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March 2018 Highlights

March witnessed global meetings, including the ICANN61, IETF101, WSIS Summit, First Open Consultations and MAG meeting of the IGF 2018.

This month, concerns regarding security of data and privacy online were in the forefront with the reports of the Cambridge Analytica case and announcement of the data breach of the travel booking platform [Orbitz](#) which affected 880,000 customers. The Cambridge Analytica case brought into focus issues of data security and privacy of users in internet platforms such as Facebook and their implications on intermediary responsibility, content policy, consumer protection, privacy and data security. [Out of the 87 million data shared, India accounts for 0.6% of the global number of people affected.](#) In another case, [Facebook has been fined](#) by the Korean regulator for limiting user access.

Continuing the growing trend of governments getting tougher on issues of fake news and hates speech, Malaysia recently [passed the Anti-Fake News Bill 2018](#), the Nigerain senate passed the [digital rights and freedom bill](#), the [Turkish parliament approved a bill to regulate online content](#), [France](#) plans to get tougher on hate speech, and [social media such as Facebook, and messaging services such as WhatsApp and Viber were blocked in Sri Lanka](#) following communal violence. In India a proposed bill to punish journalists for fake news was [scrapped](#).

Taxation on digital commerce is a trend which will continue. The European Commission has [proposed new rules for digital taxation](#), UK is considering [taxing revenue of Internet corporations](#), the Australian government is [proposing](#) to collect a fee for internet shopping and the Trump administration is [backing states' bid to collect online sales taxes](#).

This month witnessed online car aggregators facing issues. [Uber and Careem services were suspended](#) in Egypt, [taxi drivers in Istanbul went to court](#) to seek shutdown of Uber, while in India [taxi drivers](#) of online taxi aggregators held protests against their wages. Moreover a fatal accident of an autonomous car [lead to debates and concerns](#) of safety, liability, and insurance issues around autonomous car.

The other highlights of this month include ICANN publishing an [interim model for compliance with the GDPR](#) and announcement of the [MAG members](#) for 2018.

ICANN Updates

During the month of March besides organising ICANN61, ICANN cohosted the IETF 101 in London; [completed audits](#) of the IANA Function for the period of 1 October 2016 through 30 November 2017; [published](#) the first Complaints Office Semi-Annual Report, for the period of 15 March – 31 December 2017; announced the [release](#) of the [third version of the Maximal Starting Repertoire \(MSR-3\)](#) for the Development of Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone, and the list of 44 fellow alumni from 34 countries selected to participate as [fellows in ICANN 62](#) along 15 newcomers from Latin America and Caribbean region

Besides ICANN [requested](#) European data protection authorities (DPAs) to provide specific guidance on the organization's [Proposed Interim Compliance Model](#). ICANN also sought community inputs on [the](#)

[recommendation that the Supporting Organizations \(SO\) and Advisory Committees \(AC\) adopt the proposed Uniform Board Member Integrity Screening Process](#) to conduct due diligence on candidates selected to serve on the ICANN Board by 17 April 2018; [draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\)](#) by 18 April, 2018; the [Reserve Fund replenishment strategy](#) of ICANN Reserve Funds by 25 April, 2018 ; whether there are any inconsistencies¹ between the [various sets of recommendations within the Cross Community Working Group](#) on Enhancing ICANN Accountability's (CCWG-Accountability) final report from its Work Stream 2 (WS2) by 11 May 2018; and independent examiner's [Draft Final Report](#) on the second Nominating Committee Organizational Review (NomCom2) by 7 May, 2018

ICANN is also soliciting proposals [to identify a provider](#) to supply an Open Data Platform in the form of Software as a Service (SaaS) by 18 April 2018 and [issued a call for nominations](#) from the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) for the Community Onboarding Pilot (COP) Program at ICANN62 by 18 April, 2018

Update on ICANN 61

ICANN 61 was held at the Puerto Rico Convention Centre, San Juan, Puerto Rico from 10-16 March 2018.



