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## November Highlights

There were various global conferences in November, such as the Web Summit in Lisbon, the Plenipotentiary 2018 (PP18) in Dubai, Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF103) in Bangkok,The Whuzen summit in China, the Paris Peace summit, The Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2018) in Paris, to name few.

This month there were reports of a major data breach at Amazon, days before Black Friday, whereby customer names and email addresses were disclosed on its website; another report mentions that at least 81,000 Facebook users' accounts were breached and private messages published.

Cybersecurity remained much discussed with a strong emphasis on the role of governments. During the opening ceremony of the IGF,French President Emmanuel Macron launched a a high-level declaration "Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace" for developing common principles for securing cyberspace; the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) released a 'Singapore package' with the six new proposed norms for state and non-state behavior; at the East Asia Summit, ASEAN countries issued a statement on deepening cooperation in the security of information and communications technologies; the European Commission adopted an updated version of the EU cyber defence policy framework which identifies six priority areas for cyber defence; and the US President signed the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2018 into law.

Data protection was another discussed topic. This month, the French government signed an agreement with Facebook whereby the government will appoint their officials in Facebook offices. A 'Contract for the Web' was signed by Google facebook and representatives of several organizations and governments, 'appealing to governments, companies, and 'netizens' to improve Internet accessibility, privacy, confidentiality of user data, and to keep the Internet free and safe by respecting 'civil discourse and human dignity'..

For promoting sustainable and inclusive global development, the Chinese Government and international organizations, including the ILO, issued a joint statement at the third "1+6 Roundtable Meeting" in Beijing.

With respect to digital trade and commerce, to address the deadlock at the WTO appellate body, member states (EU, Australia, Canada, China, Iceland, India, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, and Switzerland) published a proposal for specific changes; on the sidelines of the 33rd ASEAN Summit, the ASEAN Agreement on e-Commerce was signed, which is part of the implementation of the ASEAN Work Programme on Electronic Commerce 2017-2025 and the agreement aims to facilitate cross-border e-commerce transactions.

## ICANN Updates

This month, ICANN board voted to reaffirm. the "Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data." Further ICANN announced the publication of the ICANN FY18 Audited Financial Statements; successful candidates for ICANN64 Fellowship and that the third Eastern European Domain Name System Forum (EEDNSF) will take place from 4-5 December 2018, in Moscow, Russia,; released the inaugural Fellowship

program Post-Meeting Report from ICANN63, which is a part of the New Fellowship Program Approach and published the ICANN63 By the Numbers Report; invited applications for New Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) Dispute-Resolution Service Provider by 4 January 2019.

Comments were invited on the Registration Directory Service (RDS-WHOIS2) Review Team Draft Report and Recommendations. by 18 November 2018.; the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice (CCT) Final Report by 11 December 2018; the supplemental Initial Report on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (Overarching Issues & Work Tracks 1-4) by 12 December; the Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team by 21 December; the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Policy Status Report by 24 December; Proposed Consensus Policy Concerning the Names of the Red Cross International Movement and Red Cross National Societies by 14 December; and the Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process by 22 January. The registrars and registrants were also encouraged to complete a survey on their experience with domain name transfers. Webinars were organised about the SSAC2 Draft Final Report and EPDP initial report

Applications are now invited for the ICANN65 Fellowship round by 14 December. Refer here for more information.

## ISOC Updates

This month apart from participating in various regional and global events, ISOC released a policy paper on Innovations in Spectrum management, the Beyond the Net 2017 Impact Report; the 2019 Action Plan; organised a Technical Community Reception@IGF2018 and announced the nine member 2019 Chapter Advisory Council (ChAC) Steering Committee (SC) which includes three non-geographical representatives Eduardo Diaz, Satish Babu and Peter Koch and six regional representatives Olivier Crepin-Leblond for Europe, Elaine Ford for LAC, Susannah Gray for North America, Lillian Nalwoga for Africa, Amrita Choudhury for APAC and Nabil Bukhalid for Middle east.
Besides members were encouraged to vote for the Chapterthon initiatives, where the focus this year was "The Internet of Things (IoT) – The future is ours to shape". Applications are being sought for the ISOC Board of Trustees by 14 December;

**APAC News:**

Supported MediaNama to organize a curated discussion on the privacy and security of IoT devices in New Delhi,India and also organised a webinar on "Internet Routing Security: Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Techniques" where the speaker was Dr. Kotikalapudi Sriram, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA.

**Upcoming event**:
- The global InterCommunity 2018 event would be held on 4 December;

- ISOC India Delhi Chapter is organsing a webinar on Diversity and Inclusion by Feminism in India on 5 December at 5:15 GMT (11 AM IST). To join use this link

## APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC participated in several events including, the 5th World Internet Conference, Nepal IGF2018, second Lanka Network Operators Group (LKNOG 2) in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 1 to 2 November 2018.

In the policy blog series, the topics ranged from how, the smarter minimum allocation helped startup ISPs across the region; the number resource policies changed the development and growth of Internet infrastructure in region; and the existing policy development process (PDP) was initiated.

Additionally, there is a call for submitting presentations and tutorials for the APRICOT 2019 conference to be held at Daejeon South Korea from 18-28 February 2019.

## TRAI Updates

In the month of November, TRAI released reports on Telecommunications in Select Countries – Policies and Statistics and Independent Drive Tests (IDTs) conducted on Highways and Rail Routes.

Further comments were invited on the consultation papers on Regulatory Framework for Over-The-Top (OTT) Communication Services.and Review of extant provision for sending the printed bills to consumers of landline and postpaid Mobile subscribers by 10 December and counter comments by 24 December.

