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### Hi Level Indian Delegation @ ICANN55

A High Level Indian delegation lead by the Hon'ble Minister of Communication and IT Shri. Ravi Shankar Prasad and comprising of Dy. NSA, Dr. Arvind Gupta, National Cyber Security Coordinator Dr. Gulshan Rai, Addl. Secretary DeitY Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary DeitY and CEO NIXI Mr. Rajiv Bansal and Dr. N.Sarvana Kumar, Private Secretary attended ICANN55 Meeting in Marrakech, Morocco.

At the GAC High Level Governmental Meeting, Hon'ble Minister reiterated India's commitment to free, open, Plural, inclusive Internet which can be accessed without discrimination. He further reiterated India's support to Multistakeholder model and the IANA Transition, reiterating the role of Government as an important stakeholder. Minister Prasad, further emphasized the need of diversity of representation at different global bodies and assured that the voice of India would be one of moderation and of conciliation to seek a better world created by the Internet. The speech can be viewed from the following link: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/mon-gac-hlgm/livestream-gac-hlgm-07mar16-en>

During an exclusive interview with ICANN, the Minister emphasized that "India is an important player in the Internet architecture. We have one billion plus mobile phones in India. Internet penetration is 400 million. Indians love technology, they explore technology. And we are involved in some transformational programs in India, Digital India, Skill India, Startup India, Smart Cities. All these are Internet-based initiatives seeking to empower, enlarge and educate." He also reiterated India's support for the multistakeholder model and the IANA Stewardship Transition. The interview can be viewed from the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msn538H3cCk&feature=youtu.be>

Further the Indian delegation had a series of meetings with prominent ICANN Officials, the ICANN Board and key officials from various Global Internet Bodies.

### SAARC Evening @ ICANN 55

NIXI hosted a SAARC Evening, at the backdrop of the ICANN55 meeting. The event was attended by Indian delegates, people of Indian origin residing in Marrakech and abroad, ICANN officials, various delegates from our neighboring nations such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc. The attendees were from different stakeholder communities such as government, business, civil society, technical and academia.

Apart from the presence of CEO NIXI, the event was attended by the High Level Indian Delegation and also the Indian Ambassador to Morocco Mr. Patnaik, were also present at the event

The Chief Guest for the event was the Hon'ble Minister of Communication and IT Shri. Ravi Shankar Prasad. During the interaction, the minister emphasized India's commitment to the growth of ICT and the need for close collaboration within the SAARC region. During the event, the attendees got a chance to interact and exchange views on Internet Governance issues not only with the Minister but also the High Level Indian Delegation.



## ICANN 55 at a Glance

The ICANN55 held at Marrakech, Morocco witnessed the end of Fadi Chehade's tenure as CEO, ICANN. The meeting was also attended by the new CEO of ICANN, Goran Marby.

Some of the key highlight of the meeting:

### **Submission of the IANA Stewardship and ICANN Accountability Proposal to NTIA**

Once the final CCWG Accountability Work Stream 1 proposal received the support/ no opposition from all six of the chartering organizations, on 10th March, 2016 ICANN Board has submitted the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal which outlines the transition of NTIA's stewardship of the IANA functions to the global multistakeholder community and the CCWG Accountability Supplemental Final Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations on Enhancing ICANN Accountability, to NTIA. For viewing the contents submitted to NTIA please visit <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/iana-stewardship-transition-package-10mar16-en.pdf>

The U.S. Government is now expected to review the proposal to ensure that it meets NTIA's criteria. If approved, implementation of the plan is expected to be completed prior to the expiration of the contract between NTIA and ICANN in September 2016.

For more details on the IANA Transition proposal, details refer our [earlier article](#).

It may be mentioned that the final supplemental report on Work Stream 1 recommendations drafted by the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN's Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) suggests creating of an Empowered Community who is granted the status of a Sole Designator who will act on the instructions of ICANN stakeholder groups to exercise the Community Powers. For further details on the proposal, please refer our [earlier article](#).

Though the proposal has been submitted, there is still more work to be done by the CCWG Accountability team, especially in terms of making changes in the By Laws as part of Work stream 1. These include changes in the Community Powers; rules governing The Empowered Community; the framework for the IRP; the IFR, Special IFR and the separation process; the CSC; and PTI governance. Further, it is important to mention here that

while GAC has issued a no objection to the transmission of the proposal, however, there are parts of the CCWG Accountability Work stream 1 proposal, which they do not endorse, especially recommendation 11, which deals with the ICANN Boards obligation to GAC. These too need to be addressed by the community.

Additionally the CCWG Accountability Team would have to initiate community discussions on the ICANN Accountability Work Stream 2 proposal.

### **GAC Communique**

Apart from extending support to the Transition proposal and CCWG Accountability Supplemental Work Stream1Proposal, the GAC Communique highlighted the meetings with the ICANN Board and other Supporting Organisations. During the meeting with GNSO there were discussions on GAC's concern GAC input to the PDP on Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues.

The GAC also welcomed the new members, namely, Burundi, Cambodia, Haiti, Palestine, Republic of Palau and Chad and the West African Telecommunications Regulators Assembly (WATRA) as a new Observer., bringing the number of GAC Members to 162 and observers to 35.

Internally, there were discussions pertaining to the GAC working groups. Other key discussion points include gTLD safeguards, CCT review, Community review, Two Character labels at second level, etc.

The GAC advice to the board were related to public policy process related to future gTLD rounds, such as making relevant assessment of issues and taking into account stakeholder feedbacks, helping in the application process for LDC's. GAC also requested for time from the Board to submit comments on Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues. GAC also proposed the Board a joint review with SO/AC's to access Work scheduling and workload management of community processes.