Pic: ICANN 61 At a Glance

The topics much discussed at this meeting include General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) where for complying with the GDPR requirements ICANN [proposed](#) an interim model. On the topic of geographical names, to address the stalemate over the .amazon new gTLD application, various alternatives such as .amazonas, .amazonia or .amazonica were proposed to the geographical communities as a compromise, however GAC has not adopted a final position in the subject. On the issue of KSK Rollover the new date for the rollover was not confirmed. The proposed ICANN budget was another topic much discussed and community members got an opportunity to provide their feedbacks on this proposal. The other topics discussed include the Next Generation Registration Directory Services (RDS) and New GTLD Subsequent Procedures.

APAC Space Update:

An APAC Space meeting and social was held at ICANN61 on 14 March 2018. The APAC Space [Survey 2018](#) is currently underway and community members can share their responses by 20 April 2018.

Internet Society Updates

This month, Internet Society participated in various global conferences; organised a call on the [Collaborative Governance Initiative](#); organised a social@ICANN61 for all ISOC delegates; released a [statement in response](#) to the recent revelations of exposure of user data; signed an agreement with Organization of American States (OAS) to promote the creation of Community Networks, released a paper “[Cryptography: CEO Questions for CTOs](#),” which looks at the deployment of cryptography and some questions CEOs should ask on the subject; invited till 30 March on the [draft paper](#) on Innovative Licensing for Community Networks.. Besides, the [Chapterthon 2017 on Digital Schools](#) won the 2018 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prize under the category "International and Regional Cooperation".

Further the 2018 ISOC Board of Trustees elections is currently underway and last date to vote for chapters is 9 April. Nominations are also [open](#) for the Jonathan B. Postel Service Award 2018 till 2 May 2018.

APAC News:

The Internet Society Islamabad Chapter organized a webinar on Digital Empowerment of Women in South Asia, on 15 March, 2018, which was attended by chapter members and leaders of Islamabad, chapter leaders and members from South Asia including Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, India Delhi and Mumbai, and ISOC regional and global staff. The recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

The APAC Regional Bureau would be organizing the Regional Chapters Meeting for Asia-Pacific and Middle East between 11-12 May, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in the at the at the [Hong Kong Network Operators’ Group 6.0 \(HKNOG 6.0\)](#) meeting in Hong Kong on 2 March 2018; ICANN 61 meeting in Puerto Rico, the IETF 101 meeting in London. Besides APNIC [received](#) a /21 of IPv4 from PTI which will be soon placed into the IPv4 Recovered Pool for delegation to APNIC Members.

The APNIC Academy [launched](#) a new course on ‘Routing Basics’ which teaches basic routing concepts to anyone wanting to learn about routers and routing protocols without getting too technical.

Further [responses](#) were sought from the community on the [Global IPv6 Deployment survey](#) till 31 March, 2018 Responses to the 2018 Global IPv6 Deployment Survey can be submitted until 31 March 2018.

Upcoming events:

- [Registration is now open](#) to attend the three-day IPv6 workshop from 9 to 11 April 2018, in Nouméa, New Caledonia.

TRAI Updates

In the month of March, TRAI released the [Annual Report of TRAI for the year 2016-17](#) ; the [Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the Quarter ending December, 2017](#) that provides a broad perspective of the Telecom Services in India and presents the key parameters and growth trends of the Telecom Services as well as Cable TV, DTH & Radio Broadcasting services; the [telecom subscription data as on 31 Jan, 2018](#) ; [responded back](#) to the response from Department of Telecommunications on TRAI’s recommendations on In-Building Access by Telecom Service Providers and extended the comment period on “Consultation Paper

on Voice services to LTE users (including VoLTE and CS Fallback).” to 28 March and counter comments to 6 April, 2018

Upcoming Open House Discussion (OHD)

TRAI will be organizing OHD on the consultation paper on [issues relating to Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India](#) on 11 April, 2018 at New Delhi ; the consultation paper on [Empanelment of Auditors for Digital Addressable Systems](#) on 12 April, 2018 at New Delhi; and [on the consultation paper](#) on Making ICT Accessible for Persons with Disabilities on 5 April, 2018 in New Delhi .

