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May 2018 Highlights

The month of May witnessed the [General Data Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR) of the European Union (EU) coming into effect from 25 May.

Further, the discussion on online data privacy and security continued this month with Facebook CEO [Mark Zuckerberg addressing legislators at the European Parliament](#); [Facebook suspending around 200 apps](#) in line with the commitment made by their CEO post Cambridge Analytica incident; ICANN [filing a case](#) in Germany against an ICANN-accredited registrar, on issues related to preserving WHOIS Data; in India the [Ministry of Electronics and IT has raised concerns over WhatsApp's](#) user data management and not following the two-factor authentication norms laid down by India's central bank for the soon to be launched payment system.

Concerns about privacy of users on smart devices and algorithms are on the rise. Incidents like the [Amazon Echo recording leak incident](#) raised concerns about the privacy of the users of smart speakers, and how much the smart phones listen in on users. At the RightsCon 2018 Access Now and Amnesty International signed the Toronto Declaration, which [calls for algorithms to respect human rights](#).

Cyber Security was also discussed this month. [Twitter asked](#) all the users to change their password owing to a bug identified that stored passwords unmasked in an internal log; in India, [more than 2000 computers of the Aditya Birla group was hit by 'cryptojacking' attack](#)

The growing trend of governments attempting to regulate the online companies continued this month. [Papua and New Guinea announced a ban Facebook](#) for a month to curb fake news; Egypt passed a [law to regulate taxi sharing apps](#) such as Uber and Careem; while [Uganda is proposing](#) to tax the social media and messaging apps in a bid to curb online gossip.

In a boost to Net Neutrality, the US Senate voted in favour of overturning the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) decision to repeal net neutrality rules and approved a [joint resolution](#) for 'congressional disapproval' of the FCC's December 2017 order.

AI and emerging technologies continued to be discussed even this month with Microsoft announcing the launch of [AI for Accessibility](#) meant to benefit people with disabilities. On the other hand [Uber announced a decision to shut down its self-driving car programme in Arizona, USA](#) following the accident two months back.

In India, the [Telecom regulator issued the draft amendment to telecom interconnection regulations](#), while the Department of Telecom (DOT) included [Telecom infrastructure builders in the DOT's Right of Way rules](#). Further comments were invited on the draft [National Digital Communications Policy \(NDCP\), 2018](#) by 1 June, 2018.

ICANN Updates

In the month of May the ICANN Board held three public sessions and a public Board meeting during the Global Domains Division (GDD) meeting in Vancouver, Canada. ICANN [filed a case](#) in Germany against EPAG, a Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar, on issues related to preserving WHOIS Data.

Besides ICANN approved the proposed "[Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#)" in order to temporarily comply with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); released the [Final Proposed Draft version 4.0](#) of the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines; announced the [agreement](#) with [DENIC eG](#) as an ICANN-designated agent to support [Registrar Data Escrow](#) (RDE) services; published the FY18 Q3 Stakeholder [Update](#) for the quarter ending 31 March 2018; the U.S. tax returns (Form 990) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017 for both [ICANN](#) and [Public Technical Identifiers \(PTI\)](#); the [proposed FY19 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan update](#); [the Report of Public Comments on ICANN's Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment strategy](#).

Further, this month, comments were invited on the Independent examiner's [Draft Final Report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee Review \(RSSAC2\)](#) by 10 June, 2018; [Request for Proposals from independent candidates to Conduct the ccNSO2 Review](#) by 24 May, 2018; [Proposed amendment to implement the approved Registry Service request](#) from the registry operator VeriSign, Inc., to release for registration one domain name with a single-character label, O.COM, in the .COM generic top-level domain (gTLD) by 20 June, 2018; [Short-Term Options](#) and [Long-Term Options](#) to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews by 6 July, 2018; [Draft Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) by 16 July, 2018.

