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### DeitY organizes Workshop on Engaging with ICANN

The Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), supported by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) organized a half day workshop “Engaging with ICANN” in New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The invitees at the workshop included industry and academics.

The workshop aimed at briefing the Indian Business community on issues which may affect their business, while emphasizing why it is critical for them to actively engage with ICANN and adequately represent and safeguard their interests. Further, for academics, the objective of the workshop was to create awareness of the areas where they can contribute and build core capacity to actively engage with ICANN.

On behalf of DeitY and NIXI, Mr. Rajiv Bansal, Jt Secretary DeitY and CEO NIXI, welcomed all the participants and outlined the agenda.

The key speakers at the Workshop include Dr. Aruna Sharma, Secretary, DeitY; Dr. Arvind Gupta, Deputy National Security Advisor & Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS); Dr. Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Mr. R. Chandrasekhar, President, NASSCOM; Shri Ram Mohan, ICANN Board Member, and few other industry representatives.

The workshop also provided participants an opportunity to share their own experiences and learnings related to engagement with ICANN.

During the workshop, the Secretary DeitY also released a booklet containing information on Internet Governance Organizations such as IETF, ICANN, WSIS, including details on their structures, current discussion topics, etc. The booklet also contains submissions made by India at these platforms, along with the Hon’ble Minister’s intervention at ICANN. For more details on the meeting, visit [www.indiaig.in](http://www.indiaig.in)

### ICANN 57 @ Hyderabad

On 17 May, 2016, ICANN announced that the 57th ICANN meeting will be held in Hyderabad, India, between 3-9 November, 2016.

Though initially, this meeting was proposed to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it was changed to Hyderabad due to concerns related to the Zika virus.

The new venue for ICANN57 will be the Hyderabad International Convention Centre

Incidentally, this is the second time an ICANN meeting will be hosted in India. The previous one was ICANN31 held in New Delhi.

This decision has been welcomed by the Indian community, who believe it is well timed especially as it is expected to be significant considering this would be the first meeting post IANA transition.

### Updates on IANA Transition and ICANN Accountability

The ICANN Board has approved the new ICANN Bylaws for IANA Stewardship Transition and forwarded a confirmation to NTIA of the adoption of these Bylaws. The Bylaws would be effective only after the IANA contract between ICANN and NTIA expires.

Following the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the United States Department of Commerce announcing its intention to transition the stewardship of the IANA Functions to the global multistakeholder community in March 2014, the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) and Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) submitted their proposals to NTIA on 10 March, 2016.

Subsequently, a drafting team was constituted comprising of the ICANN legal team and two external law firms who were involved with CWG-Stewardship and CCWG-Accountability working groups and the two communities, to develop the Draft New ICANN Bylaws. The draft New ICANN Bylaws were open for public comments and post the comment period the inputs were analyzed and incorporated. It was then submitted to the ICANN Board for consideration and adoption. For more information, refer the following link: <https://www.icann.org/news/blog/new-icann-bylaws>

Apart from the changes to the Bylaws, the Transition Proposals also require ICANN to modify its Articles of Incorporation. A draft **restated Articles of Incorporation** consistent with the transition and ICANN Accountability proposals, have been developed by the ICANN legal and the independent law firms and has, now been posted for public comments till 26 July, 2016. For more details refer the following link: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/draft-restated-articles-incorporation-2016-05-27-en>

Post comment period, the inputs will be analyzed and incorporated for the ICANN Board prior to its consideration of the adoption of the Restated Articles. Restated Articles must be adopted as part of the implementation planning process. Once adopted, the Restated Articles are expected to be filed and go into effect in the event NTIA approves of the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal and the IANA Functions Contract expires.

For more details on the submission of the IANA Stewardship and ICANN Accountability Proposal to NTIA, refer our earlier article.