IETF 101 Update

The IETF 101 was held from 17 - 23 Mar 2018 in London. This meeting also included events such as a [Hackathon](#); [Code Sprint](#) to work on tools for the IETF community; [IETF Code Lounge](#) various tutorials and four birds-of-a-feather (BoF) sessions The BOF sessions approved were related to themes of the growth of datacenter networking and network virtualization, new security standards, and work in support of 5G. Some of the approved BOF were [Identifier Locator Addressing](#) (ILA); [Routing In Fat Trees](#) (RIFT) ; [Link State Vector Routing](#) (LSVR), [Messaging Layer Security](#) (MLS), [Common Operations and Management on Network Slices](#) (COMS), [IETF Administrative Support Activity 2.0](#) (IASA 2.0)

This meeting also introduced a new event called the [Request for Conversation](#) (HotRFC) lightning talk session along with more than half a dozen new working groups for the first time. The working groups meeting for the first time include [Trusted Execution Environment Provisioning](#) (TEEP) and [Software Updates for Internet of Things](#) (SUIT), the [EAP Method Update](#)(EMU) WG currently under consideration for formation.

The Indian delegation at IETF 101 consisted of around 13 participants including representative from the government.

Besides, [applications](#) were open for the IETF Fellowship 102 IETF to be held from 14-20July, 2018 in Montreal, Canada till 1 April, 2018.

Other Updates

Reports:

- [The Internet and Mobile Association of India \(IAMAI\) and Kantar IMRB have released a report ‘Internet in Indic’](#), suggesting that providing Internet in Indic or local Indian languages could be a key motivator to encourage 23% of non-users to go digital in India, which is approximately 200 million.
- A report [‘Dangers of Digital Surveillance’](#) highlighting issues of digital surveillance on journalists and human rights defenders in Pakistan was released by Bytes for All, Pakistan.
- WIPO has published a [report](#) on the statistics of domain name cybersquatting cases stating that cases have gone up in 2017.
- The Internet Public Observatory has released a new report on the " [Survey of Research Needs of the Digital Rights Community](#)"
- OECD has published a [report on digital taxation](#) and the challenges arising from digitalization.

- **The ITU** has published some key [reports](#) to foster digital transformation

Events:

- The [first Open Consultations and MAG meeting](#) on the IGF 2018, was held from 19–22 March 2018. Post the stock taking of IGF 2017 and the community inputs for improving the IGF, the MAG decided to invite suggestions from the community on topics of high interest that should be discussed at IGF 2018
- The WSIS Forum was held on 19-23 March, 2018 was themed ‘Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’. Stakeholders from around the world came together to review the progress made so far in implementing the WSIS action lines, and how they could be further aligned with the SDGs. The event covered a broad range of policy discussion ranging from access, cybersecurity, privacy, emerging technologies such as Internet of Things (IoT) and AI; digital commerce, including discussions on crypto currency and bitcoins and emerging issues and their economic, security, legal, and ethical implications for nations For more details refer to the reports of the [Geneva Internet Platform](#)
- [26th Convergence India 2018](#) expo, was held from 07-09 Mar, 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The Albania Internet Governance Forum was held on 29 March at Tirana.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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- [Huddle 2018](#) is being organized between 6 - 7 April, 2018 at The Leela Kovalam, Trivandrum, India
- UNCTAD will host the [eCommerce Week](#) between 16–20 Apr, 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- [Middle East DNS Forum](#) will be held in Ankara, Turkey from 25-26 April, 2018.

Opportunities

- There is a call for Applications: from the Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. For more details visit this [link](#). Last date to submit application is 16 April, 2018.
- The Internet Governance Forum has announced a [call for issue](#) for IGF 2018 by 13 April, 2018.
- Mozilla is inviting [applications](#) for its 2018-2019 Fellowships program till 20 April, 2018.
- The Internet Society Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau is looking for an [Outreach Manager](#) who will be leading many of our communications activities in the region.

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