role for Community Networks](#)” which highlights opportunities for community networks to set up, maintain and expand operations based on select European projects.

Further, ISOC [announced](#) the three recipients (Nadira Al-Araj, ISOC Palestine, Abdulkarim Oloyede, ISOC Nigeria and Paola Perez, ISOC Venezuela) of the Fellowship Award to attend the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference in Dubai; while the Cybersecurity SIG organised a webinar on "International Cyber Stability, Norms and Deterrence" this month.

Applications were invited for [Chapterthon 2018](#), where the topic is Internet of Things (IoT)- The future is ours to shape, by 10 August, 2018; for the “[Chapter Small Grants](#)”, for small projects and events, by 30 November, 2018.

#### **APAC News:**

The APAC Regional Bureaus signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the Philippines' [Department of Information and Communications Technology](#) (DICT) to facilitate the development of its National ICT Ecosystem Framework (NIEF) 2022. Further Cybernet became the first telecommunications and Internet service provider in Pakistan to join the Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security ([MANRS](#)) initiative.

### **APNIC Highlights**

This month APNIC participated in international events such as [ICANN DNS Symposium](#) and [IETF 102](#) held in Montreal, Canada; regional events such as [APIGA 2018](#); in Gwang-ju, Korea; several national network operating Group (NOG) events such as Phillipines NOG (phNOG) held in Davao City, Philippines; Japan NOG ([JANOG 2018](#)) at Tsu, Japan; Singapore NOG ([SGNOG](#)) and Malaysia NOG ([MyNOG](#)) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Besides, community inputs were sought on the [2018 APNIC Survey](#), available in several languages by 2 July, 2018 and there was a [call for Policy SIG proposals](#) for APNIC 46 till 3 August, 2018. Further, nominations for [2018 Number Resource Organization Number Council \(NRO NC\) election](#) is open till 8 August 2018, which will be followed by the online voting period for APNIC members from 28 August 2018.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- [Registration is now open](#) for APNIC 46 to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia from 6-13 September, 2018

### **TRAI Updates**

In the month of June TRAI released the [Telecom Subscription Data as on 31st May, 2018](#); [Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund \(4th Amendment\) Regulation, 2018](#), [Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulation, 2018](#); [Standards of Quality of Service of Basic Telephone Service \(Wireline\) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Service \(Sixth Amendment\) Regulations, 2018](#) and [Direction regarding maintenance of Key Performance Indicator \(KPI\) Call Setup Delay to monitor Quality of Service in case of Circuit Switched Fall Back \(CSFB\) for voice calls](#).

Further the regulator issued the [Telecommunication Interconnection \(Amendment\) Regulations, 2018](#), [draft Telecommunication Tariff \(64th Amendment\) Order, 2018](#); responded to [DoT reference back on Recommendations on Ease of Doing Telecom Business](#) dated 30th November 2017 and released recommendations on [Making ICT accessible for Persons with Disabilities](#); on [Privacy, Security and Ownership of the Data in the Telecom Sector](#) and on [Method of allocation of spectrum for Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service \(PMRTS\) including auction, as a transparent mechanism](#).

## Update on Second Open Consultation of IGF MAG 2018

The [second Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group \(MAG\) meeting for IGF 2018](#) preparatory cycle was held from 11–13 July 2018 at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland. [The meeting was](#) to review and make the final selection of workshop proposals, identifying thematic main sessions, and assessing other components of the programme such as open forums, Dynamic Coalition (DC) and collaborative National and Regional Initiative (NRI) sessions. Further, the work of the five MAG Working Groups was also reviewed.

This year 70 proposals were tentatively approved out of the 359 submissions. The eight themes selected this year are Cybersecurity, Trust & Privacy; Digital Inclusion & Accessibility; Emerging Technologies; Evolution of Internet Governance; Human Rights, Gender & Youth; Development, Innovation & Economic Issues; Media & Content and Technical & Operational Topics. However, there may be some tentative rebalancing or consolidation.

## Other Updates

### Reports & Articles:

- The Earth International, the Transnational Institute (TNI), Indonesia for Global Justice, Focus on the Global South, and Paung Ku has released a [new study](#) into secrecy and public participation in the RCEP trade deal and Asian trade policy making more generally.
- Global Partner Development (GPD) has released a report, [Multistakeholder Approaches to National Cybersecurity Strategy Development](#).
- Dvara Research released a working paper titled the [Effective Enforcement of a Data Protection Regime](#)
- Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu India LLP (DTTILLP, or Deloitte) jointly released [GDPR Preparedness Survey Report](#)

### Events:

- The sixth [Africa DNS Forum](#) was held between 3-5 July, 2018 in Cotonou, Benin. The theme this year is “Building a Sustainable Domain Name Industry in Africa”. The Forum was co-organized by ICANN, the Africa Top Level Domains Organization ([AfTLD](#)), and [AfRegistrar](#) and hosted by the Regulatory Authority of Communications Electronics in Benin ([ARCEP](#)).
- The [First Hong Kong IGF](#) was held on 3 July, 2018
- The [French Internet Governance Forum](#) was organised on 5 July, 2018 in Paris at Université Paris Descartes.
- The Internet Engineering Task Force ([IETF](#)) [102](#) meeting was held on 14–20 July 2018, in Montreal, Canada. The Indian delegation was led by Shri T. Santhosh from Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)
- [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) Barbados 2018](#) was organised in 19-20 July, 2018 at Saint Michael, Barbados.

- The [IGF-USA](#) was organised in Washington DC, on 27 July, 2018.

## Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Events:

- [SANOG 32](#) is being held in Dhaka, Bangladesh between 2-10 August, 2018
- Asia Pacific Advanced Network ([APAN 46](#)) is being held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 5 - 9 August, 2018
- 5th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG) is taking place in Cairo, Egypt on 5-9 August 2018.
- [APrIGF 2018](#) will be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu between 13-16 August, 2018.
- [1st INNOG](#) ( Indian Network Operator Group) is scheduled from 27th -30th August 2018 in New Delhi.
- [Pakistan School on Internet Governance \(pkSIG\) 2018](#) will be held between 3-6 September 2018 in Karachi.
- The [First Youth IGF India](#) will be held on 12 October, 2018 at the IGDTUW College, New Delhi.
- Third Edition of [India School of Internet Governance \(inSIG 2018\)](#) will be held between 13-15 October, 2018 in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- ICANN63 Annual general Meeting will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October
- [ITU Plenipotentiary Conference \(PP-18\)](#) between 29 October-16 November, 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

### Opportunities:

- Comments are invited on the [APrIGF 2018 Synthesis Document](#) until 5 August. The Asia Pacific community is invited to contribute to the framework document that will be synthesized into Draft 0 for the APrIGF Port Vila meeting (13-16 August).
- Applications are invited to the [WhatsApp Research Awards for Social Science and Misinformation](#) by 12 August, 2018
- Applications are invited to the Hivos [Digital Earth Fellowship 2018-2019](#) by 19 August, 2018
- Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, University of Oxford, is [hiring](#) two Research Associates. Last date to apply is 3 September, 2018
- [Fellowship Applications are invited](#) for AFRINIC-29 meeting to be held in Tunis, Tunisia from 26- 30 November 2018.
- Applications are now invited to the [2019 IFF Community Development Fellows Program](#)
- IGF invites [applications](#) for the 2019 MAG by 12 September, 2019. For more details visit the [General Guidance](#) for the process.
- There is [a call for Papers](#) for the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARC) Fellows Biennial Conference by 12 September, 2018
- There is a [call to set up remote Hubs](#) for IGF 2018 by 15 October, 2018.

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