### TRAI releases Consultation Papers on Free Data and Net Neutrality

#### Consultation Paper on Free Data

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued a consultation paper on Free Data on 19 May, 2016. Through this consultation paper, TRAI is seeking views from stakeholders on how to provide free data to increase internet access in the country, without violating the principles of Differential Pricing for Data Regulation, laid down by the regulator. The questions asked include, whether there is a need to have a TSP agnostic platform, to provide free data or reimbursement to users without violating the principles of Differential Pricing for Data. Alternatively, the regulator inquires if there are any other models which can achieve this objective and if such platforms need to be regulated. Further, the paper also seeks comments on whether free data or reimbursement should be limited to, mobile data users only or be extended to others.

The last day to submit comments is 16 June, 2016. For more details visit [http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/WhatsNew/Documents/CP\\_07\\_free\\_data\\_consultation.pdf](http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReadData/WhatsNew/Documents/CP_07_free_data_consultation.pdf)

## **Pre Consultation Paper on Net Neutrality**

TRAI has released a Pre Consultation Paper on Net Neutrality on 30 May, 2016. In this paper the regulator has sought comments from stakeholders on the definition of net neutrality in the Indian context, the issues that need to be considered, types of reasonable traffic management practices that should be allowed and chances of misuse; any current or potential practices in India that may give rise to concerns about net neutrality. The paper also seeks comments on the approach to be adopted in dealing with issues relating to net neutrality for ensuring TSPs and content providers ensure that national security interests are preserved along with precautions for maintaining customer privacy, and issues to be considered for a comprehensive policy framework for defining the relationship between TSPs and OTT content providers.

The last date to submit comments is 21 June, 2016. For more details visit [http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReaddata/ConsultationPaper/Document/Net\\_Neutrality\\_Preconsultation\\_30\\_may\\_2016.pdf](http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReaddata/ConsultationPaper/Document/Net_Neutrality_Preconsultation_30_may_2016.pdf)

It may be recalled that in the past (March, 2015), TRAI had released a consultation paper on Regulatory framework for OTT services, which also covered aspects of Net Neutrality. However the consultation process was not concluded by the regulator.

## **WSIS Forum 2016 Updates**

The WSIS forum 2016 was held from 2 -6 May, 2016 in Geneva Switzerland. The overall theme this year was “WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of SDGs”. The meeting this year was attended by stakeholders, namely government, business, civil society and technical community and academia, from over 150 countries. India was represented by Mr. Rajiv Bansal, Jt Secretary DeitY and CEO NIXI, who while representing India, spoke also shared the countries position at a Hi level policy session.

This year the discussions were divided into high level policy sessions and thematic workshops The high-level policy sessions centered around the importance of addressing the SDGs; building capacity; the need to develop local content; infrastructure; development; investments and costs; and the need to diminish different divides such as digital, economic, gender, etc. The thematic workshop centered around development, improving access and infrastructure, bridging the digital divide, eCommerce, etc. There were also discussions on human rights, cybersecurity and internet governance architecture. This year, most of the topics were discussed in relation to measuring progress towards the 2030 development agenda.

The forum this year was able to map the WSIS Action lines to the SDGs and their targets by creating a WSIS-SDG matrix. Further, to ensure that the goals are achievable, the forum also helped participating nations and organizations fix their plans and activities in the context of the SDGs.

The outcome of the forum was presented on the last date and was later submitted to the Commission on Science and Technology (CSTD), the UN General Assembly and ITU Council. Some of the key outcomes were: WSIS Forum 2016: Outcome Document; WSIS Forum 2016 High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief; WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation Sustainable Development Goals; WSIS FORUM 2016 and SDG Matrix; WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016 WSIS Success Stories 2016; Reference document WSIS Action Lines and SDGs Matrix

For more details refer the following link <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Content/documents/outcomes/WSISForum2016%E2%80%9494ForumTrack-Outcomes.pdf>

### ICANN seeks comments on Expected standards of Behavior

ICANN is seeking inputs from the community on the proposed revisions to the language of the ICANN Expected Standards of Behaviors, which was first developed in 2008 and then updated on 2012, with an aim to improve the Standards and set out how the participants in the ICANN community are expected to behave when participating in the ICANN process. The aim of ICANN is also to set an affirmative expectation that harassment of participants in the multi stakeholder community will not be accepted.

