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October 2017 At a Glance

The month of October witnessed global discussions on jurisdiction, cyber security, GDPR, trade and eCommerce. Some of the global meetings in October, include ICANN 60; [First session of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-Commerce and the Digital Economy](#) and [First meeting of ITU-T Focus Group on Application of Distributed Ledger Technology](#).

Some of the highlights of the month include, the ICANN Board asking GAC to submit their recommendations, on .Amazon; Europol and Interpol reconfirming [commitment](#) to fight cybercrime; Russia proposing a [regulatory framework for cryptocurrency](#); Sophia the world's first [robot being awarded citizenship by Saudi Arabia](#); Estonia working to create a policy to address [legal status of AI](#); the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) announcing a [new opt in net neutrality measurement tool](#) and Article 29 Working party issuing [new guidelines on personal data breach notification under GDPR](#).

In India, the month of October was marked by discussions on privacy, cyber security, e-Commerce and promoting digital transactions. Few other highlights include, successful completion of Second India School of Internet Governance (inSIG 2017); the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announcing their [final guidelines for peer-to-peer \(P2P\) lending platforms](#); lobby group of Internet companies, [Indiatech.org](#) appointing former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and economist [Gyanendra Badgaiyan](#) as their CEO; the [Income Tax Appellate dismissing six appeals](#) made by Google India related to money remitted to Ireland and the TRAI releasing recommendations on [Approach towards Sustainable Telecommunications](#) and [Regulatory framework for Internet Telephony](#).

ICANN Updates

During the month of October, the [ICANN 2017 Nominating Committee selected](#) Lise Katrine Fuhr from Europe (Two-year term) and Wei Wang, APAC (Three-year term) for the PTI Board of Directors; published the [Gender Diversity and Participation Survey](#), [FY17 Annual Report](#), [ICANN FY17 Audited Financial Statements](#), [PTI FY17 Audited Financial Statements](#); announced a voluntary [Framework for Registry Operator's Response to Security Threats](#) (Framework) for providing a guidance to registry operators to respond to security threat; the ICANN Contractual Compliance published the [Data Protection/Privacy Statement](#) regarding the ability of registries and registrars to comply with their WHOIS and other contractual requirements related to domain name registration data in light of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Beside ICANN also organized a [Pre-ICANN60 Policy Open House session](#) on 19 Oct; webinars on The Root KSK Rollover Delay: Examination and Next Steps on 11Oct and [Review Operating Standards](#) on 19 Oct were also organized this month.

Public comments were invited on the [Draft FY19 Public Technical Identifiers \(PTI\) Operating Plan and Budget and the Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget](#); [Internationalized Domain Name \(IDN\) Implementation Guidelines](#) till 10 Dec, 2017; CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 (WS2) [draft recommendations to Improve Diversity](#) till 15 Dec, 2017; [Operating Standards for ICANN](#) till 15 Jan, 2018; and on [rationale for the existence of the Reserve Fund and for its target level](#) till 30 Nov, 2017

Also, ICANN is seeking to [identify a provider to develop and maintain a Technical Compliance Monitoring system](#); and volunteers for Work Track 5 of the [New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group](#) till 20 Nov, 2017 which will focus exclusively on the treatment of geographic names at the top level.

ICANN60 Update

The 60th ICANN Public Meeting was held in Abu Dhabi from 28 Oct to 3 Nov, 2017. It is estimated that over 2500 participants [attended the meeting](#). This meeting also witnessed Steve Crocker, stepping down from the position of Chair ICANN Board. The most discussed topics during the meeting include, .Amazon; [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) of the European Union](#); [Jurisdiction issue](#); cross-community discussions on ICANN Accountability tracks; [geographic names of countries and territories](#); [discussions on DNS Abuse and Mitigations](#) and suspension of the SSRT2 working group. [Under the community recognition program](#), 49 leaders, including Dr. Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Government of India were recognized for their contributions at this meeting..

It was also announced that Marrakech would be the venue Site for [2019 Policy Forum 65th Public Meeting](#), to be held 24–27 June 2019.

GAC@ ICANN60

The [first capacity building workshop for the Governmental Advisory Committee \(GAC\) Middle East](#) members and GAC newcomers was organized during this meeting. Manal Ismail, Director International Technical Coordination Department at the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt was elected as next GAC Chair. The summary of the GAC discussions at ICANN60 is available in the [Abu Dhabi GAC Communiqué](#) .