The GAC Communique can be viewed from the following link:  
<https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee?preview=/27132037/41943930/GAC%20Morocco%2055%20Communique%20FINAL.pdf>

### **Key Discussion Panels**

Other key topics discussed during the meeting include issues with the New gTLD Program; CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 Working Session; GAC Meeting with Board, WHOIS Challenges and Alternative proposal, etc.

### **CCAOI Intervention @ICANN Open Forum**

During the Open Forum, CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury asked the board to share if there have been any improvements in the existing ICANN process to encourage and fit in new constituencies and stakeholders, who are expected to come in from emerging nations and who might not fit into the existing structures and constituencies. She further elaborated the associations past experience of applying for a new constituency for public Internet access points, which gave an impression that the process was more eliminating in nature rather than including. She reiterated that to allow new voices, ICANN must be flexible for creating new constituencies with new rules, to accommodate them, in order to create a truly multistakeholder platform of decision making.

### **ISOC@ICANN**

ISOC organized the ISOC@ICANN event where the Internet Society's large community got an opportunity to engage with each other, network and exchange best practices of their region. As the event was on International

Women's Day, three women, namely Alice Munyua, Dr. Alissa Coopers, Hanane Boujemi were felicitated for their contribution to the internet and society under the Shine The Light campaign that encourages people to boost the profile of incredible women around the world who are pushing boundaries using technology. #shinethelight.



### MAG List 2016

The Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) has recently announced the list members for the year 2016. As per the list, MAG is chaired by Ms. St. Amour, Lynn and there are 19 members from the Government; 15 from Civil Society, 12 from Public sector, 8 from Technical Community and 1 from the Media.

India is represented in MAG by Mr. Virat Bhatia representing Public Sector (FICCI) and Mr. Rahul Gosain, Director, DeITY, representing India as Former Host country of the IGF.

Incidentally, MAG is responsible for advising the UN Secretary-General on the program and the schedule of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) meetings. It comprises of 55 Members from different stakeholder groups such as governments, the private sector and civil society, including representatives from the academic and technical communities. In addition, representatives of the former 9 IGF host countries, as well as representatives of intergovernmental organizations, are invited to attend and contribute to the meetings and work of the MAG. The MAG holds face-to-face meetings, preceded by open consultations, up to three times a year. The tenure of each MAG member is two years.

For more information, refer the following link: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/mag/45-mag-membership/3030-mag-2016-membership-2>

### ISOC Asia Internet Symposium- Online (AIS-O)

ISOC organized APAC's first Asia Internet Symposium-Online (or AIS-O), a virtual space for the Community to discuss emerging Internet topics of common interest and importance to the region. AIS-O aims to facilitate open discussions on emerging issues in and around the region using an online platform for wider participation amongst all stakeholders.

The first AIS-O discussion was about Online Security and Building Trust in the Age of the Digital Economy. The session looked at how we can build a better online security and trust agenda for the APAC region. What are the goals of online security and trust in today's dynamic online environment. The interplay of security and trust, and how these works within the Internet ecosystem while also assessing how technology and non-technology

policies affect them. In addition, there was a discussion on what are the roles of the different players in the context of building a secure and trusted Internet in an environment that is rapidly evolving.

For more details visit <https://www.internetsociety.org/events/asia-internet-symposium-online>

### Other Highlights Key Highlights of the Month

- **100% FDI in online retail**

Government of India has approved 100% FDI in online retail. However, this would be applicable only in companies following the marketplace model and not on inventory based model. The guidelines state that such companies cannot provide warranties and after-sales service as that should be provided by sellers. However, they can provide support services to sellers, such as logistics, warehousing, order fulfilment, call centres, payment collection and other services, etc.

- **Telecom Commission has approved interconnection between IP networks**

The Telecom Commission has approved interconnection between IP networks based on Trai recommendations on 2<sup>8th</sup> March, 2016. The DoT is expected to make amendments within a month to incorporate the new provision. The Trai recommendations can be viewed from the following link [http://traigov.in/WriteReadData/Recommendation/Documents/Recommendation\\_Interconnection\\_over\\_IP\\_Interface.pdf](http://traigov.in/WriteReadData/Recommendation/Documents/Recommendation_Interconnection_over_IP_Interface.pdf)

- **DOT seeks comment on Draft Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016**

In order to streamline the provisions of grating Right of Way (RoW) for Telecom Infrastructure laying, Secretary DOT has sought inpputson the newly drafted Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules 2016 from State Governments, other ministries and departments (such as MoRTH, Civil Aviation, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Power, Defence NHAI, Railway Board, AAI, etc.) by 20th April. For more information, visit:

<http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/u68/Draft%20RoW%20Rules%20alongwith%20letter%20No.%202-6-2014-Policy-I.pdf>

- **Internet & Human Rights Resource Center**

ISOC has launched an Internet & Human Rights Resource Center which would provide latest information which includes reports, blogs pointers about human rights on the Internet. For more information, visit <https://www.internetsociety.org/humanrights/>

- **Round Table Discussion on “How to Connect A Billion Indians-VOIP: The Killer App**

IAMAI organized a Round Table Discussion on “How to Connect A Billion Indians-VOIP: The Killer App on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

### Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- IETF 95 would be taking place from April 3rd-8<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Application round to participate in the NextGen@ICANN Program at ICANN56 to be held in Helsinki in June 2016 is now open. This round remains open until 18 April 2016. For more details visit <https://www.icann.org/development-and-public-responsibility/nextgen>
- Applications for ISIF Asia’s 2016 grants are now open, with the pool of AUD 386,000 available, across four grant programs to support projects using the Internet for social and economic development in the Asia Pacific. Applications are open from today until 31 May 2016. For more details visit <http://isif.asia/grant>

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