Upcoming Webinars:

ICANN would be holding two webinars to discuss the Public Comment on [short-term options](#) and [long-term options](#). The first webinar is on 7 June 2018 at 5:00 UTC [[local time](#)] and the second webinar is on 07 June 2018 at 17:00 UTC [[local time](#)]. To attend the webinar, a calendar invitation has to be sent to mssi-secretariat@icann.org

APAC Space Update

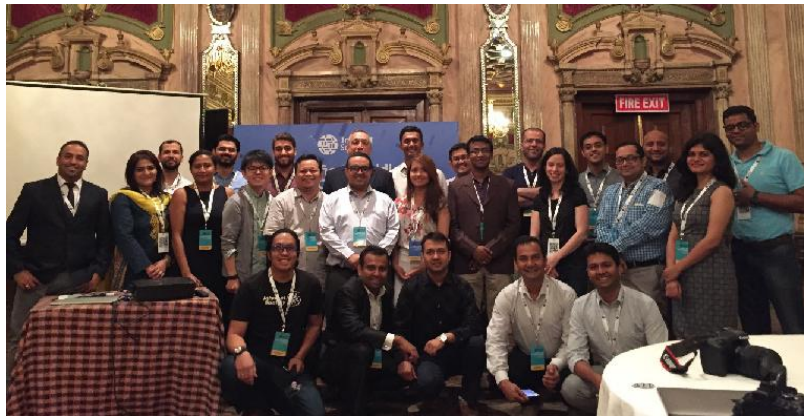
The [APAC Space Web Conference](#) was organized on 8 May 2018. Apart from providing an introduction to the ICANN Reviews, there was a discussion on the Universal Acceptance / Email Address Internationalization and the [APAC Space Survey 2018](#) date was extended to 18 May, 2018.

Internet Society Updates

In the month of May, Internet Society participated in the RightsCon in Toronto and [released a joint statement](#) with Access Now on the need to protect the core of the Internet for digital rights. Further, ISOC released the [Background Paper](#) on the ITU Plenipotentiary 2018 (PP-18) to be held in Dubai from 29 Oct- 16 Nov, 2018. Applications are invited to [ISOC's Fellowship Program to Plenipotentiary 2018](#) (PP-18) to be held in Dubai, UAE, from 29 October to 16 November 2018, by 10 June, 2018; for [potential moderators](#) for the "[Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security \(MANRS\)](#)" online course by 10, June, 2018.

APAC News:

The APAC Regional Bureaus organized the Regional Chapters Meeting for Asia-Pacific and Middle East between 11-12 May, in Kathmandu, Nepal. 23 Fellows from 18 Asia-Pacific and Middle East Chapters participated in the meeting. Prior to the meeting four preparatory webinars on the four ISOC Campaigns were organised and fellows prepared several Campaign-specific plans which were shared during the meeting.



Pic: Regional Chapter Meeting

An online focus group meeting was organized for Chapter members from the APAC and Middle East regions for inputs for the 2018 edition of the Global Internet Report on 30 May. The discussion was moderated by Carl Gahnberg, Policy Advisor, Internet Society.

The APAC bureau has also launched the annual [Regional Policy Survey 2018](#). Last date to participate is 30 June, 2018.

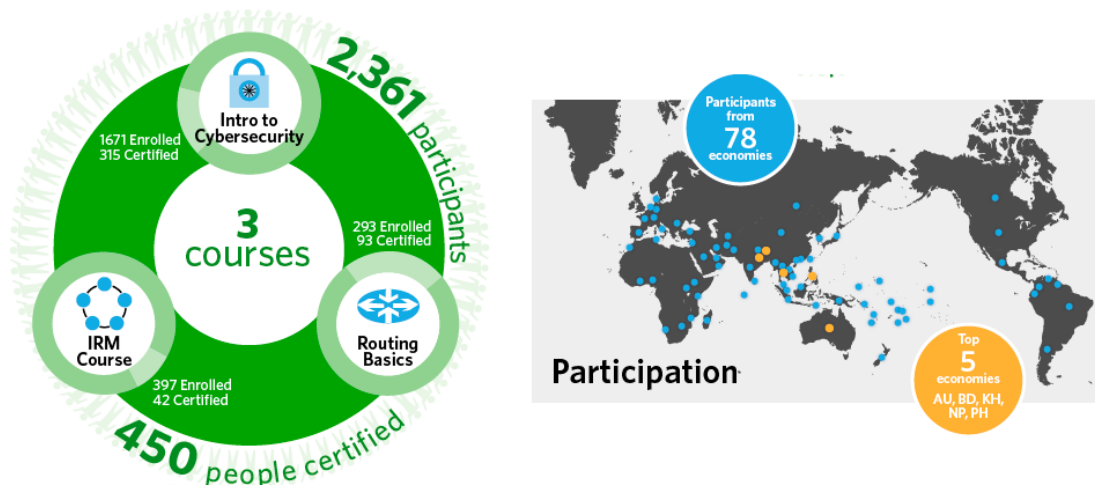
Upcoming Event:

The Internet Society Board of Trustees would be organising an [Open Board](#) Forum on 20 June at 14:00 UTC. [Feedback and suggestions](#) are invited by 7 June, 2018.

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in the ThaiNOG and BKNIX 2018 Peering Forum held in Bangkok. APNIC [delivered several Network Security and Software Defined Networking tutorials, workshops and presentations](#) there. Further APNIC along with the [ITU Academy](#) delivered a [five day workshop](#) on "Internet and IPv6 Infrastructure Security" for the Asia-Pacific Region" in Nonthaburi, Thailand.

On completion of one year, APNIC Academy shared a pictorial [overview of the reach of the various courses](#) (shared below) to build capacity in APAC region.



For capacity building, the [Fellowship](#) applications for APNIC 46 is now open till 8 June, 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 May TRAI released the [Telecom subscription data as of March 2018](#); [Report on Activities for the Year 2017](#); Report [on Independent Drive Tests conducted in five cities](#) viz. Aurangabad, Belgaum, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, and Rajkot and three highways; Report on [Independent Drive Tests conducted in 6 cities](#) viz. Agra, Lucknow, Imphal, Trivandrum, Nashik and Ahmedabad. Further TRAI issued the "The Draft Telecommunication Interconnection ([Amendment](#)) Regulations, 2018"; the [Draft Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018](#) and [updated](#) that the Tariff of various Telecom Service Providers made available on TRAI website- portal

Upcoming Open House Discussion (OHD)

The OHD on the consultation paper on [review of mobile number portability \(MNP\) process](#) has been [rescheduled](#) for 11 June, 2018 at New Delhi.

Successful Completion of 2nd Edition of Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AfSIG 2018)

The second edition of Afghanistan School on Internet Governance was organized by the National IT Professionals Association of Afghanistan in collaboration with Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter (ISOCA) between 29 April – 1 May, 2018, in Kabul, Afghanistan. The event (AfSIG 2018) was supported by key national and international organizations including the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of Afghanistan, apTLD and ICANN.

The first two days of School was conducted at Kardan University, while the 3rd day was jointly organized with IGF Afghanistan, on the day zero of IGFA.

AfSIG 2018 was able to train 30 new students in Internet Governance with the help of 26 National and many International speakers including APRALO Chair Satish Babu, Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI. For more details visit [AfSIG](#)



Pic: From AfSIG 2018

Second Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan (IGFA 2018) Concluded Successfully

The second [Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan](#) (IGFA) 2018 was held in Kabul, Afghanistan from 1–3 May, 2018. The event was organized by the Internet Society Afghanistan (ISOCA), with the support of Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), IO Global Internet Services, Grand Technology Resources (GTR), IGF Support Association (IGFSA), ICANN, Afghan Ministry of Communications and IT (MCIT), TechNation and TechTV.

The “Day 0” event had sessions celebrating Girls in ICT. The key issues discussed include Access and Diversity, Cyber Security, Youth and Gender and emerging issues. The session format included a number of public forums that allowed the community to ask questions and provide suggestions for improvement. Besides, an Academy for Children between the ages of 6 and 12, was designed to stimulate and provide the children an experience to engage and ask question about the Internet.