APRALO GA @ ICANN60

APRALO held its Fifth General Assembly in Abu Dhabi, which was attended by 38 ALS members from the APAC region. Apart from the general assembly, leadership and cross community meetings, there were several capacity building sessions for the community. Also, the [APRALO eBook](#) showcasing the diversity of the region was released.



Pic: APRALO @ ICANN60 GA

APAC Meeting @ICANN60

The ICANN APAC bureau organized an APAC Space and APAC social reception in Abu Dhabi. At the APAC space there were discussions on areas of engagement and capacity building for community members; discussion on the Internationalized Domain Names, Data Privacy and Protection which included, updates on ICANN Registration Directory Services (RDS) Working Group and the GDPR discussions.



Pic: APAC Community @ICANN60

India@ ICANN60

Over 30 delegates from India participated in the meeting. The government delegation was led by Mr. Sajay Rakesh, Joint Secretary, MeitY. The other government delegates were Mr. Narendra Nath, DDG security and DOT; Mr. T. Santhosh, MeitY. Besides, there were delegates from industry, academia, civil society and technical community, who participated in the various discussions and SO/AC's.



Pic: Indian delegation @ ICANN60

Internet Society Updates

This month the Internet Society released their policy brief on [Internet Shutdowns](#). This brief builds upon and broadens existing Internet Society positions and material, including our paper on Internet Content Blocking. Further, the Board of Trustees requested for comments from the members on [ISOC's mission statement](#).

Internet Society organized a community networking event on 29 Oct, 2017 at ICANN 60 in Abu Dhabi. At the event a booklet "Digital Opportunities for the Middle East" was launched. This booklet was produced by the collaborative effort of various stakeholders, technical experts, and Internet Society Chapter members from the region.

Rajnish Singh from APAC Bureau and ISOC Bangladesh, participated in the [Cybersecurity Forum](#) held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The Internet Society India, Chennai Chapter organised a [round table for stakeholder inputs on Cyber Security](#) on 22 Oct, 2017. The objective of the Roundtable was to examine how diverse view points could contribute to Security design and help evolve good Security policies.

The Chapters Advisory Council Steering Committee election 2018 is currently underway. There are 17 nominations for the 9 Steering Committee positions. Chapter voting is currently on and 17 Nov, 2017 is the last date to cast the vote.

Upcoming Events:

- The APAC Chapters Meeting will be held at Singapore on 17 Nov, 2017 along with a regional Online Privacy event.
- The APAC Bureau is expected to launch six issue papers on (1) Internet of Things; (2) Climate Change; (3) Digital Safety; (4) Local and Localised Content; (5) Mobile Internet; and (6) Social Media, at the Global Conference for Cyberspace on 23-24 November in Delhi, India.
- ISOC Germany Chapter (ISOC.DE) would be [celebrating 25 years](#) on 30 Nov, 2017

APNIC Highlights

This month APNIC staff participated in various events and meetings, including the launch of the [Australian government's International Cyber Engagement Strategy](#), in Sydney; [inSIG 2017](#) in Trivandrum India and ICANN60.

There was a call from the APRICOT 2018 Programme Committee, to the technical community, for submitting [Presentations and Tutorials](#) for the upcoming [APRICOT 2018 Conference](#), to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, between 19-28 Feb, 2017. Registration to the conference and workshop is now open.

Further, APNIC has announced that the venue for [APNIC 48](#) would be Chiang Mai.

For capacity building in the community, APNIC Academy is currently offering [two courses](#), on Internet Resource Management and the other on Introduction to Cyber Security. Besides, the upcoming APNIC elearning courses can be viewed from this [link](#).

Further, the registration for the [Network Security workshop](#) to be held in Samoa from 16 to 18 Jan, 2018, is now open.

TRAI Updates

This month TRAI released two recommendations, one on [Approach towards Sustainable Telecommunications](#) and the other on [Regulatory framework for Internet Telephony](#). Further, TRAI issued directions to [M/s Reliance Communications Limited](#) and [M/s Reliance Telecom Limited](#) regarding disruption in 2G services.