## Update of Indian Engagement at IETF103

The IETF 103 was held between 3–9 November 2018, in Bangkok, Thailand. Indian engagement at the IETF has been growing steadily. This meeting witnessed 14 people participating in person and 48 remotely. The Indian government delegation to the meeting was lead by Mr. T. Santosh from MeiTY, Govt. Of India. There were discussions with IETF chair and organizers regarding the hosting of IETF in India, with Kolkata being proposed as the venue. Apart from participating in the various discussion groups, during the ISOC capacity building session initiatives of the Indian IETF Capacity Building (IICB) Program, Connections 2018 and other outreach initiatives were shared by community members along with discussion related to future engagement. Besides, like always an Indian IETF networking lunch was also organised for discussion on future engagements.



Pictures from: The Indian IETF networking lunch and Presentation by Abhijan Bhattacharya

Shared by Abhijan Bhattacharya, TCS

## IGF 2018 Highlights

The thirteenth IGF was organised in Paris from 12–14 November, the overarching theme being "The Internet of Trust". Apart from the growing suggestions on the need for IGF to change in order to stay relevant, the most discussed topics include emerging technologies such as AI, big data and whether they will help or widen the digital divide; challenges of connectivity and whether community networks or other solutions will help reduce the digital divide; issues related to privacy, data protection, human right threats , protecting digital rights of disabled, misinformation, hate speech and their impact on elections; cyber security and the need to define rules of behavior, protecting children, need for capacity building; legal and regulatory issues related to ethical use of AI, the WHOIS privacy issues; issues related to future jobs. For more details visit  DIG Watch IGF2018 report



Source: GIP Digital Watch Observator

## MAG 2019 Update

The Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) Membership for IGF 2019 meeting was announced on the last day of the IGF 2018. The 2019 MAG membership includes 52 members from 46 countries, out of which there 16 new members. In terms of country wise representation, the United States has three MAG members; Australia, Chile, China, Germany and Romania have two members each and while the rest of the countries has one representative. Asia Pacific is now represented in MAG by representatives from Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Phillipines, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu.

Rajesh Chharia President Internet Service Providers Association of India, Board member NIXI and Executive Council Member APNIC, has been selected as a MAG member, representing the Technical Community this year from India. It may be mentioned that last year there was no representation in the MAG from India. The previous MAG members from India include David Appaswamy, Virat Bhatia, Subhi Chaturvedi and Ankhi Das.



Picture: Rajesh Chharia

## Updates from Nepal IGF 2018

The second Nepal IGF 2018, was successfully conducted from 2-3 November 2018 having the theme of "Making Internet Accessible affordable and safe". The Chief Guest at the event was Mr. Girirajmani Pokharel, Minister of Education, Science and Technology. Wide range of topics was discussed, including issues related to Infrastructure and Access, Cyber Security, Safer Internet for Children and Youth to Participation of Youth in IG platforms, Digital Economy, Making Internet Safer for LGBTI and Queer people, Internet for Empowerment, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Fake News and Social Media, making ICT inclusive for Persons with Disability, Promotion of e-commerce and Blockchain. More than 400 people participated in the event, including around 35 people having disabilities. This year to cater to representatives from different stakeholder groups there were language as well as sign language interpretation.



Pic: From npIGF 2018

## Other Updates

**Reports & Articles**:

- The OECD launched a report The Future of Social Protection: What Works for Non-Standard Workers
- BCG has released a report "Entertainment Goes Online" which states that over the top (OTT) content — video content delivered through the internet — is expected to reach a market size of $5 Bn (INR 35,730 Cr) by 2023.
- The Facebook's Transparency Report for the first half (H1) of 2018 reveals an increase in data requests by the Indian government, as compared to the number in the previous two years .
- FireEye Inc. released its 2019 cyber security predictions report, "Facing Forward: Cyber Security in 2019 and Beyond."

**Events:**

- The 5th World Internet Conference (WIC) was held in Wuzhen, Zhejiang province, China, from 7 - 9 November which was attended by about 1,500 delegates from 76 countries. This also included a High Level Advisory Council (HAC) meeting on 6 November. The overarching theme of this year's conference was "Creating a Digital World for Mutual Trust and Collective Governance — Towards a Community with a Shared Future in Cyberspace". Some of the topics discussed include, constructing a 'Digital Silk Road' to bridge the digital divide; steps to eliminate the gap between the rich and the poor, informalisation of education, promoting entrepreneurship, fostering economic globalisation and global digital market.

- The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) concluded on the 16 November in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The final acts of the meeting can be viewed from this link.
- Paris Peace Forum was held in Paris from 11-13 November.
- International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity was held in New Delhi between 14-16 November.
- 7th Freedom Online conference was held in Berlin, Germany from 28-30 November

## Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Events**

- CCAOI is organizing an online interactive session on the TRAI consultation paper on Regulatory Framework for OTT communication services on 7 December at 11:00 AM IST. Joining details: isoc.zoom.us/j/... Password: indiatrai

- OECD Global Forum on Digital Security for Prosperity will be held on 13-14 December 2018 in Paris, France.

- Bangladesh School of Internet Governance (bdSIG 2018) is being organised in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 14-15 December.

- Mobile World Congress (MWC) will take place in Barcelona on 25-28 February 2019

**Opportunities**

- There is a call for Proposals for RightsCon 2019 till 14 December.
- There is an open call for thematic suggestions from Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) for the 2019 meeting to be held in Vladivostok from 16-19 July. The MultiStakeholder Group (MSG) invites the Asia Pacific community to topic of interests in shaping the overarching theme and respective sub-themes for the upcoming 2019 meeting by 16 December.
- Inputs have been sought from stakeholder in the IGF's annual stocktaking process by 15 January 2019. The feedback questions this year is focused on how to improve programming, outputs and intersessional work, as well as on how the IGF can respond to the high-level statements made during the annual meeting.

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