The last date of submission of comments is 25 June, 2016.

Upon completion of the public comment period, the next step would be for ICANN staff to summarize and forward the inputs received to the ICANN Board for consideration.

For more details, please visit: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/expected-standards-revisions-2016-05-16-en>

### Other Highlights of the Month

- Ministry of Home Affairs sought comments from the community on the draft “The Geospatial Information Regulation Bill, 2016”, which has been drafted with the objective to regulate the acquisition, dissemination, publication and distribution of geospatial information on India which is likely to affect the security, sovereignty and integrity of India. The draft bill can be viewed from the following link: [http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload\\_files/mha/files/GeospatialBill\\_05052016\\_eve.pdf](http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/GeospatialBill_05052016_eve.pdf)
- The Commission on Science and Technology for Development, Nineteenth Session met between 9 to 13 May, 2016 at Geneva, Switzerland. The two priority themes for this meeting were, Smart cities and infrastructure and Foresight for digital development. For more details refer the following link: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1048>

### Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- IGF Secretariat has published the call for workshop proposals for IGF 2016 to be held in Mexico, between 6 -9 December, 2016. This year's theme is “Enabling Inclusive and Sustainable Growth”. The last date to submit proposals is 6 June, 2016. For more details please visit <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/igf16-workshops>
- The Annual Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held between 6-7 June, 2016 in New York.
- There is a call for proposal for 11th GigaNet Annual Symposium on “ Internet Governance research a decade after WSIS: new directions and persisting challenges. Last date to submit extracts is 10 June 2016. For more details, please visit <http://www.giga-net.org/page/2016-annual-symposium>.

- ICANN is seeking expressions of interest for leadership roles in the 2016 Nominating Committee (NomCom) - that of the 2017 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect. The last date to send Expressions of Interest is 10 June 2016. For more details visit <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2016-05-24-en>
- The organizers of SANOG are inviting papers/ presentations for the conference and tutorial sessions. While the proposal submission deadline is 10 July, 2016, the first round of paper confirmation is within 15 June, 2016. For more details visit <http://papers.sanog.org/user/login.php?event=40>
- 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 15 June 2016. For more details visit <http://isif.asia/grant>
- The APNIC 42 Program Committee is now seeking presentations for technical conference sessions, lightning talks and Birds of Feather (BoF) sessions for the APNIC 42 Conference to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The last date to submit the First Round Paper is 11 July 2016. For further details visit: <https://conference.apnic.net/42/program#call-for-papers>
- Applications are invited for both speakers (lecturer, panelist) or non-speakers at the first Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG) which will be held between 11-15 Sept, in Bangkok, Thailand. The last date for submission is 15 July, 2016. To apply, visit the following link: [Application for APSIG 2016](#)
- The ICANN Fellowship Application is now open ICANN57 to be held between 29 Oct 4 Nov 2016. Interested candidates can apply within 27 July 2016. For more details visit <https://www.icann.org/fellowshipprogram>
- IEEE is calling out for people interested in Technology projects to associate with the IEEE SIGHT projects, which promote humanitarian technology activities by bringing together, encouraging and promoting members and other stakeholder groups to build and use humanitarian technologies. SIGHT also aims to raise awareness of these technologies and increase efforts of stakeholders, NGO's, etc. to create useful and sustainable technologies. For more details please visit, [http://www.ieee.org/special\\_interest\\_group\\_on\\_humanitarian\\_technology.html](http://www.ieee.org/special_interest_group_on_humanitarian_technology.html)
- 56<sup>th</sup> ICANN Meeting to be held in Helsinki from 27 - 30 June, 2016. For more details please visit <https://meetings.icann.org/en/helsinki56>
- 28<sup>th</sup> South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG) meeting would be held from 1 - 9 August 2016 in Mumbai, India. For more details visit <http://papers.sanog.org>
- The Global IOT Conclave will be held in Bangalore on 26 August, 2016. For more details visit <http://www.globaliotconclave.com/>

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