The event was attended by over 300 participants from different stakeholder communities with simultaneous interpretation in English, Pashto and Dari along with remote participation facilities. Keynote speakers included Mr. Shahzad Aryobee, Minister of Communications and IT, Mr. Mohammad Najeeb Azizi, Chairman Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA) and leaders from country’s civil society, private sector, academia and technical communities. International speakers, including Mr. Chengetai Masango, Program and Technology Manager IGF Secretariat, Amrita Choudhury, Director CCAOI, Marilyn Cade, CEO mCade Strategies, and Anja Gengo, NRI Focal Point, took part in person and several others spoke at the event remotely.



Pic: From IGFA 2018

Other Updates

Reports:

- The Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, has released a [report on ‘Hate Speech Laws in India’](#).
- The Stanford Center for Internet and Society has launched the [World Intermediary Liability Map](#) (WILMap) which is a collaborative project for tracking legislation, cases, and other intermediary liability developments around the world.
- Public Knowledge has released a paper, “[Even Under Kind Masters](#)”, that recommends that dominant internet platforms provide users with due process.
- The Council of European National Top level Domain Registries (CENTR) released [CENTRstats Global TLD Report 2018/1](#), which states that 44% of domain names globally are country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs) and 56% are generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs).

- The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) released the [South Asia Press Freedom Report 2017-2018](#).

Events:

- The [African Internet Summit \(AIS\)](#) a technical event that aims to bring the information, communication and technical business, and tech community in Africa together under one roof to talk about Africa's most pressing issues and challenges, was held from 29 April – 11 May, 2018 in Dakar, Senegal.
- The [AFRIC 28](#) was held in Dakar, Senegal from 5–11 May 2018.
- 21st session of the [Commission on Science and Technology for Development \(CSTD\)](#) was held from 14–18 May 2018, in Geneva, Switzerland. The two priority themes the Commission was to address were the role of science, technology and innovation to increase substantially the share of renewable energy by 2030 and building digital competencies to benefit from existing and emerging technologies, with special focus on gender and youth dimensions. The draft resolution documents of the meeting are [Draft Resolution on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society"](#) and [Draft Resolution on "Science, Technology and Innovation for Development"](#).
- The [RightsCon 2018](#) , which is a summit organized by Access Now was held in Toronto, Canada from 16-18 May, 2018. The meeting was attended by business leaders, policy makers, government representatives, civil society and human rights defenders from around the world to discuss on issues related to human rights and digital technology.
- The [14th Caribbean IGF \(CIGF\)](#) was held from 21-23 May, 2019 at Paramaribo, Suriname.
- [SEEDIG 2018](#) which is a sub-regional Internet Governance Forum of South East Europe and neighboring area (SEE) was held from 23-34 May, 2018 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- CIS along with DG Justice and Consumers and European Union organized a [conference](#) on privacy in the digital age on May 25, 2018 in New Delhi.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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- The [44th G7 Summit](#) will be held in Charlevoix, Canada between 8–9 June, 2018
- [ICANN62](#) will be held in Panama city between 25–28 June 2018.
- [38th session](#) of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) will be held from 18 June – 6 July 2018, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The [second Open Consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group \(MAG\) meeting for IGF 2018](#) preparatory cycle will be held from 11–13 July 2018 at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

- The Internet Engineering Task Force ([IETF](#)) 102nd meeting will be held on 14–20 July 2018, in Montreal, Canada.
- The annual Asia-Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum ([APrIGF](#)) will be held on 13–16 August, 2018 in Port Vila, Vanuatu
- 5th edition of the Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG) will take place in Cairo, Egypt on 5-9 August 2018.

Opportunities

- The European Digital Rights (EDRI) is looking for an [Executive Director](#). Last date to apply is 3 June 2018.
- The IGF Secretariat has announced a [call for Workshop Proposals](#) for IGF 2018, by 6 June 2018.
- Fellowship in Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2018 is now open. Anyone from APAC region aged between 18-35 can apply. For more details visit this [link](#).
- The Department of Telecommunications (Ministry of Communications), Government of India invites [nominations for Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Award 2018](#) by 2 July, 2018

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