The Regulator also released a consultation Paper on [Next Generation Public Protection and Disaster Relief \(PPDR\) communication networks](#) for which comments can be submitted by 20 Nov, 2017 and counter comments by 4 Dec, 2017. The paper seeks comments on nine issues, including adequacy of existing PPDR mechanisms, opinion on various models describes in the paper, model and type of broadband PPDR communication networks, suitable spectrum band for the services, including cost benefit analysis

The Regulator this month, extended the comment period of the consultation papers, such as Auction of Spectrum in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300-3400 MHz and 3400-3600 MHz bands ; [Unsolicited Commercial Communication](#) to 9th Nov,2017 and counter comments to 16 Nov, 2017; [Promoting Local Telecom Equipment Manufacturing](#) to 13 Nov, 2017 and counter comments to 27 Nov, 2017

Further, TRAI organised an open house discussion on their consultation paper on [Data Speed under Wireless Broadband Plans](#) and on [Ease of Doing Business in Broadcasting Sector](#), in New Delhi on 1 Nov, 2017.

Updates from inSIG 2017

The Second India School of Internet Governance ([inSIG 2017](#)) was organized from 24-26 October 2017 at Technopark, Trivandrum by Internet Society - Delhi, Kolkata and Trivandrum Chapters, with the support of ICANN; Internet Society; APASA; APSIG; NIXI; Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India; Dept of IT Government of Kerala; Technopark; IEEE Kerala Section and IEEE Kerala Section Computer Society.

This year, the school was attended 63 Fellows from 5 countries and 12 participants from the Government of Kerala. There were 15 Speakers from 6 countries, which included two ICANN Board members (one serving, one past), an IGF MAG Member, a member of the ISOC Board of Trustees, 3 of the 5 RALO Chairs from ICANN AtLarge, and other experts. Role plays and Lightning talks on current issues, were introduced this year for participants to relate to the topics and issues being discussed more readily.



Picture :inSIG 2017

Additionally a half day event for the technical community on 23 Oct 2017 at Technopark on the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and ways to engage.

Other Updates

Reports:

- Freedom House has launched an [Internet Freedom Election Monitor](#), which can estimate the risk of restrictions on Internet freedom during upcoming elections across some of the 65 countries assessed by their Freedom on the Net report.
- Global Partners Digital (GPD) has launched an [ITU info hub](#) for bringing together materials, tools and other resources to support civil society engagement in the International Telecommunication Union
- Internet Governance (YCIG) has produced a guide to the IGF for young people and newcomers called the [IGF ABCs](#).
- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has launched the [Information Economy Report 2017: Digitalization, Trade and Development](#)

Events:

- The [CyFy 2017](#): The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance was held from 3-4 October, 2017 at New Delhi
- The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) organised an open house on "Data Protection and Privacy" on 11 October 2017; at New Delhi-110011 to discuss issues related to the subject, such as the Scope and Limitations of Data Protection Law; Digital Business and Privacy and Socio Economic Growth vs Privacy Rights in the Indian context.

Other Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Survey Request

- CCAOI and the IGF Workshop 102 request you to share your views & perspectives on Gender Rights Online in the Global South, by participating in this [survey](#).

Events

- [IETF 100](#) is being held on 11-17 Nov, 2017 at Singapore
- 2017 Symposium of the Forum Media and Development (FoME) will be held in Berlin between 16-17 Nov, 2017 I discuss recent developments, strategies and next steps with a range of international experts in the fields of media development and Internet governance: The symposium is organised and hosted by [iRights](#) in cooperation with [Konrad Adenauer Stiftung](#)
- Monterrey, Mexico is hosting [the fourth LAC DNS Forum](#), themed "Identity on the Internet, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation." on 16 Nov, 2017
- [International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity 2017](#) will be held on 16 -17 Nov, 2017 at New Delhi
- [BD NOG](#) will be held on 18-22 November, 2017 in Bangladesh
- Global Cyber Security Conference 2017 (GCSC 2017) will be held in New Delhi, between 23-24 Nov, 2017
- [World Internet Conference - Wuzhen Summit 2017](#) 3-5 Dec 2017 at Wuzhen China
- African IGF (AfIGF2017) will be held from 4 - 6 Dec, 2017 in Cairo.
- NASSCOM-DSCI Annual Information Summit (AISS 2017) between 13-15 Dec, 2017 at The Leela Ambience, Gurugram, India

- 26th Convergence India 2018 expo, which will be held from 07-09 Mar, 2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Opportunities

- [Registration](#) for both onsite and online participation for IGF 2017 is now open.
- ICANN Global Indigenous Ambassador Program Accepts Applications 17 Nov, 2017 <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2017-11-08-en>
- Stakeholders interested in organizing a Remote Hub for IGF 2017 are invited to [register](#) before 17 Nov, 2017.
- The ITU's Council Working Group on Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) has launched a new open consultation on "[Bridging the Gender Digital Divide](#)". The last date to submit comment is 23 Dec, 2017.

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